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Chairman

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 1980 AT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The Meeting was called to order by Stephen Vento, Chairman at 8:10 P.M.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on February 21, 1980 were accepted.

1. Chairman's Report

A. Chairman Vento reported that he attended a meeting at the Bronx Borough President's Office regarding establishing a 49th Pct. Community Planning Committee Police Department. The proposed Precinct Council is an ongoing discussion Community Board #11 has been having with the Borough President's Office in order to establish a quasi 49th Police Precinct prior to the construction of the Precinct Building. The meeting was concerned with: establishing how the Council will be made up, how the selection of members will be made, how the transfer of members who presently belong to 47th and 43rd Precinct Councils will take place, what will be the duties of the Planning and Steering Committee.

B. Selection of Nominations Committee

Stephen Vento appointed the following to the Nominations Committee:

Silvio Mazzella
Ernest Odierna
Ann Danisi
Robert Black
Elizabeth Brown

He explained that the Committee will come up with a slate of officers at the next meeting. Additional nominations will be taken from the Floor at the next meeting.

C. Stephen Vento welcomed Angela Fowler from the Community Liaison Unit (C.L.U.). She will be our liaison with the Mayor's Office.

2. Garbology, Inc.

A letter to the Pelham Parkway Association from Garbology, Inc., appologizing

because customers did not receive proper service and were harassed with tickets, was explained by Ernie Odierna. Garbology suggests that 6 locations for containers for pick up be set up on Astor and Lydig Avenues and White Plains Road.

They also promise that their name and the hours of pick-up will be clearly displayed in their customers' windows.

Mr. Polompelli is willing to pick up any hour.

There followed a discussion of the proposed containers, but Stephen Vento redirected back to the Sanitation and Environment Committee with the suggestion the representatives of the Mall Corporation, Merchants Association and Angela Fowler be invited.

3. District Manager's Report

A. Summer Youth Program - Tom Brown reported that applications are being dropped off every day by the applicants between 3 and 5. He thanked the Board members who have been helping in that process -- John, Madeline, Shirley, Myra, Ann and a former Board member not here tonight, Lew Goldstein.

4. Application for Street Closing

Tom explained an application from the Sons of Italy Fusco Lodge to close Wilson Avenue, Allerton Avenue and DeWitt Place between the hours of 8 P.M. and 11:30 P.M. from June 12 - June 22 inclusive, raindate June 23. They expect 900 people. The purpose is to raise money for the Lodge and to have a good time. Saturday and Sunday hours from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. A vote was tabled from the last meeting so that Community Planning Board #11 could meet with a representative of the Lodge. A letter was received from the Chester Civic Improvement Association on March 14. It is against the granting of the request.

Mr. Jerry Masoni from Fusco Lodge explained that permit is being requested so that the Lodge can raise money. People and groups who have rented the Lodge in the past have not worked out well. The Lodge does not want to do this again. The Lodge needs the Feast to help carry the load. It will, he claims, help defray some of the costs. Taxes are \$6,000 per year. Some money to go to the Churches in the area.

There ensued a lengthy question and answer period. Questions from Board Members centered around the length of time for the Feast, activities, drinking, gambling, youth, security, sanitation and toilet facilities. The representatives of the Lodge explained that two weeks are necessary to raise the needed funds. To limit the Feast to weekends would leave stands prey to vandalism. They promised that all gambling activities would take place in the Lodge, leaving only food and rides on the street. Furthermore they promised gambling would be limited to games of skill, i.e. not wheels or games of chance. The Lodge will obtain all necessary gaming licenses and youth will not be allowed inside to gamble. There will be no wine, liquor or beer sold or given as prizes. The Lodge will provide for daily sanitation and security as needed. Toilet facilities exist in the Lodge.

Detective Berlin of the 47th Precinct, when asked for Police Department policy, reported that there have been troublesome and trouble free feasts. He said that the Precinct Captain has the responsibility of issuing permits. He added that the Police Department can assist with security only if manpower is available.

Motion that Community Planning Board #11 recommend the granting of an application to close Wilson Avenue between Allerton Avenue and DeWitt Place for 10 consecutive days from June 12th to June 22nd, inclusive, with June 23 a rain-date, between the hours of 8 P.M. and 11:30 P.M.

Motion Carried 21 For 14 Against 1 Abstaining

Application granted with conditions regarding appropriate gambling license, restriction of minors from gambling and no alcoholic beverages to be sold or awarded as prizes.

