

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting  
Held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at  
The Bensonhurst Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare  
1740 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

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Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Albert Campanelli, Msgr. David Cassato, Wai Cheung, Ruben Colon, Priscilla Consolo, Angelo Cucuzza, Salvatore D'Alessio, Claudio DeMeo, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, Laura Gottlieb, William Guarinello, Peter Joseph, Roy Jung, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Nicholas J. Miraglia, James Orlando, Caleb Pan, Janet Perry, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Sai Chuen Yeung, Linda Zhang, Nicholas Zimmitti

Absent: Thomas Andros, Vincent Chirico, Steven Chung, Lawrence Ciulla, Eric DiNapoli, John Garvey, Yonah Glatzer, Anthony Grigos, Ligia Guallpa, Robert Whittaker, Robert Yee

Excused: Rosa Casella, Iwen Chu, Linda Dalton, Mafalda DiMango, Shirley Fineman, Giuseppe Floccari, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor

Guests: Alex Chernis – JCH of Bensonhurst, Anna Tse – Cents Ability, Michael Nacmias – Eric Palatnik, PC, Nany Tong – Assemblyman Colton, Brian Hedden, Vito DiSanto, Sabastinino Piccinni, Vincent Tang, Francesco Pina, Angelina Dahab – Councilman Brannan, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate

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The meeting was opened with Meaghan Brady having the honor of the pledge.

Public Hearing

BSA Calendar No. 309-09-BZ  
2173 65 Street

The applicant seeks an extension of time to complete construction and an amendment of a previously granted variance, which was granted on May 3, 2011.

Chairman Guarinello inquired if anyone from the public sought recognition on the matter. Hearing none, a motion was made by Ross Brady to close the public hearing. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

Public Portion

Anna Tse, representing Cents Ability, a non-profit that focuses on empowering young people with the skills and tools to become financially literate. The program is free and offered to children of high school age. If anyone is interested in partnering or becoming a volunteer, please take a flyer.

Alex Chernis, Director of Social Services at the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, spoke regarding the services that are offered, which include immigration, legal and senior services. Flyers are available on the services available.

Nancy Tong, representing Assemblyman Colton, advised that there will be an emergency meeting regarding the Specialized High School Admissions Tests. All are welcome and those interested should take an informational flyer.

William Vitale, representing the Community Emergency Response Team 10 and 11, raffled a "Go Bag", which is an emergency preparedness bag that contains items that would be needed in an emergency.

He further advised that if any groups are interested in an emergency preparedness seminar they should contact CERT.

Laura McKenna, representing Neighborhood Housing Services Brooklyn, a non-profit housing organization offer services including first time homebuyer education, home repair loans and grants, insurance counseling and tenant services.

She further advised that areas within the community will be included in the FEMA flood maps. Those properties may be required to have flood insurance. Resources are available, and she urged those interested to contact Neighborhood Housing Service of Brooklyn.

A representative from New Utrecht Public Library announced upcoming events and left informational fliers to those interested.

The Chairman inquired if anyone else from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Bart Allegretti to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

### Minutes

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Ross Brady. Unanimously adopted.

### Disposition of Public Hearing

Ross Brady, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reported that the applicant seeks an extension of time to complete construction and an amendment of a previously granted variance that was granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals on May 3, 2018.

The property was sold before construction was completed and the new owner is now seeking an extension of time. The amendment of the previous granted variance relates to the new height of the building, which is 3 feet higher than originally granted. This is due to approved amendments to the zoning resolution.

The committee met on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and recommended approval of the variance with the proviso that there be no commercial or community facility use at the subject site, and the board opposes the waiver to the parking requirement pursuant to ZR25-261.

A motion was made by Sonia Valentin to recommend approval of the variance with the provisos as presented by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

Sabastinino Piccinni voiced his opposition. The Chairman advised that he had an opportunity to speak at the public hearing, as well as the public portion of the meeting.

The Chairman advised that he accept written comments on the application.

## Election of Officers

Mr. Guarinello advised that the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers for the 2018-2019 term at the May 10, 2018 meeting:

Chairman – William R. Guarinello  
1st Vice Chair – Laurie Windsor  
2nd Vice Chair - Shirley Fineman  
Man Wai Lau – Secretary  
Nicholas Miraglia – Treasurer

The Chairman inquired if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made by Msgr. Cassato to accept the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Bart Allegretti. Unanimously adopted

## Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello welcomed and introduced newly appointed board members: Angelo Cucuzza, Giuseppe Floccari, Laura Gottlieb and Linda Zhang.

The Chairman advised that on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Bensonhurst Center hosted the quarterly meeting with Chief Powers, the Commanding Officer of Brooklyn South, and the community boards. The main concerns discussed related to parking related conditions

Mr. Guarinello thanked the Bensonhurst Center for opening their doors and making everyone feel welcome.

The Chairman advised that the 62<sup>nd</sup> Precinct is also having an issue with parking. The precinct is located in a congested area of Bath Avenue, on the same block as the Muslim American Society Youth Center, P.S 200, commercial uses and Benson Playground.

To improve conditions in the area the NYPD should identify and obtain off-street parking facilities for the precinct.

A motion was made by Man Wai Lau to call upon the NYPD to begin the process of identifying and obtaining off street parking facilities near the precinct. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Guarinello advised that the Landmark Preservation Commission responded unfavorably to the board's letter in support of the Request for Evaluation that was submitted by residents requesting that St. Rosalia Church, 6301 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, be landmarked.

## District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that The Department of Environmental Conservation has advised that a Notice of Complete Application submitted by the Department of Sanitation for the SW Brooklyn MTS. The applicant had requested a modification of the change of date to their existing Tidal Wetlands/Protection of Waters/Water Quality permit.

The date change to 12/31/2019 would reflect the Parks Department restoration schedule for the Sunset Cove site along Jamaica Bay.

The District Manager advised that Council Members Yeger and Brannan recently introduced legislation to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to placing greater regulations and restraints on the creation of driveway curb cuts and providing local community board notification.

She commended the Councilmen for introducing legislation that would address the proliferation of illegal curb cuts and parking pads within the boundaries of Community Board 11.

She further advised that the Department of Transportation pursuant to Local Law 47 of 2017, which mandates that DOT reserve parking spaces for carshare vehicles in municipal lots and garages where there is demand from carshare companies will be launching the pilot program, which will last 2 years.

All qualified carshare companies will be able to apply for a share of available permits in municipal parking facilities. Bensonhurst Lot # 1, will have 4 dedicated spots for Zipcar, and Bensonhurst Lot #2, will have 2 dedicated spaces for Zipcar.

The Department of Sanitation Special Waste Drop-Off site in in Bensonhurst closed on June 2 and moved to Greenpoint. The site opens Saturday, June 9 at 459 N. Henry Street, and will allow residents to drop off certain items requiring special disposal.

The District Manager reported that she was advised that curbside electronic appointment program will be expanding to BK11, in the fall. Residents will be able to call 311 to schedule an appointment and place their electronic items curbside for pick up on the appropriate date.

The Department of Transportation advised that they will be utilizing a Bath Avenue route as part of the cross-town bike route connecting destinations in community districts 10, 11 and 15. Due to concerns raised by CB 15 they put plans on hold for the expansion onto Avenue S & T.

This Saturday, June 16th, the FDNY will be holding open houses. All of the firehouses with CB 11 will be participating. For exact times, please visit [nyc.gov/fdny](http://nyc.gov/fdny).

A motion was made by Eileen LaRuffa to adjourn. Seconded by Msgr. Cassato.  
Unanimously adopted.