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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 15, 1980 AT THE  
ACADEMY FOR GERONTOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by First Vice Chairman Ruth Bernstein, who also announced that Stephen Vento, the Chairman, would not be present to chair the meeting.

Ruth also noted that the scheduled guest, Irma Badillo, of the Governor's Office for Intergovernmental Relations, would not be able to attend.

She then introduced Detective George Johnson of the Bronx Borough Command of the Police Department and Carol Pascocello of the Community Relations Division of the New York Center for Community Affairs. Detective Johnson and Mrs. Pascocello had asked for time to describe the new community recreation center which has been established at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

The Center was established through the efforts of the Police, Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), BMHC's Executive Director Len Piccoli, the YMCA and the New York Center for Community Affairs. The Center was established due to the need to reach youth, 13-21 years of age, and provide them with recreational activities. The Center is located at B.M.H.C.'s Nurses Residence and is open to the community's youth on Sundays from 4 P. M. to 8 P.M.

The activities which are available are volley ball, soccer, tennis, basketball and swimming. There is a licensed instructor supervising the gym program. Membership is \$3.00 per year and families are encouraged to join.

Detective Johnson noted that the Center opened on May 4th, but that no youngsters attended. He said that there has been publicity and asked Board members to publicize it further through their organizations, churches, synagogues, etc.

Rhoda Gogatz claimed that she had seen no publicity, while Barbara Fried said that she had run an article in the Bronx News. Dom Castore asked if pamphlets were available and Detective Johnson said that he had given some flyers to Tom Brown. Bill Ricevuto, who owns a store in the area, asked if signs could be made available to put in store windows.

Annette Marchitello, while commending the Police, etc. for their efforts, took exception to the fact that the one day which the Center is available is Sunday - a "family" day. Detective Johnson agreed that this was unfortunate, but he also noted that although no youngsters came to the Center, he saw a great many "hanging out" on Williamsbridge Road not too far from the Center. Thus while he felt that it would be ideal to have the Center operational on other days, he saw a much greater need to publicize its existence.

Belle Vogel asked if there would be out reach to the youngsters "hanging out" on corners. Detective Johnson said that these were one of the target groups of the Center, but that he needed the Planning Board's assistance in getting the message out.

#### 1. MINUTES

Myra Rose stated that Page 4 of the Minutes should be corrected to read that there will be a maximum of 16 beds - 10 permanent; 6 respite - at 2225 Lodovick Avenue; not 20.

Sylvia Firshein stated that she felt that the concern stated by some Board members as to the future residence of the current residents of 2225 Lodovick Avenue should have been reflected in the Minutes. She suggested that the following be added: "The Board questioned representatives of the agency as to what they were going to do or whether they were going to follow through in any way with regard to the current residents. The Board showed great concern and felt that the State should follow through on what happens to the residents who are now residing in 2225 Lodovick Avenue."

Bill Liblick stated that the same names always are mentioned in the Minutes and that what he had said regarding his feelings about group residences was not mentioned at all. He also noted that Richard Orlin had announced at the meeting that he had to depart before a vote could be taken but that he wanted to be put on record as favoring the 2225 Lodovick Avenue site. Bill Liblick asked why this was not recorded in the Minutes.

Ruth Bernstein stated that these were Harriet's first set of Minutes and that the names are not all familiar to her nor are the voices on tape. She said that for a first set of Minutes, it was an excellent job. Ruth further suggested that members identify themselves before they begin speaking. Ruth also noted that the By-laws specifically prohibit proxy voting.

Elizabeth Brown said that the Minutes should have said she had requested authorization to approve the drawings for Reiss Field not the Basketball Court at Trojan Field.

Tom Brown said that the Minutes failed to mention that the office to which Dom Castore was nominated was that of First Vice Chairman (page 6).

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Seconded by Sylvia Firshein that the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ruth Bernstein stated that in the absence of the Chairman, she had no report. However, she did want to notify the Executive Committee that the Office of Management and Budget had requested to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the new process for the Fiscal Year 1982 Budget and the Planning Board's input in that process. Therefore the Executive Committee meeting was moved up from June 10 to June 3. Members of the Executive Committee will be receiving a notice but she suggested that they make note of the change in their diaries.

