



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Michael Budabin, Chair / **Joseph Marziliano**, District Manager

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Fleur Martino, Public Relations Committee Chair
DATE: October 18, 2022
RE: Various Topics

On Monday, October 17, 2022, a meeting of the CB11 Public Relations Committee was held via Zoom teleconference to discuss ideas to help build the relationship between the CB and the community.

Present

Michael Budabin, Chair
Fleur Martino, Committee Chair
George Hadjiconstantinou, Committee Member
Rosemarie Guidice – Committee Member
Lourdes December – Committee Member
Stephan Popa – Committee Member
Jessica Burke- Board Member

Rosie Wang, representing CM Paladino

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager
Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

Ms. Martino started the meeting with a friendly game for the members to get familiar with each other.

The following suggestions were discussed:

- 1) Having students get involved with the Community Board and local civics to learn the simple steps of government.
- 2) A student achievement award.

This would be a collaboration with local schools. Mr. Budabin suggested that the Board have a specific outline and then present to schools. Ms. Martino said this idea originally came from Mr. Popa. She asked him to generate a list with ideas to be presented to the Education Committee and full Board. The Committee discussed working on the student awards project. This would be presented to schools the Fall 2023.

- 3) Community Gardens and Urban Farming
- 4) Food Pantry

Mr. Hadjiconstantinou said that food insecurity is a major problem. There was positive feedback regarding a food pantry. Mr. Marziliano said that Van Nostrand Court is a community garden in the district that would be good for an urban farm. Mr. Popa asked about using greenspace triangles as an urban farm. He discussed pollution and safety at these locations and how that may affect the quality of the food. Locations could be posted on social media. The Committee plans to work on immunity vegetable gardens and urban farming and increasing capacity and supporting our local food pantries.

The next item discussed was the number of current CB11 followers on social media. Residents do call the office for information. The CB11 government website is legally required and posts agendas, minutes, and reports.

Ms. Martino asked to what reasons do community members call the office. Mr. Marziliano said the office receives calls with questions regarding permits, complaints, meeting information and Board Members with questions.

Ms. Burke said that Friends of Crocheron Park is hosting a daffodil give away and planting in memory of 9/11. Information will be sent to the Board.

The meeting adjourned.