

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting
Held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at
The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare
1740 84th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Present: Matthew Bromme, Albert Campanelli, Msgr. David Cassato, Wai Cheung, Iwen Chu, Ruben Colon, Salvatore D'Alessio, Linda Dalton, Claudio DeMeo, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, John Garvey, Ligia Guallpa, William Guarinello, Peter Joseph, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Nicholas Miraglia, Janet Perry, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Bart Allegretti, Thomas Andros, Vincent Chirico, Jing Wing Chui, Steven Chung, Lawrence Ciulla, Eric DiNapoli, Shirley Fineman, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, James Orlando, Caleb Pan, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Robert Yee

Excused: Ross Brady, Rosa Casella, Priscilla Consolo, Mafalda DiMango, Roy Jung, Eileen LaRuffa, Antonio Troia, Andrew Windsor, Robert Yee

Guests: Jiabao Liang, Stacey Minondo, Osem Atehorta, Jeffrey Krauss – Senator Golden, Fanny Lee, William Vitale – CERT 10/11, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate, Khobaib Ahmad, Angelo Cucuzza, Dr. Joe Baudille – Dyker Heights Family Chiropractor

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The meeting was opened with the 62nd Precinct Neighborhood Coordinating Police Officers Acosta and Valentine having the honor of the pledge.

Moment of Silence

William R. Guarinello, Chairman of Community Board 11 requested a moment of silence for Philip Chen, who passed away after a long illness. Mr. Chen is the father of Captain Chen, the Executive Officer of the 62nd Precinct.

Public Portion

A community resident spoke regarding the gas station located at the intersection of Kings Highway and Stillwell Avenue. She stated that they installed a handheld car wash and cars are now blocking the sidewalk.

Malik Hassan, representing the Muslim American Society Youth Center, invited the community to their annual Iftar dinner. Anyone interested can take an invitation that is on the table.

He further announced that the Youth Center is always looking to collaborate with community-based organizations or other religious groups.

Dr. Joe Baudille of Dyker Heights Family Chiropractor requested a litter basket and bicycle rack on the corner of New Utrecht Avenue and 73rd Street.

Hector Vasquez, representing the Workers Justice Project, advised that workers are available who have OSHA 10 and 30 certifications. If anyone is interested in hiring skilled workers, the job center is located on Bay Parkway at the water's edge.

The Chairman inquired if anyone else from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by John Garvey to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Iwen Chu. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.

Nominating Committee

Ross Brady, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following slate of Officers for the 2018-2019 term: William Guarinello- Chairman, Laurie Windsor – 1st Vice Chairwoman, Shirley Fineman – 2nd Vice Chairwoman, Man Wai Lau – Secretary, and Nicholas Miraglia – Treasurer.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello urged those looking for day workers to use the job center on Bay Parkway at the water's edge, and not pick-up workers off the street. The workers at the job center and those hiring are vetted, and this protects both the worker and the consumer.

The Chairman advised that the 62nd Precinct Neighborhood Policing program, community introductory meeting was held on April 24, 2018, at Seth Low JHS. The District Office is having positive results working with the sector officers. The response and communication has been excellent.

Mr. Guarinello commended the 62nd Precinct, and the resident who called crime stoppers, for the quick arrest in the attempted kidnapping of a baby on 86th Street. This latest incident highlights the importance of police/community partnership.

Mr. Guarinello advised that next month's meeting will be held on June 14th, in the library on the 2nd floor. The Bensonhurst Center will be holding their annual BBQ party, so the dining room will not be available. The Center has graciously extended an invitation to join their BBQ party following our meeting.

He further advised that Community Board 11 received an application for an extension of time to complete construction for a previous granted variance at 2173 65th Street. The board originally held a public hearing in 2009, and we will be scheduling a public hearing for June to make additional recommendations.

Additionally, the Department of City Planning has referred out to Community Boards a proposed Text Amendment that would require a Special Permit for new commercial hotels in M1 zoning districts. Currently, they are permitted as of right in the M1 districts.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that the Economic Development Corporation advised that as part of the Mayor's CleanNYC program, they will be power washing the sidewalks on the 86th Street commercial corridor, from Avenue U to Bay 13th Street. Due to the heavy pedestrian volume during the day, work will be done during the evening hours.

She further advised that the Department of Transportation submitted to Community Board 11 an application for a newsstand on the northeast corner of 86th Street and Bay Parkway, in front of Citibank and Petland. She stated that the sidewalk is congested on

this segment of 86th Street due to pedestrian movement and street furniture. The placement of a newsstand at this location could impede pedestrian movement into the bus stop since there is limited unobstructed curb space.

A motion was made by Matthew Bromme to oppose the placement of a newsstand at the northeast corner of 86 Street and Bay Parkway. Seconded by John Garvey. Unanimously adopted.

The District Manager advised that she attended an onsite meeting on 86th Street and Stillwell Avenue with Councilman Treyger's office and the Department of Transportation to discuss safety concerns. The intersection is where the elevated train structure turns onto 86 Street, and there are supporting columns in the roadway, which may limit visibility. DOT will review the area and provide recommendations.

Ms. Elias-Pavia further advised she attended an onsite meeting with Councilman Brannan's Chief of Staff and the Parks Department to discuss cleanliness and safety issues on the bike path. Following this past weekend there were overflowing litter baskets and litter strewn throughout the area. We received a commitment from the Parks Department that additional litter receptacles would be set-out and strategically placed and cleaning would take place on a regular basis.

We have requested that BK 11 Sanitation Superintendent Puzio, arrange a midnight broom during the warm weather months to address the litter between the bulkhead and Shore Parkway.

In closing, the District Manager advised that the Bath Beach Post Office is once again parking their vehicles on fire hydrants. A letter is being sent to the Brooklyn Postmaster.

New Business

Sonia Valentin announced that the 62 Precinct will be holding a blood drive on May 22, 2018, from 12 PM to 7PM, at 1825 Bath Avenue.

New Utrecht Public Library will be holding their Flea Market on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to adjourn. Seconded by Matthew Bromme. Unanimously adopted.