## 3. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Brown stated that in addition to the regular attendance sheet, he was circulating a sheet for Board members to indicate their correct names, addresses and business and home phone numbers.

Tom made some general comments about the Minutes. First he said that he appreciated the criticisms. He explained, however, that since his office rather than the Board Secretary has been given the responsibility for the Minutes, he has been trying to put more content in them. In the past, Minutes have only recorded motions and votes. It is not always easy to include everything said by everyone because voices are not always recognizable on tape and there have been tape malfunctions. He requested that the Chair repeat the maker of a motion and the second as well as the actual motion prior to the vote on a motion.

He also advised that the April Cabinet Minutes had mistakenly been labeled May 27.

Tom mentioned that he had received several complaints from residents of 2134 Wallace Avenue regarding an action by their landlord, who has cut trees and removed benches between 2134 Wallace Avenue and an adjacent building for the purpose of constructing a small parking area. Tom said that as with the rumored Roller Disco mentioned at the April meeting, the owner has followed proper procedures and filed appropriate actions. There is no reason for the Planning Board becoming involved unless complaints of air or noise pollution or other disturbances are received. In addition he noted that Joe Hayman of the Bronx Planning Office told him that not only is the new use a legitimate use, but if the building were erected today, the landlord would have to provide auxiliary parking. In sum, there is no reason for the Planning Board to become involved since the owner can make the alteration "as of right."

Tom did say, however, that should there be air or noise pollution complaints or any other type of complaints stemming from the operation of the parking lot, then the District Office would of course follow up with the appropriate agencies.

Tom also noted that the Planning Board had received a letter from State Senator Abraham Bernstein requesting on behalf of himself and Councilman Stephen Kaufman that the Planning Board hold a Public Hearing or meeting to enable the community to express its feelings on the rumored Roller Disco operation. Tom said that he had telephoned the offices of both legislators and explained why the Planning Board had decided not to take such action when the matter was discussed at the April meeting.

Rhoda asked if there is any regulation stipulating that the parking must be made available only to residents of the building, and if so can the Planning Board ensure compliance.

Tom stated that once the work is completed, the owner must apply for Certificate of Occupancy (C. of O.). After he has received the C. of O. he must apply to the Department of Consumer Affairs for a license. Tom said when things reached that stage he would check into the specific regulations.

Steve Lovitch stated he had looked at the area and noted that senior citizens occupy many of the apartments overlooking the lot. He observed that while a permit had been obtained from the Department of Buildings, he has yet to receive a curb-cut permit from the Department of Highways. He suggested the Planning Board might ask the Department of Highways to place a moratorium of 60 days on issuing a curb-cut permit in order to permit the Planning Board to look into the situation, and see if the performance meets the rules and regulations.

Ruth Bernstein asked Joe Hayman his opinion of such an action. Joe said that if the Department of Highways acceded to such a request, it would only be as a courtesy. A curb-cut permit is an administrative procedure which is granted automatically if the applicant has a Buildings permit calling for the curb-cut. He further stated that the applicant could resort to legal remedy if he felt that his legitimate right to a curb-cut were being obstructed administratively.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Planning Board #11 write to the Departments of Highways and Consumer Affairs requesting them to place a 60-day moratorium on the issuance of a permit or license, as appropriate, to the owner of 2132-38 Wallace Avenue so that the Planning Board can have a further opportunity to investigate complaints related to the owner's intention to construct and operate an off-street parking facility.

Motion carried overwhelmingly.

#### A. Street Permits

Tom stated that he had received three applications for Street Closing Permits which require immediate Planning Board action. Before presenting the applications he announced that the Mayor's Office had rejected the application by the Fusco Lodge based on objections they had received from residents in the surrounding area.

1. Morningside Home of 1000 Pelham Parkway South would like to close Lurting Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Esplanade on Saturday, June 7 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for the purpose of holding an Arts and Crafts and Food Fair. Tom stated that this activity has been held during the past several years with no problems or complaints.