5. Transportation, Highway and Traffic Committee

A. Lenox Avenue Tunnel Construction Project and Service on White Plains Road - No. 2 Train

Silvio Mazzella reported that he attended a Public Hearing at the Bronxwood Nursing Home at Gun Hill Road across from Evander Childs High School. Because of poor attendance from the community the meeting was shelved. The work being done is of emergency nature. It must be done. The inconvenience to the riding public will be only at night from 10:00 P.M. - 4:30 A.M. The 7th Avenue Line will terminate at 125th Street and Lenox Avenue, where people will have to disembark from the train. There will be buses to service them and carry them to 110th Street where they can pick up the 7th Avenue Line again. This is being done so the repair work can be done. There is no other way to do this.

B. Bridge on Williamsbridge Road at Sackett Avenue

It will be repaired. Silvio reported on some suggestions he made. Specifically, that provisions be made to alleviate traffic jams that might occur, and that stickers be placed on the barriers to eliminate parking in a two block area on Williamsbridge Road so buses and large trucks can pass on restricted lanes.

Tom reported that construction should start in late Spring or early Summer 1981. It should last close to a year. It will be done in phases so they will not block off everything for the entire year. Community Planning Board #11 received a request to comment on the scope and Silvio's suggestions and Steve's will be incorporated in that

6. Stephen Vento recognized Jim Faranda's (former Assistant District Manager) presence and thanked him once again for his service to Board.

7. Housing Committee

A. Progress Report on "Coops"

Simeon Goldstein reported on the Allerton Avenue Coops at the request of the Executive Committee. He noted that no action was required by the Board at this time, but his report was designed to give Board Members an idea of the work he and his Committee are involved in.

B. Insurance Redlining

Simeon's mention, in his report, of the difficulties involved obtaining mortgages and mortgage insurance, led to a discussion on insurance redlining. Chairman Vento told the Board that he had received a letter and testimony from Mr. Paul Price, President of the Allerton Avenue Merchants Association and an insurance broker on Allerton Avenue, in which Mr. Price detailed some new restrictions which insurance companies have imposed against brokers with offices in the Bronx. In essence, Bronx based brokers will no longer be able to write policies for certain types of policies and are being forced to relocate if they want new business.

Chairman Vento gave Councilman Savino, himself a professional broker, a copy of the testimony, and asked him to look into the matter with a view toward suggesting some possible action by the Planning Board to oppose these restrictions. The Councilman promised to respond.

C. 754 Mace Avenue

Frank Muccioli reported that he and Ann Danisi would be meeting with the landlord on Saturday morning at 10:00 regarding 754 Mace Avenue.

D. Senior Citizen Housing

Frank reported that Community Planning Board #11 has received a letter from Beth Abraham Hospital in which it informs us that it is in the process of applying for monies from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build housing for the elderly and handicapped. The building will contain 150 - 175 units with mixtures of efficiencies and one bedroom apartments. Apartments will be offered on a first come first served basis. Beth Abraham will recruit tenants from the local area before advertising elsewhere. Steps will be taken to work with the community groups. Beth Abraham would like to meet with the Board's Housing Committee to discuss this Project.

Beth Abraham would also like a letter of support from the Board which would be included in its application to HUD. Beth Abraham has a submission deadline of March 31, 1980, so it would be helpful if it could receive the letter on or by March 21. The letter was dated March 7 and received by the Board on March 12th.

The consensus of the Board was that more information was needed before the Board could lend its support to any such undertaking. The Committee was instructed to meet with representatives of Beth Abraham Hospital on the matter.

8. Social Services Committee

A. Academy for Gerontological Education and Development

Myra Rose introduced Marion Sroge of the Academy for Gerontological Education and Development (AGED). AGED is desirous of Board support of its request for money from the New York Department of Aging under Title III C. AGED has asked Community Planning Board #11 to write to Commissioner Janet Sainer supporting its move to acquire funds under Title III C.

Motion by Myra Rose - That Community Planning Board #11 officially support the efforts of AGED to obtain Title III C funds.

Motion Carried Overwhelmingly

B. By Laws for Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (BMHC)

Myra Rose informed the Board that all City hospitals are required to have a Community Board and that the Department of Community and Patients Relations of the Health and Hospital Corporation is drawing up new policies. Bronx Municipal Hospital is mandated to have a member of the Planning Board on its Advisory Board. Currently, this is the individual hospital's option.

Motion by Myra Rose - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend to the Health and Hospitals Corporation that it include in its guidelines that every City hospital's Community Advisory Board have as a member a representative of the Community Planning Boards located in the hospital's catchment area.

