



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

Thomas J. Brown,
District Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 1980 AT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The Meeting was called to order by Stephen Vento, Chairman at 8:23 P.M. Steve congratulated Myra Rose on becoming a Grandmother.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 1980 were corrected as follows:

~~Statement about needing a Youth Services Committee is listed as being made by Myra Rose. It should have read Shirley Rubman.~~

Motion to reword item about By-Laws was made by Myra Rose, seconded by Shirley Rubman. Unanimously accepted. It should read as follows:

"Having been advised that the By-Laws do not require that the By-Laws be revised in order to create a new standing committee, there is no need to have this item appear on two consecutive Agenda before action can be taken on it. The Chair, therefore, entertained a motion to create a Youth Services Committee. It was so moved by Shirley Rubman, duely seconded and passed."

Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by Myra, seconded by Ernie Odierna. Minutes accepted as corrected.

II Chairman's Report

Steve reported that there have been some changes in the Department of Sanitation. The Sanitation Chief for Bronx-East has retired, and the District Superintendent has been transferred.

III. District Manager's Report

Tom reported that he attended a meeting with other District Managers from the Bronx on the Bronx Truck Route Study. This will be an agenda item at the next Borough Board Meeting.

Tom introduced the new staff person, Harriet Lasky. She can take letters, reports, and minutes of committee meetings on the telephone.

Tom stated that some Board members and other people have asked about a change affecting the bowling lanes on White Plains Road between Waring and Astor Avenue. The facility is being converted to a Disco Roller Rink. He reported that Steve and he had looked into it. It is a legitimate use. There is no need for a variance or to go to the Board of Standards and Appeals. He has received many calls about

this, but there is nothing the Planning Board can do about it as of now. Only if problems occur can the Planning Board become involved. He asked Board members to inform their neighbors that the change is legal.

Steve informed the Board that an application has not been approved yet, but that he saw nothing in the plans indicating misuse or non-compliance with codes. Questions were raised about whether the new occupants have a liquor license. Steve stated that the existing license is not transferable. The plans which were filed do not indicate a liquor license. Some Board members expressed community opposition to the conversion of the facility.

Tom reported that there have been some changes in Street Activity Permits that will affect Street Fairs and Block Parties.

1. There is now a \$10.00 nonrefundable processing fee by the Community Liaison Unit. This fee is refundable only if the Planning Board rejects it.

2. All applications should reach our office 6 weeks before said activity so that we may process it. During the summer the Executive Committee will decide this.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Public Safety

Rhoda Gogatz reported that she met with the 47th. Precinct Community Council and Captain DeLuca concerning Synagogue and Church patrols.

2. Sanitation Committee

A. Garbology, Inc.

Ernie reported that he met with Garbology, Inc. and the Pelham Parkway Mall Development Corporation to discuss improvements on Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road. The Committee does not want dumpsters. Compactors can be bought, but it is not known at this point who will buy them. Pick ups can be made during the day by mall mini trucks. The cost will of course be passed on to the merchants. More information is expected to be available at the meeting on April 30th.

B. Approval of Costal Zone Management

Ernie spoke about the Costal Zone Management Program. He reported that he had attended a Public Hearing on this matter at the Bronx Borough Board. Although the Board #11 District is not bounded by any coastal waters, the environmental problems which the Plan addresses are of concern to all Bronx residents. A series of jetties will be constructed. The closest jetty would be at City Island. It should take 3 years to build. The Waterfront Planning Agency thinks this is a good idea.

Motion by Ernie Odierna

Seconded by - Dom Castore

That - Planning Board #11 support the Coastal Zone Management Proposal

Motion carried unaminously

The Sanitation Committee will accept help by non-members and after a while will ask the Board to accept them as committee members.

3. Summer Youth Program

Shirley reported that the program is on schedule. Applications were accepted from March - April 4 (an extension by the Department of Employment). With help from Board Members and staff, applications were processed. The Summer Youth Program budget has been approved by the Department of Employment.

Our new Project Director is Ms. Deborah DeMaio. She has already attended the first of several training sessions scheduled by the Department of Employment.

Registration of eligible youngsters will take place on May 14 after school hours. Board members will be asked to help. The Summer Youth Program Committee will be interviewing applicants for Crew Chiefs in the next few weeks.

Shirley also informed the Board that an information and planning meeting preliminary to the formation of the district-wide Youth Services Committee is scheduled for May 1, 1980, 8:00 P.M. at Christopher Columbus High School. Invitations have been sent out to all community groups, schools, merchants associations, religious institutions, service providers, etc., as was as recommended in the Youth Board's guidelines. Also invited are elected officials and local Precinct representatives as well as Youth Board personnel.