Motion by Sylvia Firshein - Second by Dom Castore - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the approval of a Street Closing Permit application for the Morningside Home to close Lurting Avenue from Pelham Parkway South to Esplanade on Saturday, June 7 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Motion carried overwhelmingly.

2. Lucy Palazzolo of 2067 Hering Avenue and her neighbors would like to close Hering Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on Friday, July 4 from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. for the purpose of holding a block party. This activity also has been held during the past several years with no problems. Mrs. Palazzolo has also submitted a petition signed by residents of the block indicating their agreement with the closing.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the approval of Street Closing Permit Application submitted by Mrs. Lucy Palazzolo for the closing of Hering Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on Friday, July 4 from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Motion carried overwhelmingly.

3. William and Tina Connell of 2554 Fenton Avenue and their neighbors would like to close Fenton Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on Sunday, June 29 from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M. for the purpose of holding a block party. This activity has been held during past several years with no problems. They have also submitted a petition signed by residents of the block indicating their agreement with the closing.

Motion by Charles Re - Second by Henry Yuspeh - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the approval of a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by William and Tina Connell for the closing of Fenton Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on Sunday, June 29 from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Recreational Mobile Units

Tom reported that he has received the schedule for the Recreational Mobile Units which will be in the district this summer. He said that there will be only fourteen units this summer, and that in the past two years there has been over a 50% decrease in the number of units available to the district. He observed that while the Department of Recreation has suffered cutbacks during this period, he feels that Community District #11 may be receiving an inordinate cut, considering that those units which have been scheduled in the past have been well attended and suffered no cancellations. He also noted that one of the groups which has received mobile units in the past is the Department of Recreation itself; its Zimmerman Playground Day Camp.

In any event, Tom said that he is currently scheduling those units which are available and giving first option to those organizations which used them in the past. He also suggested that a letter protesting these cutbacks be sent to the Department of Recreation and elected officials.

Elizabeth stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had discussed this matter, and was prepared to recommend to the Planning Board that such a letter be sent.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Sol Lirtzman That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gordon Davis, Borough President Stanley Simon and all others concerned with community matters, expressing the Planning Board's displeasure over the cuts in recreational mobile units provided to Community District #11, and requesting a restoration.

Ruth Bernstein explained that although the Planning Board is technically the recipient of the mobile units, the units are sponsored by community organizations. They have the responsibility for publicizing and supervising them. She therefore suggested that copies of the letter go to community organizations and that these organizations be requested to write similar letters. Also, that such letters be sent to the District Office.

Bob Castellanete asked who initiated the cutbacks and how were they arrived at.

Tom explained that the headquarters at the Arsenal decided on the Borough levels and that each Borough's Recreation Director then in turn made allocations to the various Community Districts. He stated that the Bronx Recreation Director, Jeanette Boyd, probably made the most equitable distributions given what she had available to distribute.

Bob then asked why write to elected officials, when it was agency personnel who were responsible for the cutbacks. He added that he did not understand how the cutbacks could have been made when the Fiscal Year 1981 budget has not yet been adopted.

Tom explained that the reason for writing to the elected officials was not to affix blame, but to inform. Ruth Bernstein said that while it was true that the Fiscal Year 1981 budget has not yet been adopted, agency personnel had to use some budget figure to do their planning. She suggested that they could only use the Mayor's approved figure, and that it is up to the other members of the Board of Estimate and the City Council to either raise that figure or in some other way see that services are restored.

Elizabeth added that since much of the personnel of the Department of Parks and Recreation are CETA employees, and since there have also been cutbacks in the Federal CETA program, then this is one possible cause for the cutbacks in the recreational mobile program. Elizabeth said, however, that our community should not be cut because we have made good utilization of the program, whereas other areas have not and have had many cancellations.

Bob Castellanete informed the Planning Board that on Friday, May 23, the Board of Estimate and City Council would be holding a Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budgets and the Community Development Program, and that it would be a good idea for someone to testify in favor of restoring the mobile units as they are an Expense Budget item.

Rabbi Konovitch asked if there were health units among the mobile units. Ruth Bernstein explained that the units are recreational.

Belle Vogel asked if movies were included in the mobile units. Ruth Bernstein said no.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tom explained to the Planning Board that movies and bands can be obtained through another section of the Division of Support Services of the Department of Recreation. He suggested that interested parties should contact him.

