

Attendance of Community Board 11's General Virtual Meeting
Held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7PM

Present: Ross Brady, Reuvain Borchardt, Jay Brown, Vincent Chirico, Ruben Colon, Angelo Cucuzza, Victoria Curto, Salvatore D'Alessio, Linda Dalton, Claudio DeMeo, Leon Freue, Laura Gottlieb, William R. Guarinello, Jeffrey Harris, Roy Jung, Edward Lai, Eileen LaRuffa, Man Wai Lau, Janet Perry, Rabbi Gary Pollack, Lanny Salama, Briar Sambolin, Robert Whittaker, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor, Sai Chuen Yeung

Absent: Bart Allegretti, Sofia Annunziata, Lilibeth Chang, Paul DiSpirito, Charles Farrauto, Michael Garthaffner, John Garvey, Lorraine Mazzola, Albert Milone, Ahmed Nasser, Karen Sardell, Antonio Troia, Sonia Valentin, Linda Zhang, Nicholas Zimmitti, Daniel Zurek

Excused: Rosa Casella, Iwen Chu, Alan Esses, Dr. Tim Law, Nicholas J. Miraglia

Guests: Nancy Lulu – Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, Kenneth H., Frank Fontana – Department of Buildings, Joyce Minault – AHRCNY, David Gaul – GrowNYC, Tambe John – New Utrecht Library, Gloria Daniels – NYC Parks, Evan Burr – Brooklyn Borough President, Anthony Salazar Vazquez, Shirley Grant – CB 11, Denise Daniello, Sophe Majteles – Senator Gounardes, Captain Tao Chen – 62nd Precinct, Olena Kirichenko – Jewish Community House Bensonhurst, Irina Belenkiy, Clarissa Soto, Jia Xin Huang, Richard Day – Department of Sanitation, Danielle Shapiro – Brooklyn Public Library Highlawn Branch

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The meeting was opened with Janet Perry having the honor of the pledge.

Public Portion

Nancy Lulu, representing Brooklyn District Attorney Gonzalez, advised that the office is holding a holiday toy drive. Donations can be mailed to 350 Jay Street, 19th floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201, or dropped in the building lobby.

She further shared information for the District Attorney's Action Center, which can be reached at 718-250-2340.

Richard Day, representing the Department of Sanitation, advised of the special collection for leaves that will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Residents should place the leaves to be composted, curbside after 4PM, on December 18, in paper bags or rigid unlined containers.

Danielle Shapiro, representing Brooklyn Public Library Highlawn branch, announced that the library is celebrating their 125th anniversary and will hold a yearlong celebration.

She further provided updates on expanded library services and programming, which can be found by visiting www.bklynlibrary.org

David Gaul, representing Grow NYC, announced that the food scrap drop-off that operated seasonally at the Bensonhurst Greenmarket, located in Milestone Park, will now be available year-round. Those interested in composting their food may drop-off daily from 9AM-1PM.

Additionally, there are additional drop-off composting opportunities funded through the Department of Sanitation, and can be found by visiting <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scrap-and-yard-waste-page/nyc-food-scrap-drop-off-locations>

Gloria Daniels, representing the Parks Department, introduced herself and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Frank Fontana, representing the Department of Buildings, advised that there is a new process to request records online via DOB NOW. Once a records request is submitted in DOB NOW, an email notification will be sent to the requestor when the records are available for pick up at the borough office where the property is located. The records must be picked up within 2 business days of receiving notification. After 2 business

days, the records request will be closed, and a new request will need to be submitted in DOB NOW to obtain the records.

Mr. Guarinello 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 Jefferey Harris. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Sal D'Alessio to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Man Wai Lau. Unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Guarinello provided an update on the proposed shelter at 137 Kings Highway. He advised that the virtual presentation scheduled for December 8th, with the Department of Homeless Services and HomeLife, the non-profit provider, was postponed until January, at the request of the Department of Homeless Services. The District Office will share new meeting information when available.

The Chairman thanked Councilman Treyger, who will be leaving office due to term limits, for his years of service to our community. He welcomed Ari Kagan who will represent the 47th District in the NYC Council beginning January 1, 2022.

He further advised that Governor Hochul signed legislation extending virtual access to public meetings under Open Meetings Law until January 15, 2022. The next community board meeting will be held virtually.

District Manager's Report

Marnee Elias-Pavia reminded residents that the district office has a supply of brown bags for leaf composting and urged anyone interested to stop by and pick up bags.

She advised that on the night of January 25, 2022, the NYC Department of Homeless Services will be conducting its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) count. They are seeking volunteers to participate and if anyone is interested in participating, they should register via www.nyc.gov/dhs

The District Manager advised that the Department of Transportation recently released their Streets Master Plan, a five-year transportation plan to improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of the City's streets for all New Yorkers. They will be holding public listening sessions to present an overview and gather feedback. Those interested should register at www.nyc.gov/dot.

In closing, she advised that the mobile vaccination bus will be located near 70 Avenue O, on December 13 – 18, 2021.

Mr. Guarinello inquired if there was any old or new business. Hearing none, a motion was made by Ross Brady to adjourn. Seconded by Eileen LaRuffa. Unanimously adopted.