The Summer Youth Program is intended as a training program in preparation for future education and employment. Information, resource material and assistance must be given to each youngster employed in the summer program.

Shirley told the Board that she attended a morning session with Ms. DeMaio and learned a great deal about the help available to our youngsters and to the general public. The Bronx Center for Career and Occupational Education is part of the New York City Board of Education, located at 1021 East 178th. Street near West Farms, telephone number is 328-1330.

Henry wanted to know if last year's crew chiefs were being given a priority to be crew chiefs this year. Tom told the Board that letters had been sent out to last year's crew chiefs asking if they were interested for this year.

4. Social Services Committee

Motion by Bob Black - seconded by several members That the Board go into Executive Session - Carried.

A. Community Residences

1. 2225 Lodovick Avenue

Rhoda Gogatz reported that she inspected the Lodovick Avenue site and is in favor of it as a group home. She also stated that the Planning Board will be involved in overseeing these residences

Tony reported that the members of the Chester Civic Association are opposed to Lodovick Avenue for the following reasons:

1. insufficient time to observe it
2. information not enough to make an intelligent decision
3. immediate area is saturated with group homes and nursing homes (part of Planning Board #12)
4. members thought it was too large for 10 on the first floor and 5 on the second floor
5. concerned about traffic because of increase in staff
6. members are satisfied with the present occupants

Chester Civic Association wants to go on record as being opposed to Lodovick Avenue site

Bob Black asked about the ownership of the site. Myra explained that it will not be taken over by the State, but be owned by the Yorkville Saving Bank. The sponsor agency is Bronx Developmental Center. It feels that it can manage the cost of operating the Lodovick Avenue site.

The Board was informed that the home is a brick house and meets all code requirements. Very little changes are needed.

There was a discussion about the current residents. They come from several agencies and the house is now run as a business. The present residents will move. There will be 10 permanent residents on the first floor aged 50 -60. The second floor will have a respite population. No more than 20 at one time.

Ms. Neal stated only retarded adults will be on the first floor and the second floor would be for children.

Motion made by Myra Rose that Community Planning Board #11 approve 2225 Lodovick Avenue as a site for a Community Residence with 10 adult beds and 6 respite beds. Motion carried.
33 for, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions

2. 1858 Victor Street

Myra reported that this will be run by the New York Catholic Guardian Society. John reported that the building is a 4 family, 3 story separate building with a 2 car garage with another apartment above the garage. He felt that the State should use empty buildings on the tax rolls. He is against this site.

Lee asked if the site is in a commercial zone area. Steve stated that a zoning change has taken place on the west side of Unionport, and that the site is in a residential zone.

Ernie stated that area residents seemed to feel that area was not a proper place for a group home but liked living there themselves. It is very like Astor Avenue. An average street. It has a doctor's office, but that should not create any problems.

Rhoda Gogatz reported that none of the people from 1825 Victor Street were at the Public Hearing.

Steve asked how much time the tenants would have to relocate. Mrs. Neal answered, "Approximately 6 months".

Dr. Clara Reyes De Velazquez stated that she is worried about the present tenants. If it were empty she could see it.

Henry was worried about the steps but was told that they pose no problem.

Bob Black said that the Community Advisory Board should have 1 person from the Community Board and 1 person from the community.

Barbara Fried stated that we have an obligation to the present tenants.

Steve said that if we object because it is occupied the State would not accept this. Simeon stated that the only way for the new owner to take over is for the old tenants to move out.

Bob Black wanted to know what would happen if the State buys Victor Street and the Catholic Guardian Society cannot afford the upkeep. He was told that if the sponsor could not run it sponsorship would be transferred to another agency.

Elizabeth spoke about her concern for the mentally retarded. She said that there are many empty houses that could be used rather than to displace these tenants.

Myra Rose stated that a 2 family brick house is needed. She stated she had looked at many houses and none met these requirements. This house is for sale and not one of the tenants in this house came to the Public Hearing. Community Planning Board #11 has not heard from them at all.

Motion by - Myra Rose

Seconded by - several members

That Community Planning Board #11 approve the site of 1858 Victor Street as a Community Residence.

Motion carried:

22 for, 12 against, 3 abstentions

Steve complimented Myra on a job well done.

5. Nominating Committee

Consisting of Silvio Mazzella, Ernie Odierna, Robert Black, Elizabeth Brown and Ann Danisi.