Tom stated that he would be testifying at Friday's Public Hearing on several of the Planning Board's priorities. Ruth explained that the By Laws provide that only persons having statements authorized by the Planning Board's Chairman can testify in the name of the Planning Board. However, she said that this should not prevent Planning Board members from speaking in the name of their organizations or as individuals.

Tom announced that another Public Meeting had been scheduled in conjunction with Community Board #12 regarding service changes on the White Plains Road train (#2 Line) stemming from work on the Lenox Avenue tunnel. He said that the meeting would take place on May 29 at 7:30 P.M. in the Bronxwood Nursing Home on Gun Hill Road.

During the course of the District Manager's Report, Ruth Bernstein welcomed back Steve Zarkin, a former Planning Board member who has just been reappointed.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ruth Bernstein announced that in view of the length of the meeting, she was taking committee reports out of order so that the Project Director of the Summer Youth Employment Program could be introduced.

##### A. Summer Youth Employment Program

Shirley Rubman stated that the Program was moving on schedule. She reported that registration had been held the previous day, and thanked the several Planning Board members who assisted. She also noted that the five Crew Chiefs have been selected, thus completing the personnel for the Program. She then introduced Deborah De Maio, the Project Director.

Deborah reported that she has been attending training sessions held by the Department of Employment and the Urban League. She noted that particular emphasis is being placed on labor market information and career planning.

Deborah remarked on the patience of the youngsters during the registration process which was quite lengthy. She felt that the youngsters were serious as shown by their response to a questionnaire which she had formulated on occupational interests.

#### B. Youth Services Committee

Shirley reported that the Youth Services Committee was in the process of organizing itself on a district-wide basis. An open meeting was held on May 1 to which many organizations were invited. The turnout was particularly good from agency personnel, e.g., Community School District #11, Police, Parks, Recreation, Library and Housing Police. Those who came showed a genuine interest and sense of urgency.

She stated that the next step was to form a district-wide committee in conformity with Youth Board requirements. The Youth Services Committee decided that personal contact should be made with those who did not attend the May 1 meeting. She explained that it is essential to have a broad-based committee if the Youth Board is to approve plans generated for this community.

#### C. Nominating Committee

As Ann Danisi, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee was not present, Ruth Bernstein explained that the Committee presented a slate of officers at the April meeting as prescribed in the By-Laws. In addition, there were several nominations from the floor. In accord with the By-Laws, Ruth continued, it would still be possible to have additional nominations from the Floor at the May meeting, but that the nominees would have to be present to indicate acceptance.

1. Treasurer - Ruth reported that Myra Rose was nominated by Committee and Tom Daly from the Floor, and that both had formally indicated to the Committee that they accepted their nomination. Ruth asked for additional nominations. Seeing none she declared nominations for the position of Treasurer closed with the two nominees being Myra Rose and Tom Daly.

2. Secretary - Ruth reported that Bob Black was nominated by Committee. However, Bob had not notified the Committee of his acceptance, nor was he present to declare his intentions. The By-Laws provide that a nominee must indicate his intentions by or at the May meeting. There being no nominee for the position of Secretary, Ruth asked for nominations from the Floor. Bill Liblick nominated Rhoda Gogatz and Leslie McHenry seconded the nomination. Rhoda accepted. There being no further nominations for the position of Secretary, Ruth closed nominations for this position with Rhoda Gogatz being the sole nominee.

3. 2nd Vice Chairman - Ruth reported that Shirley Rubman had been nominated by Committee and Frank Muccioli from the Floor, and that both had formally indicated their acceptance. Ruth asked for additional nominations. Seeing none, she declared nominations for the position of 2nd Vice Chairman closed, with the nominees being Shirley Rubman and Frank Muccioli.



4. 1st Vice Chairman - Ruth reported that she had been nominated by Committee and Annette Marchitello and Dom Castore from the Floor. She indicated that Annette had formally declined nomination and that Dom had formally accepted. She then surrendered the Chair to 2nd Vice Chairman Shirley Rubman in order to deliver some personal remarks on her nomination and decision. She said that she was pleased and flattered to have been nominated and was also pleased that some of the newer members are willing to assume the responsibilities of officership. She therefore declined the nomination and thanked the Planning Board.

