



COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX
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Stephen F. Vento,
Chairman

Thomas J. Brown,
District Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 1980 AT THE
ACADEMY FOR GERONTOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Ruth Bernstein, First Vice Chairman. The Minutes of the December 20, 1979 meeting were distributed and accepted.

Ruth announced that Chairman Stephen Vento would not be able to attend the meeting. Also, that Borough President Stanley Simon would be delayed. She asked all to introduce themselves, and took special note of Robert Castellanete, our Liaison from the Borough President's Office, Joseph Hayman of the Bronx Office of City Planning and Larry McFarland of A.G.E.D., host of the meeting. Larry greeted Board, especially new members and asked that Board pay particular concern to the needs of the growing elderly population in the community.

Ruth announced, for the benefit of new and old members alike, that the Board regularly meets on the third Thursday of every month except July and August, unless there is a conflict with a holiday.

1. Chairman's Report - Ruth asked Bob Castellanete to report on the Borough Board's meeting, in Chairman Vento's absence. A meeting of the Bronx Borough Board was held at which time the Transit Authority reported that the 7th Avenue line subway would undergo some reconstruction on Lenox Avenue between 110th and 148th Streets. Since this work would effect the traveling on the White Plains Road line at certain hours, Shuttle bus routes would be implemented.

At the next Bronx Borough Board meeting on January 28, 1980, further discussions on this item will be held with the M.T.A.

2. District Manager's Report - Tom explained the roles and responsibilities of the District Manager as provided in the New York City Charter. He stated that while Board members were entitled, as community residents, to call the agency representatives with complaints, he asked that Board members not pressure Cabinet representatives on the basis of their membership on the Board. He explained that the relationship between the Cabinet representatives flows through the District Office and District Manager and that many Cabinet representatives were not accustomed to dealing with Board members or the community-at-large

directly. He nonetheless encouraged Board members to call the District Office with complaints and to urge their neighbors to do likewise.

3. Land Use Committee - The matter of the Variance of B&B Auto Parts, Inc. being on the agenda, Ruth asked Bob Castellanete to bring the Board up to date on its status. It was indicated by Bob Castellanete that the granting of the Variance to B&B Auto Parts by the Board of Standards and Appeals was opposed by the Van Nest Block Association. The latter submitted a communication to the Board of Estimate requesting that Board of Estimate assume jurisdiction with the objective of reversing the Variance granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Based on testimony given by Councilman Joseph Savino and members of the Van Nest Block Association, at a Public Hearing of the Board of Estimate on January 10, 1980, it was determined by the Board of Estimate that there was some cause for a Board of Estimate review, whereupon the Board of Estimate assumed jurisdiction.

On January 24, 1980, another meeting will be held by the Board of Estimate, at which time it will be determined whether or not the Board of Estimate should reverse the decision of the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Motion by Silvio Mazzella - Seconded by Ernie Odierna - Community Planning Board #11 should have a representative at the Board of Estimate hearing on January 24, 1980 to present Community Planning Board #11's position on the granting of the Variance for the B&B Auto Parts.

Motion Carried 33 For 3 Abstaining

Discussion of this matter was interrupted by the arrival of Borough President Stanley Simon who swore-in new and reappointed Board members. Kathy Zamechansky, Coordinator for Community Boards and Deputy Borough President Carlos Cuevas were also introduced.

Amendment to motion by Simeon Goldstein - Seconded by Henry Yuspeh - Community Planning Board #11 should name a Committee to visit the B&B Auto Parts site and if said Committee finds that the provisions of the Variance are being observed, then this Board is to appear before the Board of Estimate in support of the Variance, and if those provisions are not being observed, then this Board is to appear before the Board of Estimate in opposition to the Variance.

Motion Carried 36 For 2 Abstaining

Motion by Bob Black - Seconded by Barbara Fried - Community Planning Board #11 should support the Van Nest Block Association, insofar as reversing the Board of Standards and Appeals, because B&B Auto Parts has not acted in good faith by not attempting to meet any of the conditions as set forth by Community Planning Board #11, Bronx and as requested by the community.

Chair ruled that motion was superseded by previous amendment.

A Committee was appointed which will inspect the B&B Auto Parts site. It will prepare and submit its findings before Thursday, January 24, 1980.

Annette Marchitello - Chairperson
Sol Lirtzman
Elizabeth Brown
Joe Malone
Silvio Mazzella
Abe Pereira
Dom Castore
Ernie Odierna

4. Economic Development Committee - Abe Pereira gave an up-date on the Pelham Parkway Mall Development project.

Levine's Deli, will re-open in February. Architects are working on plans to improve the sidewalks on White Plains Road.

