



**COMMUNITY BOARD 11**  
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## COMMITTEES

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*Transportation*

Full Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
Einstein College's Lubin Hall - 1200 Van Nest Avenue

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Gallery Session:
  - a. Justine Doret, Always Affordable Chimney, spoke about their services and invited the public to contact them for further information at <http://www.alwaysaffordablechimney.com/> or at 855-244-6880. Community Board 11 member Marcy Gross thanked Ms. Doret for attending the meeting.
  - b. Manuel Martinez, New York Public Library, thanked the community for supporting the library. Pelham Parkway/Van Nest Branch and the Morris Park Branch are now Family Early Literacy Branch, which targets children 0-3 years of age to improve literacy in the neighborhood.
  - c. Shayla Tramel and Paulette Sorg, 1541 Williamsbridge Road and the Williamsbridge Tenants Association, spoke about what she believes are illegal conditions in the building and requested assistance from the Community Board. CB11 First Vice Chairperson Al D'Angelo invited Ms. Tramel to appear before the Board's Housing Committee on 11/1.
  - d. Laura Velazquez, Citizens Committee, community outreach Love Your Block grant for \$1,000 and the deadline is 11/7 and Neighborhood Grant and the deadline is 1/23; for more information about this non-profit group visit <http://www.citizensnyc.org/> or contact Shawn Whitehorn directly at [swhitehorn@citizensnyc.org](mailto:swhitehorn@citizensnyc.org). The phone number is 212-822-9563.
  - e. Gene DeFrancis, Allerton International Merchants Association (AIM), spoke about the City Council effort to increase the number of street vendors by six hundred each year for the next seven years. There are currently 4,100 licensed street vendors. Mr. DeFrancis said that Allerton neighborhood can't support any new street vendors and suggested some restrictions or guidelines to reduce the number suggested by the City Council bill. Community Board Chairman Anthony Vitaliano said that he sent a letter to the City Council President about the bill and so he made a motion to support the letter already sent (seconded by Silvio Mazzella) (with the understanding that the letter should be amended to change the *Pelham Parkway BID* to the *White Plains Road BID*) and (APPROVED with 29 in favor, 0 against and 3 abstentions – Maria Provenzano, Daisy Rodriguez and Keith Ramsay)
  - f. Tiara Moultrine, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, asked for volunteers to serve in Kings Harbor Nursing Home and Beth Abraham Nursing Home. Ms. Moultrine can be reached at 347-988-4043.

- g. Kathy Vazquez, New York Botanical Garden, spoke about the new composting project. For more information visit [http://www.nybg.org/green\\_up/comp\\_programs.php](http://www.nybg.org/green_up/comp_programs.php) or <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/contact-nyc-compost-project.shtml>
- h. Mariela Salazar, Government and Community Relations Manager at Montefiore Hospital, introduced herself and spoke about the open-enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act beginning 11/1.
- i. Marcia Lewis, asked about the status of projects on Pelham Parkway. She questioned the bidding process and oversight of certain projects, for example, the Waring Ave Playground which the Parks Department says needs more than \$5 million to complete when two years ago they estimated the project would cost \$2 million.
- j. Juan Ramirez, J.R. Primos Restaurant, (through a translator) said that he was unable to make the last meeting of the Economic Development Committee. Economic Development Chair Dominic Schiano spoke about the establishment after consulting with the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

3. Elected Officials:

- a. Thomas Lucania, Borough President's Office, thanked everyone who participated in the Tour the Bronx which had over 7,000 participants and that it started at Harris Field, moved down the Grand Concourse and split across the entire borough. The Borough President sent a letter to Apple, Inc. inviting them to open a retail store in the Bronx. Saks Inc. will be moving into the old Barnes & Noble site in Co-op City. Barnes & Noble was offered alternative space in the same complex but rejected that offer as insufficient for their needs. Mr. Lucania also spoke briefly about Halloween festivities in the borough and that the Borough President's Halloween event is being held in Community Board 3. [Request Annex 1 from the Board Office to view distributed report.] CB 11 Second Vice Chairperson said she spoke to Marlene Citron, President of the Bronx Overall Development Corporation (BOEDC), about helping Barnes & Noble relocate in the Bronx.
- b. Trevon Jam, aide to Councilman Andy King, said that on 10/28 at 10:00 a.m. will be holding a press conference to present a check for over \$5 million to renovate the Wakefield Branch of the New York Public Library. Mr. Jam also spoke about a community party scheduled for 10/28 to benefit the hurricane victims in Haiti. There will also be a Veteran's Day event on 11/4 in Einstein Loop, Co-op City; contact the Councilman's office to RSVP. On 11/3 there will be a Co-op City free movie night in the Dreiser Loop Auditorium. On 11/12 there will be Operation Cleaner Streets on Baychester Ave.
- c. Gina Klein, Senator Jeffrey Klein's Office, spoke about 1541 Williamsbridge Road situation, and that in conjunction with Congressman Crowley, Assemblyman Gjonaj, Assemblyman Benedetto and Councilman Vacca a Veteran's Day breakfast is scheduled for 11/13 at 9:00 in Villa Barone. Please RSVP with Senator's Klein's office. Ms. Klein also spoke about the process to apply for a "frozen-zone" for street vendors.
- d. Katrina Asante, Assemblyman Gustavo Rivera's Office, invited the community to contact the office to make an appointment to speak to a tenant specialist each Tuesday.
- e. Will Madonna, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's Office, introduced a new neighborhood coordinator and announced that Morris Park Ave between

Colden Ave. and Paulding Ave will be closed for Halloween between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- f. Romina Enea from Councilman Torres' Office, introduced a bill requiring Parks Department to track expenses more transparently. At 11/2 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a meeting at Waring Ave and Bronx Park East to rally for a "STOP" sign.