Reassuming the Chair Ruth asked for additional nominations for the position of 1st Vice Chairman. Blanche Rifkin nominated Ruth Weiss and Ruth Burko seconded the nomination. Ruth Weiss accepted.

Myra Rose asked if it is possible for a member to run for more than one office. Simeon said that the By-Laws do not prohibit this. Myra Rose nominated Shirley Rubman and Tony Funigiello seconded the nomination. Shirley accepted. Seeing no further nominations for the position of 1st Vice Chairman, Ruth declared nominations closed with the nominees being Dom Castore, Shirley Rubman and Ruth Weiss.

5. Chairman - Ruth reported that Sol Lirtzman had been nominated by Committee, and that Sol had formally accepted. Sol added that the Planning Board should be aware that his employment commitments were such that his availability for Planning Board business during normal working hours is limited and that the other officers would have to assume responsibilities for leading the Planning Board and District Office.

Ruth asked for additional nominations for the position of Chairman. Seeing none, she declared nominations closed with the sole nominee being Sol Lirtzman.

The nominees on the ballot for election in June are as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Chairman	Solomon J. Lirtzman
1st Vice Chairman	Dom Castore Shirley Rubman Ruth Weiss
2nd Vice Chairman	Frank Muccioli Shirley Rubman
Secretary	Rhoda Gogatz
Treasurer	Thomas Daly Myra Rose

D. Land Use Committee

Steve Lovitch reported that the Land Use Committee had met on Monday, May 12 to discuss two Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (U.L.U.R.P.) applications which have been certified to Community Planning Board #11 by the City Planning Commission.

Steve explained that the Planning Board has 60 days within which to render a recommendation on these, and that the Land Use Committee is recommending that the Planning Board hold a Public Hearing on June 12.

One of the applications, Steve said, deals with a grade change in conjunction with the Allerton Avenue reconstruction project. The other is a franchise application for a cable television system.

Tony expressed concern that the Planning Board and the public were uninformed as to the specifics of the grade changes. Ruth Bernstein said that Tom would prepare an abstract for the Planning Board. In addition she noted that Press Releases and Display Advertisements would be placed in the local newspapers and that letters announcing the Public Hearing would be sent to community organizations. Ruth also stated that the Public Hearing requires the Board members' attendance so that members can become informed before they vote the following week.

There then followed a lengthy discussion on the franchise application for a cable television system. Some questions dealt with the content, such as what kind of structures and wiring, how many and where, etc. Other questions related to procedure. The discussion may be summarized as follows:

1. An abstract on the specifics of the application will be prepared by Steve Lovitch and Tom.
2. There has only been one application certified to Community Planning Board #11; other boroughs have had to consider several.
3. The Borough President is attempting to get the Board of Estimate to solicit applications by other companies.
4. The Planning Board should focus on the Land Use implications of the application.
5. Should other applications be received, either with the same implications or with variations, the Planning Board should consider these also in Public Hearing.
6. It is the function of the Board of Estimate and Bureau of Franchises to award franchises based on the comments of community boards and borough boards with respect to land use matters and in accord with their own criteria with respect to the financial benefits to the City.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Sol Lirtzman - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on June 12, 1980 on the franchise application of Cablevision Systems New York City Corporation (C800083 VTX) in compliance with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Motion Carried: 21 For; 9 Opposed; 6 Abstentions.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Abe Pereira - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on June 12, 1980 on the Department of Transportation's application to change the legal grade on various streets bounded by Eastchester Road, Mace Avenue, Lodovick Avenue and Gun Hill Road (C790542MMX) in compliance with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Motion Carried: 32 For; 1 Abstention.

Ruth Bernstein announced that the Public Hearing will be held in the Auditorium of the Academy of Gerontological Education and Development (AGED), and that Steve Lovitch will decide which application to consider first and notify the applicants.

Tony suggested that the grade change be held first and Steve concurred.