C. Community Residences

Myra stated that the community is mandated to have a certain number of Willowbrook decision Community Residences in this district. Our deadline for coming up with some sites was April 1, and it has been extended to May 1. The Department of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has given us two sites to consider. We are mandated to have a Public Hearing on these proposed Community Residences. There are a number of other sites that our Committee did send to them. Roosevelt Synagogue was submitted. It was not suitable because it is too large and doesn't have any windows. Another site submitted by a local real estate broker was checked over by Dennis Novick of the Facilities Development Corporation. The owner found out the State was interested and upped her price so much that the State cannot purchase it.

The proposed sites are:

1. 1858 Victor Street
2. 2225 Lodovick Avenue (Rosewood Manor)

There is an option on Victor Street. There must be a Hearing which has to be advertised by April 10. Community residents must be heard. All Board members must attend. The State can do as it wishes no matter what we vote. We should have other sites available if the State should ask for them. The building must be brick and be a 2-family. The meeting will be held at AGED.

Stephen Vento suggested that all Board members drive by and look at the sites so they will be prepared at the next meeting to vote. Ads will be placed in the Bronx News, Pelham Parkway News, and Bronx Press Review and all community associations will receive notification by mail. There will also be press releases. There was no opposition to suggested time, date and place of Public Hearing.

9. Land Use

Stephen Vento announced that a request had been received to reconsider the Planning Board's decision on the application for BSA variance effecting 1664 Yates Avenue.

Mr George Ruffalo asked for a residential hardship as stated at the September Public Hearing. In addition he guaranteed that the trees would not be destroyed. A motion for reconsideration was called for. No motion was made. The original decision stands.

10. Summer Youth Program

Shirley Rubman noted that a progress report was mailed to everyone on the Board giving all the details of the SYP. Community Planning Board #11 is sponsoring a program to employ 100 youngsters for 7 weeks during the summer.

Various agencies and community organizations in the district have agreed to employ these youngsters. These are Federally funded jobs to provide training for youngsters. The applications have been received by the Board since the beginning of March. Shirley thanked those Board members who came in to help: John Cifichiello, Ann Danisi, Myra Rose, Madeline Saltaformaggio, and a former member Lew Goldstein.

We are in the process of hiring a Project Director. We have put ads in the Bronx News, Bronx Press Review, Parkway News and we will interview in early April.

11. Parks Committee

Tom reported that he discussed Parks matters with Elizabeth Brown and she agreed two items should be brought to the Board by him since she would not attend.

Tom reported that he had a meeting with Bob Boggs who is the Bronx Coordinator of Forrestry. They are the people who prune the trees, coordinate with Con Ed to have a tree removed when it falls on your wires after a storm. They spray and disinfect trees. Their department is being reduced because of budget cutbacks. It will go on a 13 week cycle. This means that aside from emergencies it will be in the district only once every 13 weeks. Elizabeth conveyed her belief through Tom that the Board send a letter to the Commissioner of Parks, Mr. Gordon Davis, supporting at least the current levels and perhaps an increase in personnel. Tom noted that the Board is on record for having asked in the expense budget recommendations for an increase in the Forrestry Personnel.

The suggestion for such a letter was adopted by motion, overwhelmingly.

Tom announced that the Parks Department has a Federally Funded Program to plant trees. The cut off date for Fall planting is April 30. Please send requests, including addresses, if there is a pit, or a stump to be removed. We must have these requests in before April 26.

12. Public Safety Committee

Abe Pereira reported that next Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 P.M., there will be a meeting at the Educational Jewish Center. Special guests will be the new 49th Pct. Commander Captain Brancella, Detective Lyons and Detective Julie Berlin. The topics will be Housing and Neighborhood Stability, Crime Prevention, the importance of building tenant and civilian motor patrols. It is being sponsored by the Pelham Parkway North Mobile Patrol. People who live in the area of Pelham Parkway North should go to see what is going on. The address is 805 Astor Avenue.

13. Economic Development Committee

Abe reported that Community Planning Board #11 received a letter from the Allerton Merchants Association. Paul Price is moving out of the neighborhood. He has resigned as President of the Association and Frank Richardson, the Vice-President will take over.

The Planning Board was informed by the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board that Bernardini Iron Works Inc. has filed an application for a tax abatement on property which they intend to improve for industrial capacity at 1825 Unionport Avenue. The I.C.I.B. scheduled a Public Hearing on the matter for March 13th. Tom informed the Board that he received a letter today informing C.P.B. #11 that I.C.I.B. had approved the application.