Ann reported that Bob Black resigned from the Committee. The remainder of the Committee proposes the following Slate of Officers:

Chairman - Sol Lirtzman

1st. Vice Chairman - Ruth Bernstein

2nd. Vice Chairman - Shirley Rubman

Secretary - Robert Black

Treasurer - Myra Rose

Before opening the meeting to nominations from the floor, Steve noted that further nominations might be made at the May meeting, but that nominees must be present to indicate their acceptance.

Nominations from the Floor:

Tom Daly nominated Annette Marchitello for 1st Vice Chairman, seconded by Henry Yuspeh

Lee Mager nominated Tom Daly for Treasurer, seconded by Barbara Fried

Dom Castore nominated Frank Muccioli for 2nd Vice Chairman, seconded by

Charles Re nominated Dom Castore, seconded by Jerry Santarpia

for 1st Vice Chairman

6. Other Committees

A. Parks

Elizabeth reported that her committee has drawings for the basketball courts. She stated that they have not had time to review them as they were only just received. She asked the Board's permission to vote on them in the name of the Board.

Motion by Elizabeth - Seconded by Sol Lirtzman

That the Parks Committee be empowered to approve drawings for the Basketball Courts at Trojan Field in the name of the Planning Board.

Carried Unanimously

B. Education and Culture Committee

Ruth Burko announced that the School Board elections will be held on May 6th. She also called note to the meeting at the Fordham Library about the cuts. The information on this meeting was distributed at the beginning of the Board meeting.

Ruth reported that there was an installation of a new Principal, Mrs. Grace Rosa, at Christopher Columbus High School and a Save Our Schools Rally tonight.

Shirley stated that it is wrong to have so many meetings on the same night as the Planning Board meeting, and suggested that others try to schedule around Planning Board meetings.

Steve said he has discussed this with the School Board.

Motion by Shirley Rubman - Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz

That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to the School Board requesting that the School Board avoid scheduling meetings and functions on the same night as Planning Boards meetings.

Carried

Tony and Shirley stated that they are opposed to the Globe Theater and the pictures they show.

Shirley stated that there is an alternative to closing the theater. They could show old movies, foreign films, etc. X rated movies are not a plus for this area.

Motion by Myra Rose - seconded by Shirley Rubman

That the Board formally disagree with the Education and Culture Committee's sentiments on the Globe Theater as stated in its report. Carried:

22 for, 9 against

V. Old Business

Steve was asked to state for the record that Councilman Savino had submitted a report, as requested, on insurance redlining. Steve so stated and said that he would review it.

VI. New Business

Allan Kalish announced that the Bronx Week Parade will be on May 16. He suggested that interested persons call the Borough President's Office at 590-3000.

Tony reported on the Social Security Office on the North Side of Gun Hill Road, 10469. He was concerned about what the future use of the building would be now that Social Security has moved.

Steve told the Board that

1. this is not in our area
2. that we would be informed if anything was to be done requiring a variance

VII. Ajournment

Motion by Myra Rose - seconded by Shirley Rubman
That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Marchitello (12)

Annette Marchitello,
Acting Secretary

PRESENT:

Ira Alexander
Robert Black
Elizabeth Brown
Ruth Burko
Dominick Castore
John Cifichiello
Ben D'Agostino
Eileen D'Allessio
Thomas Daly
Ann Danisi
Gloria Di Gianni
Sylvia Firshein
Barbara Fried
Anthony Funigiello
Rhoda Gogatz
Simeon Goldstein
Roy Israel
William Liblick
Solomon Lirtzman
Steven Lovitch
Lee Mager

Annette Marchitello
Leslie McHenry
Joseph Milone
Frank Muccioli
Ernest Odierna
Richard Orlin
Abraham Pereira
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
William Ricevuto, Jr.
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Myra Rose
Shirley Rubman
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Jerry Santarpia
Clara Reyes De Velazquez
Stephen Vento
Belle Vogel
Ruth Weiss
Henry Yuspeh

ABSENT:

Ruth Bernstein
Edith Canato
Joseph D'Arrigo

Simon Konovitch
Silvio Mazzella
Salvatore Napolitano

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager
Allan Kalish - Rep. Boro. Pres. Stanley Simon
Susan Neal - N.Y. State O.M.R.D.D.
Maureen Moore - N.Y. State O.M.R.D.D.
Harriet Lasky - C.P.B. #11
Victoria Tcheng - Van Nest Library
Dick Esposito - Rep. Sen. Abraham Bernstein
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bronx Boro Board
Rose Gang - Rep. Hon. Eliot Engel

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Dolores Malgram representing Hon. Aileen B. Ryan

GUESTS:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Costanza
Ann Clementi
Terry O'Neill - Catholic Guardian Society
Rose Corrado
Susan Bernstein