E. Parks and Recreation Committee

Elizabeth reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met on May 13 and discussed the plans for the rehabilitation of Reiss Field and the basketball courts. She said that the Committee had some questions which it would raise with the architects.

F. Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee

Ruth Bernstein noted that Silvio Mazzella was not present and that Dom Castore had been asked to present the report of the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Dom reported that the District Office had received two requests. One was to continue the One Way signage along Van Nest Avenue from Bronxdale Avenue to White Plains Road. The other was to make Newport Avenue One-Way going northbound from Van Nest Avenue to Morris Park Avenue. Dom said that the Committee felt that this would split the traffic pattern, but that One-Way traffic along Van Nest Avenue is a necessity as its 19½ foot width is not adequate for Two-Way traffic.

Tom explained that some time ago, the Traffic Department had made Van Nest Avenue One-Way from White Plains Road to 180th Street. He said that he had received an inquiry as to when the rest of Van Nest Avenue would be made One-Way. When he asked the Traffic Department, the Cabinet representative said that there was no problem, but that a formal request should come from the Planning Board.

Tom said that the proposal regarding Newport Avenue came from a different source - Albert Einstein College - and that while it was only a coincidence that the two should come together, they obviously affect one another.

Ben D'Agostino complained about traffic, especially trucks on Lydig Avenue and asked why it too could not be made One-Way. Ruth Bernstein explained that the issue before the Planning Board was Van Nest Avenue.

Motion by Dom Castore - Second by Frank Muccioli - That Community Planning Board #11 request the Department of Traffic to make Newport Avenue One-Way going southbound from Morris Park Avenue to Van Nest Avenue and that Van Nest Avenue be made One-Way southwest from Newport Avenue to White Plains Road.

Motion passed overwhelmingly.

Joe Hayman suggested that such a request could cause delays since the Department of Traffic was only considering the stretch between Bronxdale and White Plains. Tom suggested that the Department of Traffic be asked to act immediately on the Bronxdale to White Plains portion and to do a feasibility study on the rest as soon as possible. There was general concurrence on this approach.

With respect to Lydig Avenue, Tom explained that he had received complaints and had discussed them with Silvio, but that he felt it was the Committee's responsibility, not the District Manager's, to formulate a resolution for the Planning Board to pass on to the Department of Traffic.

The Lydig Avenue problem was referred to the Committee for further study by a resolution.

#### G. Social Services Committee

Myra reported that the Community Services Act was passed over the Governor's veto. As a result there would be funding for a Meals on Wheels Program for the elderly handicapped. She said that monies for 100 meals for eligible persons in Community Districts #11 and #12 was available. The Program would be operated through AGED in this community and that kosher meals are available. Myra suggested that the District Office be called if people are in need of the Meals on Wheels Program.

Myra also reported that some jobs, e.g. caseworker, aide, clerk-typist, driver and deliverer must be filled to implement the Program. She suggested that referrals and inquiries be made to Larry McFarland of AGED at 824-4004. Finally, she noted that the Meals on Wheels Program is currently funded for only nine months.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

Rhoda reported that in the last several weeks the #13 Bus which has always run to the end of Castle Hill Avenue was now turning on Lacombe Avenue and going to the Shorehaven Beach Club. She noted that it was not every bus but every other bus. She also noted that no announcement was made in this service change and that buses which make the turn are not marked in any way to advise the passengers.

Rhoda said that she felt this change should not have been made without informing the community as there are many elderly who now have to walk three blocks to go to their destination - the Castle Hill Beach Club. She noted that while the terminus of the #13 bus is the Castle Hill Beach Club, this has nothing to do with the Club as the bus stops there even during off-season, whereas the new re-routing is rumored to be a special service to Shorehaven Beach Club and its members.

Bob Castellanete said that Rhoda was wrong. He said that many residents for years had been asking for a direct route from the Pelham Parkway area to Shorehaven. He reported that MABSTOA had said that no changes would be made until an entire Bronx Surface Transit Study had been made and that service would not be taken from Castle Hill.

Rhoda replied that obviously service has been taken if people have to wait 45 minutes for the next bus. She noted that some people come from other communities to make connections at Pelham Parkway to take the #13 bus.

