



COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX
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Solomon J. Lirtzman,
Chairman

Thomas J. Brown,
District Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 1980 AT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 P.M. by Sol Lirtzman, Chairman

I. GALLERY SESSION SPEAKERS

No one spoke during the time allotted for gallery speakers.

II. MINUTES

Corrections

Tony Funigiello asked that the statement attributed to him on page 2 be corrected as follows:

1. That it is detrimental to the community because not only will community residents, if any, be housed there.

2. That it may lower the property values in the surrounding area. The New York State study on property values was invalid since it covered only housing in the South Bronx where property values could not go any lower.

3. That State Senator Padavan of the Mental Hygiene Committee of the New York State Senate alleged that costs appear excessive. He quoted that cost per person in apartments are between \$30,000 and \$60,000 a year.

Bill Liblick asked to clarify the statement he had made at last month's meeting as follows:

"While I feel that no one should decide who their neighbors should be - hearings should be held on such items such as group homes to discuss the qualifications of the sponsoring agency, supervision of the home, etc."

Motion by Tom Daly - Second by John Cifichello - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sol Lirtzman reported that there have been several meetings in the community in the last few days. He stated that one of them was a meeting at Bronx House with the Mayor (which many of the Board members attended). Sol said that there had also been a meeting of the Mayor's Task Force. He said that they are breaking down into subcommittees, and that they would get back to him in a few days on specifics. He stated that he also attended a Bronx Borough Board meeting last Monday. He told the Board that two items were covered at that meeting. Sol stated

that one of these was an item on personnel business by the City Department of Personnel. Sol said that he would give this report to the Executive Board before reporting to all the Board members. He stated that this deals with raises in salaries and certain negotiations that take place which the Board is not advised of and yet effect the Board.

Sol said that the last item was a vote on the change in Zoning Resolution as it applies to Discotheques, dancing and Discos. Sol stated that Community Planning Board #1 had, at its October 16th meeting, passed a resolution recommending that this change in Zoning Resolution be approved with the specification that preexisting cabarets are not required to meet the noise tests, if there have been no previous complaints. He stated that the Bronx Borough Board has accepted this amendment and that they are recommending i

Sol told the Board that Tom Brown's wife had given birth to a baby girl.

IV. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom thanked the people who knew his wife was in the hospital, and called him. He also thanked Barbara Fried for noting the baby's birth in the Bronx News.

Tom said that the District Service Cabinet Minutes were not ready for tonight's meeting, but that they would go out to the Board shortly.

Tom reported that there have some preliminary responses to some of the items submitted to the Task Force.

Tom stated that he has been working on the Fiscal Year 1982 Board Budget request.

Tom told the Board that on Wednesday, December 17th, he attended a meeting at the Comptroller's Office. He stated that the Comptroller is doing a study on the processes and mechanisms that the Board of Standards and Appeals is using with respect to variances. Tom stated that Community Planning Board #11 was invited along with three other Boards in order to provide a cross section for the study.

Tom said that he hoped to have Commissioner Wolf, the Bronx representative on the B.S.A speak at one of the future Board meetings. He stated that he had not tried to get him for tonight's meeting because of the Land Use item on the Agenda.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Daly distributed a Financial Report of the 1981 Board Budget as of the computer run of 11/3. He stated that there was a misprint under Personnel. Tom said that it should read Amount to be Scheduled for Personnel Services. He said that this has not been allocated to any specific budget categories.

Myra Rose stated that she thought the amount listed for part timers was high.

Tom Brown explained that this included a line for three part timers, and that one of those is vacant.

Simeon Goldstein asked what the Local Travel line represents.

Tom Brown explained that should a staff member need to travel for work purposes, money is available. He stated that this line has been used only once in three years.

Tom Brown stated that the Board has received a copy of the Preliminary Budget request for Fiscal Year 1982. He said that there are certain fined charges the

Board must include in its Preliminary Budget request. He emphasized that this is a Preliminary request and that the Final request is submitted by February or March, and that it is adopted around May or June.

Sol said that at the Bronx Borough Board meeting the various Planning Board Charimen discussed the fact that more work is being given to the Community Boards, but that no more money is given to them for help. He said that one of the things that bothered most of them was the fact that there are built in raises that occur twice a year which are negotiated on a City-wide basis and which affect all agencies (Planning Boards are City agencies), and yet the Boards have no representation in these negotiations or discussions on salaries. He stated that this is one of the items that the Borough President will be asked to raise at the Board of Estimate. Sol stated that it will be recommended that Community Boards be given some sort of representation on this matter.

VI. LAND USE COMMITTEE

Steve Lovitch said that on Tuesday, December 16th., the Land Use Committee had held a Public Meeting on an application for a Variance for 911 Sackett Avenue. He stated that very few people were there. Steve said that not enough of the owners in the surrounding areas received the notices sent out by the Community Board about the Public Meeting. Steve then read the following letter from Frank Coretti, the applicant:

"I, Frank Coretti, being duly sworn deposes and says:

'I am the owner with my brother of the premises known as 911 Sackett Avenue, Bronx, New York. We have made an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a change in the C. of O. from a Non storage garage for more than five vehicles including commercial to a motor vehicle repair shop with no body or fender work, paing spraying or welding of bodies, use of hand tools only.

In order to have a greater cross section of the community participate in a public meeting I have advised my Public Engineer, Herbert Gallin, to advise the Board to lay over any public hearings for sixty days from the date of this affidavit. This is give the Community Planning Board #11 sufficient time to have a new meeting and vote."

Steve said that earlier tonight the Land Use Committee met, and recommended that the Board postpone voting on this application until a later date. He stated that he had been advised that the Board of Standards and Appeals would not be hearing this application until January and thus the Board has ample time to hold a meeting and vote on this matter at its January, or possibly even its February, meeting.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Simeon Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 table this vote pending a further meeting and vote by the full Board at its January meeting.

Unanimously passed

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Tom reported that he has received notice from the City Planning Commission that the proposed Bus Depot in Board #12 has been calendared. He stated that it has been certified as a U.L.U.R.P. item. Tom said that Community Planning Board #11 might suggest to the Borough President (if it is within his power) that it be made a Borough Board item because it effects Boards 10, 11, and 12.

Sol asked Bob Nolan to request the Borough President to attempt to have the Bus Depot considered as a Borough Board U.L.U.R.P. item.

Motion by Dom Castore -Second by Charlie Re - That the Board go into Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:45 P.M.

Sol reported that the Board had voted an increase of \$3,600 to the District Manager. He stated that a letter has been prepared for signature by the District Manager and the Chairman outlining the stipulations of the agreement.

Tom thanked the Board for the increase.

Sol wished all the Board members a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. He repeated that all meetings would begin at 7:45 or as close to that time as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.