Attendance of Community Board 11’s General Meeting and Public Hearing

Held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at

St. Finbar’s Confraternity Center, 1835 Bath Avenue

Present: Ross Brady, Angelo Cucuzza, Salvatore D’Alessio, William R. Guarinello, Jeffrey Harris, Roy Jung, Edward Lai, Eileen LaRuffa, Dr. Tim Law, Lorraine Mazzola, Janet Perry, Sonia Valentin, Robert Whitaker, Andrew Windsor, Laurie Windsor, Daniel Zurek

Absent: Reuvain Borchardt, Rosa Casella, Msgr. David Cassato, Lilibeth Chang, Victoria Curto, Claudio DeMeo, Alan Esses, Leon Freue, Michael Garthaffner, Albert Milone, Ahmed Nasser, Lenny Salama, Briar Sambolin, Karen Sardell, Kaise Sun, Antonio Troia, Youssef Tsouli, Sai Chuen Yeung, Linda Zhang

Excused: Jay Brown, Man Wai Lau, Rabbi Gary Pollack

Guests: Frank Fontana – Department of Buildings, Al Campanelli, Pat Renzo, Angelo Bruno – Independence Garden Assn., Susan Bruno, Nancy Lulu – Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office, Olga Fiore – State Senator Diane Savino, Jeannine Cherichetti – Council Member Ari Kagan, Renee McClure – National Grid, Bryan Grimalsi – National Grid, Michelle Lin – National Grid, Bryan Gross – Council Member Aviles, Tambe John – New Utrecht Library, Raziq Seabrook – National Grid, Allie Gumas – National Grid, Irene Chu, Linda Arnone, Dolores Piscotta, Susan Zhuang – Assembly Member Colton, William Vitale – NYCEM CERT, Daniel Mando, Peggy Jung

Minutes of Community Board 11’s General Meeting and Public Hearing

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Public Hearing

BSA Calendar # 2022-47-BZ

2052 63rd Street

Block 5542 Lot 27

The applicant seeks a special permit to enlarge an existing single family home contrary to the side yard requirements.

A representative from Eric Palatnik’s office, who represents the applicant, advised that they are seeking a special permit to maintain the pre-existing 3-foot side yard. The owners are seeking to add an additional floor, which is as-of right.

Chairman Guarinello inquired if anyone from the public sought recognition. Hearing none, a motion was made by Eileen LaRuffa to close the public hearing. Seconded by Sal D’Alessio. Unanimously adopted.

Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Inspector Chen, the Commanding Officer of the 62nd Precinct, having the honor of the pledge.

Chairman Guarinello welcomed everyone back to in-person meetings following 2.5 years of remote meetings. He stated that it was great to see so many residents and agency representatives in attendance.

Mr. Guarinello advised that while we had a quorum to hold a public hearing, we do not have a quorum to dispose of board business. Therefore, the rest of the meeting will be informational and no votes or deliberations will take place.

Informational Portion

Frank Fontana, representing the Department of Buildings, provided information and flyers relating to Local Law 152, which requires all buildings except one- and two-family homes to perform periodic gas inspections by licensed plumbers. The inspection deadline for properties located in Community Board 11 is December 31, 2023.

He further provided information on the Homeowner’s Relief Program, which assists property owners of one-and two-family homes avoid Department of Buildings violations, and the Buildings After hours Program. For more information, please visit [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings)

Bryan Grimaldi, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for National Grid, state's climate plan and what it means for homeowners and businesses as the state progresses through its regulatory process.