5. Housing Committee - Frank Muccioli reported that an on site inspection was made of 754 Mace Avenue on January 12, 1980, subject to complaints by the tenants of that building. In view of the Committee's findings, which validated the complaints, the Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the owner of 754 Mace Avenue, requesting a meeting with him in order that the tenants' complaints, and his non-compliance, be discussed.

Motion by Frank Muccioli - Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - Community Planning Board #11 authorizes committee to meet with the landlord regarding complaints and non-compliance at 754 Mace Avenue.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Transportation Committee - Silvio Mazzella reported that a meeting was held at 51 Chambers Street with representatives from the Departments of Transportation and Highways, at which time traffic conditions at Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway were discussed.

A proposal was made to them that a turning light be placed at the Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway intersection. They indicated that a study was being made on the flow of traffic, south and north on Williamsbridge Road from Pelham Parkway to Rhinelander Avenue. Also, the intersections of Neill Avenues and Boston Road - Allerton Avenue - Barnes will be studied.

Motion by Silvio Mazzella - Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - Community Planning Board #11 requests that the bicycle lockers located at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road and at the Esplanade station, be removed, due to the constant vandalism which is causing these lockers to become eye-sores.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Parks Committee - Elizabeth Brown reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met with a Parks Department consultant engineer who will be responsible for the rehabilitation of Parks facilities throughout the Bronx.

At this time, the Committee received a scope of work that is to be done on the rehabilitation of Reiss Field, for \$250,000.00. Because of the urgency of approving the scope, so that work might proceed on schedule, the Committee requested that it be empowered to act in the name of the Board with respect to approval of the scope.

Authorization of the Board was granted.

8. New Business - Discussion on re-appointments to the Board.

Motion by Frank Muccioli - Seconded by Dom Castore - requested that this item be tabled.

Motion of table Defeated 12 For 17 Against

Discussion followed.

Motion by William Liblick - Seconded by Dom Castore - Community Board #11 send a letter to the Borough President requesting that he re-evaluate Lew Goldstein's past excellent performance as a member of Community Planning Board #11, Bronx and that he reconsider his non re-appointment.

Motion Carried 26 For 4 Abstaining

Motion by Ernie Odierna - Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to the Borough President requesting that serious re-consideration be given to Jerry Shatz, should an additional vacancy occur.

Motion Defeated 7 For 12 Against 10 Abstaining

9. Employee's Relation Committee - Ben D'Agostino made a motion that the Board send a letter to Jim Faranda (who was the Boards' Assistant District Manager) thanking him for his past service, and congratulating him on his new job.

District Manager Tom Brown suggested a letter be sent to Community Board Assistance Unit for its excellent work and cooperation as they are being phased-out. Ruth ruled it should be referred to the Executive Committee.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Danisi (signature)

Ann Danisi,
Community Planning Board #11, Bronx

ATTENDANCE AT JANUARY /, 1980 MEETING

PRESENT:

Ira Alexander
Ruth Bernstein
Robert Black
M. Elizabeth Brown
Ruth Burko
Edith Canato
Dominick Castore
Ben D'Agostino
Eileen D'Allessio
Thomas R. Daly
Ann Danisi
Gloria DiGianni
Sylvia Firshein
Barbara Fried
Anthony J. Funigiello
Rhoda Gogatz
Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Simon Konovitch
William Liblick
Solomon J. Lirtzman
Steven Lovitch

Lee Mager
Annette Marchitello
Silvio Mazzella
Leslie McHenry
Joseph Milone
Frank Muccioli
Salvatore Napolitano
Ernest Odierna
Richard Orlin
Abraham Pereira
Olga Quilici
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
William Ricevuto, Jr.
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Jerry Santarpia
Belle Vogel
Henry Yuspeh

Staff, Borough President, and Agency Representatives:

Thomas J. Brown
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bx. Borough Board
Bob Castellanete - Rep. Boro Pres. Stanley Simon
Dick Esposito - Rep. Senator A. Bernstein
Joseph Hayman - Dept. City Planning, Bronx
Chuck Santangelo - City Council President
Det. G. Cotto - Bronx Borough Patrol

Ex Officio Board Members:

Jeffrey Litt representing Hon. Aileen B. Ryan

Other Elected Officials:

Rose Gang representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

Guests:

Lewis H. Goldstein

ABSENT :

Joha Cifichiello
Joseph M. D'Arrigo
Rose Diamond
Roy Israel

Myra Rose
Shirley Rubman
Stephen F. Vento
Ruth Weiss