14. Educational Culture Committee

Ruth Burko informed the Board that the Bronx Borough President's Office has asked us to submit a report on the list of cultural resources in our community. She asked members of the Board to submit to her what their groups are doing and what is available to the community. This will be included in her report due before April 1.

Junior High School 135 is celebrating the 25th. anniversary of the founding of the school. Members of the Board are invited to participate in the birthday function on March 28, 9:30 A.M.

The Educational Culture Committee will meet on April 10. at 7:00 at AGED.

15. Sanitation Committee

Ernest Odierno reported that the Department of Sanitation plans to enforce the 18 inch law. This means you must clean your residence 18 inches into the street. All garbage must be bagged both for residences and commercial use. Rulers are available in our office. Ernie also announced that his Committee's meeting with Garbology Inc., and the Mall Development Corporation and Pelham Parkway Merchants' Association will take place at 8:00 P.M. at the Board's Office on Tuesday, March 25th.

16. New Business

A. Attendance

Simeon Goldstein raised the question of what to do about people who do not attend meetings. This affects our voting quorum, etc.

Chairman Vento informed the Board that the Membership Committee will look into the attendance situation again and hopefully come up with a recommendation at the next Executive Committee meeting which will come before this Board at the regular meeting.

Rhoda Gogatz suggested that members other than the Executive Committee be on the Membership Committee.

Steve said the By-Laws must be followed as to removal.

Rhoda asked that the attendance sheet indicate when members leave early.

Motion by Myra Rose that the Membership Committee be composed of Board members who are not members of Executive Committee. Motion was ruled out of order because By-Laws give Board Chairman power to appoint committee members.

B. Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws to establish Youth Committee as Standing Committee of the Board

Although this item was originally listed as a By-Laws revision which would not have required action at this meeting Bob Black noted that Article 5, Section I of By-Laws allowed the Board to establish Standing Committees by resolution rather than through By-Laws revision.

Motion was made by Shirley Rudman and seconded by Myra Rose. That Youth Committee be added as a Standing Committee of the Board in accord with procedures stated in Article 5 Section I.

Myra stated that the Board needs this committee because of the volume of youth material coming before this Board. These matters were previously handled by the Social Services Committee.

Steve added that we might have an opportunity to appoint a Youth Director Services Coordinator for the whole Board district. We are on record as saying we would do this if the funds are forthcoming.

Myra Rose stated that in order to be eligible for this Youth Services Coordinator an application must be submitted to the Youth Board. This application is specific and spells out not only who the members are but where they come, what organizations they represent, what standing committee on the Board is responsible for Youth Services. In order to conform C.P.B. #11 should have a Youth Committee.

Bob Black stated that he is against this committee. Steve pointed out that because we do not have this committee we are not serving our youth to the fullest.

Motion to establish a Standing Youth Committee carried.

C. Other

Henry Yuspeh asked that some words be entered in the Minutes regarding Rose Diamond.

Blanche Rifkin expressed sorrow at Rose's passing and described some of her accomplishments in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Marchitello (B)

Annette Marchitello,
Acting Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MARCH 20, 1980 MEETING

PRESENT:

Ira Alexander	Leslie McHenry
Ruth Bernstein	Joseph Milone
Robert Black	Frank Muccioli
Ruth Burko	Salvatore Napolitano
Edith Conato	Ernest Odierna
Dominick Castore	Richard Orlin
John Cifichiello	Abraham Pereira
Ben D'Agostino	Charles Re
Eileen D'Allessio	Joseph Reda
Thomas Daly	William Ricevuto, Jr.
Ann Danisi	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Gloria DiGianni	Myra Rose
Rhoda Gogatz	Shirley Rubman
Simeon Goldstein	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Roy Israel	Jerry Santarpia
Simon Konovitch	Stephen Vento
Steven Lovitch	Belle Vogel
Lee Mager	Ruth Weiss
Annette Marchitello	Henry Yuspeh
Silvio Mazzella	

ABSENT:

Elizabeth Brown	Anthony Funigiello
Joseph D'Arrigo	William Liblick
Sylvia Firshein	Solomon Lirtzman
Barbara Fried	Olga Quilici

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bronx Borough Board
Bob Castellanete - Rep. Boro. Pres. Stanley Simon

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Hon. Joseph Savino
Dolores Malgrem representing Hon. Aileen B. Ryan

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Eileen Weinrib representing Senator A. Bernstein

GUESTS:

Sandra Ebersson
Wendy Ebersson
Michael S. Micalizzi - Chester Civic Association
John Lombardi - Williamsdale Civilian Patrol
Philip Zaneri - Sons of Italy
Jerry Masoni - Sons of Italy
Elizabeth Molton