

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Meeting
Held on Thursday, November 12, 2020,
via video teleconference

Present: Bart Allegretti, Ross Brady, Albert Campanelli, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Iwen Chu, Ruben Colon, Salvatore D'Alessio, Linda Dalton, Paul DiSpirito, John Garvey, William R. Guarinello, Jeffrey Harris, Edward Lai, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Dr. Tim Law, Albert Milone, Lenny Salama, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whittaker, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor

Absent: Thomas Andros, Sofia Annunziata, Wai Cheung, Vincent Chirico, Steven Chung, Victoria Curto, Claudio DeMeo, Charles Farrauto, Laura Gottlieb, Roy Jung, Alex Pellitteri, Janet Perry, Inga Smolyar, Sai Chuen Yeung, Linda Zhang, Nicholas Zimmitti, Daniel Zurek

Excused: Angelo Cucuzza, Shirley Fineman, Nicholas J. Miraglia, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Briar Sambolin

Guests: Assemblyman William Colton, Captain Chen, Commanding Officer – 62nd Precinct, Carmelo Vendra, Community Affairs – 62nd Precinct, Chief Scholl – Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, Mary Coretto, Denise Daniello, Cathy Santopietro, Evan Burr – Brooklyn Borough President, Nany Lulu – Brooklyn District Attorney, Ari Kagan – Councilman Treyger, Frank Fontana – Department of Buildings, Edward Cerna – Mayor's CAU, Hannah Weinerman – Rep. Nadler

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The meeting was opened with Andrew Windsor having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

Hannah Weirnerman, representing Congressman Nadler, announced that the Verrazano Bridge split tolling will begin on December 1, 2020. She further announced that the deadline to apply for the Economic Stimulus payment has been extended to November 21, 2020, for those who don't normally file a tax return.

Nancy Lulu, representing the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, gave an update on their work, as well as food distribution and personal protection equipment events.

Mary Coretto, an area resident, inquired on the status of the rat infestation and the garbage situation on 86th Street.

Frank Fontana, representing the Department of Buildings, spoke regarding Local Law 152 of 2016, the periodic inspections of gas piping in all buildings, except those classified in occupancy R-3. The inspections for buildings in Community District 11 will take place January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Ari Kagan, representing Councilman Treyger, announced that there would be a food and mask distribution, on November 13th, from 1-3PM, in front of 1787 Stillwell Avenue. He thanked all of the community volunteers who have assisted with the distributions.

He further announced that Councilman Treyger has secured \$2.6 million dollars in funding for Coney Island Hospital for state-of-the-art robotic surgery.

Afealliah Asramon and Amy Rothenberg, representing Kingsborough Community College Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development introduced The Job Corps Scholars program at Kingsborough that provides free career and technical training, and personal & employment counseling. The program will begin in Spring 2021, and those interested can register for an information session at: <http://cewdkbcc.com/job-corps-scholars-registration-form/>.

Edward Cerna, Brooklyn Borough Director of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, advised that beginning next year the city will launch Mental Health Teams that will respond 911 health calls. In partnership with NYPD and DOHMH these teams will be the first responders for mental health emergencies. This pandemic has highlighted the need for expanded mental health services. If anyone needs services, they can call 888-NYC-WELL. Secondly, COVID numbers are spiking. It is important to continue practicing the

core four and if anyone needs resources, they can contact the Test and Trace resource navigators at 212-268-4319.

Mr. Guarinello inquired if anyone else from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Jeffrey Harris to close the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Ruben Colon. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Robert Whittaker to adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Rosa Casella. Unanimously adopted.

Assemblyman Colton

Assemblyman Colton advised that he continues to be frustrated with garbage issues across the city. The garbage conditions that we are experiencing are due to budget cuts and reduced services. The reduced corner basket collections are causing litter overflows and attracting rats. He commended the work of BK11 Sanitation garage for the work that they are doing with limited resources.

The Assemblyman spoke regarding community concerns that were brought to his attention regarding the city's plan to construct a new public park in the schoolyard at IS 228. The surrounding community is opposed to a city park replacing the schoolyard. He inquired if there were plans or information regarding this proposal.

In closing, he thanked the planning board for their work.

Police Department

Chief Scholl, Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, thanked the community board for their work during this difficult time. He advised that Captain Chen will be a great fit for our community.

