

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting and Public Hearing
Held on Thursday, October 10, 2019,
At the Bensonhurst Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation,
1740 84th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Present: Ross Brady, Albert Campanelli, Rosa Casella, Iwen Chu, Victoria Curto, Salvatore D'Alessio, Claudio DeMeo, John Garvey, Laura Gottlieb, William R. Guarinello, Roy Jung, Edward Lai, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Alex Pellitteri, Janet Perry, Inga Smolyar, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung

Excused: Bart Allegretti, Ruben Colon, Paul DiSpirito, Shirley Fineman, Nicholas J. Miraglia, Rabbi Gary Pollack

Absent: Thomas Andros, Msgr. David Cassato, Wai Cheung, Vincent Chirico, Jing Wing Chiu, Steven Chung, Lawrence Ciulla, Priscilla Consolo, Angelo Cucuzza, Linda Dalton, Charles Farrauto, Giuseppe Floccari, Yonah Glatzer, Caleb Pan, Linda Zhang, Nicholas Zimmitti

Guests: Mike A. Bove – Neighborhood Improvement Association, Zunera Ahmed – Congressman Rose, Edward Paunetto, Angelo Bruno, Susan Tedesco- Bruno, Tambe Jon, Jeannine Cherichetti – Councilman Treyger, Olga Fiore – Senator Savino, Daniel Zurek, Al Fazio – Assemblyman Abbate, Hannah Weinerman – Congressman Nadler, Kayla Santosuosso – Councilman Brannan

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The meeting was opened with Michael Bove, Neighborhood Improvement Association, having the honor of the pledge.

Public Hearing

Draft of Community Board 11's Capital and Expense Budget recommendations for fiscal year 2021.

Mr. Guarinello inquired if anyone from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Claudio DeMeo to close the public hearing. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.

Public Portion

Mr. Paunetto provided an update regarding the construction equipment, flooding and traffic concerns that were brought before the board at the September meeting. He thanked Marnee Elias-Pavia and the board for being so responsive and addressing the issues.

Zunera Ahmed, representing Congressman Rose, advised that there are newsletters available. She highlighted some of the case work that the office has addressed, and legislation that the Congressman introduced relating to raising income limits for eligibility under Medicare Part D low income subsidy program.

Jeannine Cherichetti, representing Councilman Treyger, advised that the Councilman secured funding for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium and gymnasium of I.S.281 Cavallaro Middle School. The ribbon cutting announcement will take place on Friday, October 25th at 10 AM. She further announced upcoming events in the district including an early voting workshop, a Fall Festival and 2020 Census job fair. Fliers are available.

Kayla Santosuosso, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilman Brannan, introduced herself and advised that she would be attending Community Board 11's meetings. She spoke regarding participatory budgeting and urged residents to give their ideas on how to spend \$1M.

Olga Fiore, representing Senator Savino, announced upcoming events including the Halloween Festival. Information and fliers are available.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Robert Whittaker to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Claudio DeMeo. Unanimously adopted.

Disposition of Public Hearing

The Chairman advised that following the budget consultations, the following capital and expense budget requests should be added for the NYPD:

Request funding for generators citywide.

Funding for fleet services – life-cycle replacement vehicles.

Funding to off-set the annual dues fee for children participating in the Explorers Program.

Mr. Guarinello inquired if there were any other changes, comments or additions. Hearing none, a motion was made by Robert Whittaker to approve the draft of capital and expense budget recommendations for fiscal year 2021 with the additions as presented. Seconded by John Garvey. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that on Election Day, November 5, 2019, there will be ballot proposals on whether to revise the NYC Charter. The NYC Charter Review Commission 2019 placed 5 ballot questions relating to Elections, the Civilian Complaint Review Board, Ethics and Governance, City Budget and Land Use.

The Chairman advised that the Land Use proposal would give affected Community Boards, Borough Presidents, and Borough Boards advance notice of ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure) applications by requiring the Department of City Planning to provide a detailed project summary 30 days before the application is certified for public review, and, give Community Boards additional time during the summer to review ULURP applications.

There are informational flyers available on the proposals.

