

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting  
Held on Thursday, December 14 2017, at  
The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare  
1740 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

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Present: Ross Brady, Matthew Bromme, Albert Campanelli, Msgr. David Cassato, Wai Cheung, Iwen Chu, Lawrence Ciulla, Ruben Colon, Claudio DeMeo, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, William R. Guarinello, Roy Jung, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Tim Law, Albert Milone, Nicholas J. Miraglia, Caleb Pan, Janet Perry, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Bart Allegretti, Thomas Andros, Vincent Chirico, Steven Chung, Eric DiNapoli, John Garvey, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, Ligia Gualpa, Peter Joseph, James Orlando, Antonio Troia, Robert Yee

Excused: Rosa Casella, Priscilla Consolo, Salvatore D'Alessio, Linda Dalton, Mafalda DiMango, Shirely Fineman,

Guests: Robert Birkhead – Congressman Donovan, Nany Tong – Assemblyman Colton, Jeffrey Krauss – Senator Golden, William Vitale – CERT 10/11, Jose Vazquez – HealthCare Choices, Elie Peltz – Congressman Nadler

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The meeting was opened with Nicholas Miraglia having the honor of the pledge.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Guarinello requested a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Elias, mother of Marnee Elias-Pavia, who passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Public Portion

Nancy Tong, representing Assemblyman Colton, announced that the office would be hosting the Metro Card van on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM – Noon. She further advised that applications are available for the Home Energy Assistance Program, in the district office.

Robert Birkhead, representing Congressman Donovan, advised that the Congressman introduced legislation following the terrorist attack using a truck; "Shielding Public Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act". The legislation requires Homeland Security to research and develop new tools and effective safeguards to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks.

Elie Peltz, representing Congressman Nadler, spoke regarding the proposed tax bill and Congressman Nadler's opposition. He stated that this bill would be especially harmful to middle class New Yorkers.

He further advised that the House passed a bill that expands federal protections to religious institutions including non-profits, religious schools and community centers.

The Chairman inquired if anyone else from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Ross Brady to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Msgr. David Cassato. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that we have abbreviated the agenda following a presentation

by Health Care Choices on opioid training. We try to do this once a year so that you have an opportunity to talk with your neighbors and fellow board members.

The Chairman thanked Paul DiSpirito for his donation of food for tonight's meeting, as well as the Bensonhurst Center for being such great hosts.

The Chairman thanked Councilman Gentile for his public service to our community. He served in the State Senate and City Council for 21 years. He has been a great supporter to our community and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

### District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia advised that GCAP Holdings, located at 1751 Bath Avenue, has contacted the office regarding the letter of no objection issued at the September 14, 2017 general meeting, for the minor OASAS counselling services that would be provided at the Article 28 medical facility. The board included a proviso that there would be no medication assisted treatment services. The spirit of the resolution was to prevent the administration or issuing of medication such as methadone on-site.

GCAP has requested an amended letter that would give them the capacity to prescribe but not dispense medication as necessary.

Following discussion and the history of the request, a motion was made by Man Wai Lau to amend the letter of support to prescribe but not dispense medication as necessary. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. The vote was 25 in favor and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

The District Manager reported that the Department of Design and Construction advised that they are starting project #BEDA002, an accelerated water replacement and sewer rehabilitation project. It was scheduled to begin on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and the community board has requested that the work be delayed until after the holidays. The work will be performed on 85<sup>th</sup> Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and includes the replacement extension of water mains/fire hydrants, water main valves and restoration of trenches.

NYC Transit, as part of a signal upgrade project on the F line, will be erecting a new signal relay room adjacent to the Kings Highway F station at McDonald Ave and Ave S. The work is currently planned to start the end of January 2018, with the mobilization and assembly of the steel trusses. Then steel erection will take place over 10 weekends starting the end of February 2018. The weekend work will require at least 5 weekends when the intersection of McDonald Ave and Ave S will be closed completely to traffic. The remaining 5 weekends will only require partial street closures. This work will be done under a service shutdown, so they will be operating shuttle bus service during that time. Work will take place during the day and into the early evening hours. Noise mitigation measures will be in place to limit noise to the acceptable levels for street construction work. There will be no work the weekend of March 30-April 1 for the

Passover and Easter holidays. The schedule could also change based on weather conditions.

### Councilman Vincent Gentile

The Councilman thanked the board for their support over the years. He advised that he has introduced two bills this past week that calls for the Department of Investigation to conduct public outreach campaigns to fight city corruption and to conduct background investigations for vendors.

He further advised that he is working with Councilman Treyger to introduce legislation that would require a license for massage parlors/spas in New York City. He stated that these establishments are required to have state licenses for the practice of massage therapy, but the city of New York has no such business licensing category.

### Presentation by Health Care Choices

Jose Vasquez, R.N, representing HealthCare Choices, a primary care clinic located on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke regarding the opioid epidemic, which includes prescription drugs.

Mr. Vasquez explained what Narcan is and its uses. He distributed instructional handouts and provided training on how to use Narcan.

Following the presentation kits were made available for those who were interested.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.