4. Chairman's Report

- a. Veteran's Day memorials are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at Peace Plaza and at 12:00 p.m. at Unionport Road and White Plains Road.
- b. On 11/16 the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is honoring District Manager Jeremy Warneke at Maestro's; veterans may attend free with proof of service
- c. Motion to APPROVE the September 2016 Full Board Meeting Minutes (seconded by Junior Campbell) (APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)
- d. The Board's Holiday Party will be at Fratelli's, 2507 Eastchester Road on 12/14.

5. Treasurer's Report; report distributed.

6. District Manager's Report

- a. Payment for Holiday Day guests should be made in advance (not the day of the party)
- b. Budget Priority Requests were distributed to the Board Members

7. Committee Reports

- a. Community Development & Budget Priorities
  - i. Al D'Angelo made a Motion to SUBMIT to City Planning/the New York City Office of Management and Budget the FY 2018 Community District Needs Statement and Budget Request Form (seconded by Sandi Unger) (PASSED with 27 in favor, 0 against and 5 abstentions – Patricia Charles, Arlene Drayton , Andrea Siegel, Tony Signorile and Joann Terrelonge)
- b. Economic Development
  - i. Dominick Schiano made a Motion (seconded by Sal Conforto) to send the New York SLA (State Liquor Authority) an email of NO OBJECTION regarding the new liquor license application for Nana's Kitchen Inc., 1809 Hone Avenue (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)
  - ii. Dominick Schiano made a Motion (seconded by Shradhanand Pirtam) to send the SLA an email of OBJECTION regarding the alteration liquor license application for J R Primos restaurant Corp., 698 Allerton Avenue (PASSED with 28 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention – Joseph Thompson)
- c. Leadership
  - i. Al D'Angelo reported that the Leadership Committee met and approved the November calendar and the October full board agenda.
- d. Education, Culture & Youth Services
  - i. In Diane Norris' absence Jeremy Warneke reported that nominations are being accepted for Yankee Awards until 11/7
- e. Health & Social Services
  - i. The committee did not meet in October and the next committee meeting is on 11/15.
  - ii. Jeremy Warneke reported that representatives for a proposed Van Nest neighborhood group home were invited to attend the next committee meeting.

- f. Housing
    - i. [Unintelligible.]
  - g. Land Use
    - i. Joseph McManus made a motion (seconded by Al D'Angelo) for the Community Board to accept the minutes of the Land Use meeting. Chairperson Anthony Vitaliano held the motion to be out of order.
  - h. Parks & Recreation
    - i. The Parks Department appeared at the last committee meeting regarding the Van Nest flag pole; see minutes for details [additional discussion was unintelligible.]
  - i. Public Safety
    - i. The committee met with the Crime Prevention Officer of the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct who suggested that you lock/unlock vehicle multiple times to change code for vehicles with keyless entry also to avoid use of motion sensors inside home as they result in many false alarms and instead use audible glass break sensors.
    - ii. Mailbox break-ins continue and select boxes will be equipped with anti-theft anti-fishing devices.
  - j. Sanitation & Environmental Protection
    - i. The committee met to discuss budget priorities.
  - k. Transportation
8. Old Business
- a. Andrea Siegel asked about the status of the wall on Pelham Parkway South.
  - b. Rabbi Moshe Fuchs reported that traffic agents were standing around at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road.
9. New Business
- a. Frano Zagreda asked about the Tieman Ave. issue.
  - b. Veronica Castro recommended a new location for the Barnes & Noble.
  - c. Ruth Burko reported that she will be stepping down as a NYC Marshal on 12/31.
10. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

## Attendance

*Number indicates total excused and unexcused absences at Full Board Meetings since July 1, 2016*

Bacote, Joseph (0)	Patel, Dr. Mahendra (0)
Blitzer, Edith (2)	Pirtam, Shradhanand (0)
Burko, Ruth (2)	Prezioso, Vincent (2)
Campbell, Junior (1)	Provenzano, Maria (0)
Castro, Veronica (0)	Ramsey, Keith (1)
Charles, Patricia (0)	Raso, Matthew (1)
Conforto, Sal (1)	Rodriguez, Daisy (0)
D'Angelo, Albert (0)	Rodriguez, Eliezer (2)
Diaz, Edwin (2)	Rodriguez, Marnie (2)
Dolan, Patrick (2)	Russo-Rubino, Joanne (1)
Drayton, Arlene (1)	Sacewicz, Martin (2)
Ferrara, Bernadette (2)	Schiano, Dominick (0)
Figueroa, Harain (2)	Selkridge, Oral (2)
Francis, Avril (1)	Siegel, Andrea (1)
Fuchs, Rabbi Moshe (1)	Signorile, Tony (0)
Gelnick, Kenneth (1)	Squitieri, John (1)
Gross, Marcy (1)	Terrelonge, Joann (2)
Leavitt, David (0)	Thompson, Joseph (0)
Mazzella, Silvio (1)	Thurston, Joseph (2)
McManus, Joseph (1)	Unger, Sandra (1)
Monti, Danny (2)	Vitaliano, Anthony (0)
Morris, Martin (1)	Walcott, Janice (1)
Musto, Gabriella (0)	White, Linda (2)
Norris, Diane (1)	Zagreda, Frano (1)
Obeid, Yahay (0)	