He further advised that beginning this year voters can vote early on Election Day. From October 26th to November 3rd, 2019, voters can vote at their assigned early voting poll site. New Utrecht High School has been designated as an early voting site. Voters can find their early and general election day poll site location at nyc.pollsitelocator.com

Mr. Guarinello advised that he attended the walkout of Deputy Inspector Sanseverino, the former Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct. He publicly thanked him for his service to the residents and merchants of our community.

The Chairman excused himself and Laurie Windsor, 1st Vice Chair led the meeting.

Assemblyman Abbate

Assemblyman Abbate advised that he recently sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation regarding the placement of the speed cameras. He stated that it was his understanding that they were going to be placed near schools to protect our children. DOT installed some of the cameras in locations that are not in school areas.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reported that the MTA/ New York City Transit advised that they will be conducting track maintenance on the D line, on Friday, Oct 11 beginning at 10:45 PM to 5 AM on Monday, October 14. Coney Island-bound D trains will run via the N line from 36 St to Stillwell Av in Brooklyn.

There will be No Coney Island-bound service at 9 Av, Fort Hamilton Pkwy, 50, 55, 62, 71, 79 Sts, 18, 20 Ave, Bay Pkwy, 25 Av and Bay 50 St. Riders will have to transfer at New Utrecht Av/62 St or Stillwell Av and transfer to a Norwood-bound D.

For service from these stations, take the D to 62 St/New Utrecht Av or 36 St and transfer to a Coney Island-bound D or N.

Due to track maintenance during the weekend of October 12 and 13, D Trains will run approximately every 12 minutes, days and evenings. Service runs on a modified D schedule since the Manhattan-bound D and N trains are sharing a track in Brooklyn.

The District Manager advised that the Department of Transportation Division of Bridges will conduct maintenance on Bay 8th Street over the Belt Parkway from October 10th to November 1st. As a result, the onramp will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the early morning hours from midnight to 5 AM.

She further advised that if you live in Council Districts 43 or 47, you can submit your ideas for participatory budgeting projects. If you were not able to attend a neighborhood assembly you can submit online at www.ideas.pbnyc.org

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of Columbus Day, there will be no garbage, recycling, or organics collection, nor street cleaning on Monday, October 14, 2019.

Residents who normally receive Monday trash or organics collection should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, October 14 for pickup.

Residents who normally receive Monday recycling collection should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 20 for pickup on Monday, October 21.

Beginning next Tuesday, the Department of Transportation will be paving 74th Street and 76th Streets between 14th Avenue and Bay Parkway, milling Benson Avenue from 18th to 19th Avenues, and Rutherford Place between 17th and 18th Avenues.

Bath Beach Park

Marnee Elias-Pavia presented on behalf of Eileen LaRuffa, Co-Chairperson of the Parks and Libraries Committee.

She advised that the Parks Department presented to the committee the schematic design for the reconstruction of portions of Bath Beach Park.

The design calls for the existing ramps to be made accessible, an expanded play area that includes a toddler area, 2-5 play unit, a 5-12 play unit, adult fitness equipment, as well as new spray showers, water fountains and bottle fillers. Benches, tables and a concrete ping pong table are proposed for the area behind the existing comfort station. The fence on Shore Parkway will be removed and a low planting fence will be installed. The only concern is the lack of bicycle racks.

The District Manager thanked Councilman Brannan for securing \$5.4 million for this capital project.

A motion was made Eileen LaRuffa to approve the schematic design with the addition of bicycle racks. Seconded by Claudio DeMeo. Unanimously adopted.

New Business

Sonia Valentin announced that the 62nd Precinct Community Council meeting will be held this Tuesday, at Il Centro, 8711 18 Avenue, at 7:30 PM.

Eileen LaRuffa advised that the Columbus Day Parade will be taking place this Saturday on 18th Avenue.

Robert Whittaker spoke regarding the re-organization of bus service also known as the Fast-Forward Plan and the outreach being focused in Northern Brooklyn. He stated that that he felt it was unfair that there were no events scheduled in our area.

Laurie Windsor referred the matter to committee.

A motion was made by Sal D'Alessio to adjourn. Seconded by Sonia Valentin. Unanimously adopted.