Several Planning Board members questioned why this matter was of concern to the Planning Board.

Tom reported that in January, 1979 the Planning Board had held a Public Hearing on MABSTOA's suggested routes and solicited community reaction and suggestions. He noted that a route to Shorehaven was not included in MABSTOA's list nor was it among the suggestions from the community residents who spoke. He continued, that the Planning Board's recommendations were sent to the Borough President and Borough Board for further deliberation. Never during this period was Planning Board #11 informed that a route to Shorehaven was being contemplated. He said that only when he was checking on some other routes which had appeared incorrectly in the newspaper was he told by someone in the Borough President's office that there might be a route to Shorehaven. He was not told that this route would cut into existing service on the #13 bus.

In sum Tom said that he felt it was Planning Board business because people in the community were affected since the bus runs, for a good portion of its route, through the district, because the Planning Board was not informed and because the Planning Board had held a Public Hearing in compliance with U.L.U.R.P. and had not received formal notification of further developments on the matter.

Bob Castellanete said that the buses would begin carrying advisory notices on May 16.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Shirley Rubman - To adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

ATTENDANCE AT MAY 15, 1980

PRESENT:

Ira Alexander	Lee Mager
Ruth Bernstein	Annette Marchitello
Elizabeth Brown	Leslie McHenry
Ruth Burko	Joseph Milone
Edith Canato	Frank Muccioli
Dominick Castore	Salvatore Napolitano
John Cifichiello	Richard Orlin
Ben D'Agostino	Abraham Pereira
Eileen D'Allessio	Charles Re
Thomas Daly	Joseph Reda
Sylvia Firshein	William Ricevuto, Jr.
Barbara Fried	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Anthony Funigiello	Myra Rose
Rhoda Gogatz	Shirley Rubman
Simeon Goldstein	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Roy Israel	Belle Vogel
Simon Konovitch	Ruth Wesiiis
William Liblick	Henry Yuspeh
Solomon Lirtzman	Steve Zarkin
Steven Lovitch	Clara Reyes De Velazquez

ABSENT:

Robert Black	Silvio Mazzella
Ann Danisi	Ernest Odierna
Joseph D'Arrigo	Jerry Santarpia
Gloria DiGianni	Stephen Vento

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager  
Harriet Lasky - C.P.B. #11  
Deborah DeMaio - C.P.B. #11  
Bob Castellanete - Rep. Boro. Pres. Stanley Simon  
Joseph Hayman - Bronx Office/ City Planning  
Det. George J. Johnson - C.P.B. #11

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rose Gang - Rep. - Hon. Eliot Engel  
Sandy Glinsky - Rep. - Sen. A. Bernstein  
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bronx Boro. Board

GUESTS

Melvin Hirsch  
Thal Davis, Chr. 2424 Boston Rd. Senior Center  
Jack Guberman  
Gerri Paolillo  
H. Bruce Eggleston - Castle Hill Beach Club  
Carl R. Sachs - Castle Hill Beach Club



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Report of Housing Committee meeting held on May 28, 1980

The meeting was called to order at the office of the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association, 1050 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Frank Muccioli presided. The others present were Simeon Goldstein, Belle Vogel, Sylvia Firshein, Tom Daly and Myra Rose.

Ted Weinstein of H.P.D. and his assistant, were also present.

Ted Weinstein explained the functions to be performed by the office which H.P.D. is opening, and which he will head, on Allerton Avenue. It will assist in code enforcement and in obtaining financing for housing improvements.

The name contemplated for that office is the Pelham Parkway Office of H.P.D. Considerable objection was voiced to that designation, because our district includes other neighborhoods besides Pelham Parkway. Reconsideration of the name is to take place at a later date.

An extensive discussion took place regarding the new housing development being planned by the Beth Abraham Home for which they requested a letter of approval from the Board.

The following resolution was adopted Unanimously:

"That if the Board receives a commitment, in writing, from the Sponsors of the Beth Abraham Housing Project, that 100 of the apartments will be reserved exclusively for senior citizens then this Board will send a letter recommending approval of the project."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Simeon Goldstein,  
Co-chairperson of the  
Housing Committee