Captain Chen thanked the community for their support. He advised that Grand Larceny Auto crimes are still occurring within the precinct and often it is due to motorists leaving their cars running or leaving keys in the car while unattended. Overall crime is down, and he looks forward to maintaining the trend.

Mr. Guarinello announced that Chief Charles Scholl will be retiring. He thanked him for his years of service and support to this community.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello advised that the Governor has modified the COVID-19 cluster areas in our district. Most of the district was removed from the cluster zone, and there is a small area

that is designated a yellow zone. Additionally, effective 11/13 at 10PM, all restaurants, bars and gyms must close at 10PM statewide. Indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people.

The Planning and Zoning committee recently met to hear presentations from the Department of City Planning on the proposed text amendment, Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency. The text amendment seeks to make permanent the temporary zoning regulations that were put in place following Hurricane Sandy. A public hearing will be scheduled for the December meeting. The public can either attend or submit comments to bk11@cb.nyc.gov.

The committee also heard from Eric Palatnik, regarding his client's interest in a proposed zoning map amendment for 1656 West 10th Street. This was a preliminary meeting and there is no application filed.

If anyone is interested in viewing the presentations, they were livestreamed to CB11's Facebook page at facebook.com/brooklyn11.

The Chairman reminded committee members of the importance of attending committee meetings.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia addressed the rat conditions on 86th Street. She advised that the board's resolution regarding a coordinated response was sent to the Mayor's office. To date, no response was received.

The District Manager advised that the board was not notified of any plans to convert the IS 228 schoolyard to a public park.

She further advised that the Department of Environmental Protection recently released the Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan for Citywide/Open Waters Executive Summary.

Since 2012, Community Board11, had been in contact with DEP regarding strong sewer odors in our community, as well as combined sewage overflows into our waterway.

In multiple fiscal years the board prioritized these issues in our capital budget priorities and were dissatisfied by the standard response that either further study was needed, the dry weather discharges from outfall OH-015 were due to backwash, or there was an issue with the venting of the Bath Avenue regulator covering.

The Board is correct in their advocacy, the report identifies the 17th Avenue outfall as one of the top 5 discharging outfalls along the upper and lower New York Bay, with 1.1 million gallons per year discharged into the waterway.

She stated that she was pleased to read that DEP has recognized that the issue regarding OH-015 is not due to tidal backwash. She is concerned and troubled by the past responses and is requesting a virtual meeting with DEP and the Environmental Committee to discuss these findings.

Following last month's meeting, the board received notification that a traffic signal has been approved for Shore Parkway and the intersection of BJ's driveway (1752 Shore Parkway).

NYC Parks and DOT is hosting a public meeting/open house for the conceptual planning process for the Greenway on November 17th at 6:30 PM. If anyone is interested in attending, please let her know and she will provide the registration link.

The Department of Sanitation has transitioned to its winter schedule, also known as night plow. This enables the agency to have pre-scheduled staff on hand to respond to snow and ice conditions. This season recycling will be collected during the evening hours.

National Grid will be working on Benson Avenue between 16th Avenue and Bay 13th Street to facilitate a sewer reconstruction project.

Education and Youth Committee Report

Laurie Windsor, Chairperson of the Education and Youth committee, advised that committee met last week to hear a presentation by the Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC, who are one of the founders of the NYC Soccer Initiative, a public-private partnership that will invest \$3M over five years to build 50 new acrylic mini-soccer fields across the City.

They are small soccer pitches meant for elementary and middle school kids. They are not made of turf or grass. The initiative also comes with a free afterschool program, which will provide structured physical activity, nutrition education and mentoring.

They are proposing to build a pitch at PS 186 located at 7601 19th Ave, which is supported by the school. They are seeking a letter of support.

A motion was made by Laurie Windsor to send a letter of support for a soccer pitch at PS 186 as presented. Seconded by Robert Whittaker. Unanimously adopted.

New Business

Sonia Valentin thanked Marnee, Captain Chen, Dr. Law and all the volunteers who participated in the Milestone Park clean-up.

Dr. Law thanked Assemblyman Colton, Sonia Valentin and Marnee Elias-Pavia for their strong support of the November 1st clean-up of Seth Low Park.

The Chairman inquired if there was any other new business.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Eileen LaRuffa to adjourn. Seconded by Ruben Colon. Unanimously adopted.