



COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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Dominic Castore,
Acting Chairman

Thomas J. Brown,
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 1981 AT BETH ABRAHAM HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Dom Castore, Acting Chairman.

I. GALLERY SESSION

No one spoke during the time allotted for Gallery Speakers.

II. MINUTES

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Bill Liblick - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Dom Castore told the Board that Mr. William Frohlich, the scheduled guest speaker for the evening was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Dom thanked Beth Abraham Hospital for allowing the Board to use its facilities for tonight's meeting, and for providing refreshments.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dom stated that both he and Sol Lirtzman had attended the Bronx Borough Board meeting on February 23rd. He stated that he felt that two of the items discussed affect Community Planning Board #11.

1. Prison Ward

Dom said that for several years the idea of a Prison Ward at Jacobi Hospital has been discussed. He stated that Kings County Hospital has just received money to expand its Prison Ward. Dom said that this should take three to four months. He stated that Bellevue would service Manhattan and the Bronx. Dom explained that if a prisoner was wounded and taken to Jacobi Hospital a correction officer would be assigned to take him to Bellevue. He stated that this would eliminate the need for using police from the 43rd and 47th precincts. Dom said that with these changes there was no need for a Prison Ward at Jacobi at this time.

2. Nuclear waste material transport through streets of the Bronx

Dom said that Sol Lirtzman and Lee Mager had met prior to his arrival with Mr. Eliver from the United States Nuclear Commission. He said that Mr. Eliver spoke about the fact that the federal government has passed legislation which would supercede the New York City legislation and permit nuclear wastes to be transported throughout the city whenever they wanted. Dom said that a motion was made at the Borough Board, which represents the citizens of the Bronx, to go on record as showing its opposition to the transportation of nuclear wastes or other toxic matters through the streets of New York City. Dom said that this motion was passed.

Dom said that Community Board #11 members had received an invitation from the Borough President to attend a Community Board training and orientation at Fordham University. He said that as many Planning Board members as possible who can attend should go.

V. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Tom Brown said that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been distributed tonight along with a letter from Dom concerning committee requests. He stated that all Board members should fill it out.

2. Tom said that he attended a meeting that was held at his request on Tuesday, with the Bronx Office of Sanitation, the Superintendent of Bronx East, the head of Sanitation Police, and District #11's Superintendent Oliva. Tom said that he had requested that the person who was giving out the bulk of tickets be present at the meeting, but that whether by an error, oversight or whatever he was not there. He stated that they had been able to do a lot of frank talking without him there. Tom said that he would be making a more extensive report to the Sanitation and Environment Committee. He stated that he wanted to get Sanitation guidelines out to the community and the community groups as soon as possible. He explained some of the regulations.

Tom stated that he felt that he conveyed the Board's sentiment when he urged that the Sanitation officer stay within the commercial area. He explained why these tickets might have been given out. Tom said that he had asked for spot checks to be made in the commercial areas during closing hours in the evening.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

3. Housekeeping

Dom said that Harrison Goldin has asked to come to a Board meeting. Dom asked the Board to come up with questions and to give them to Tom. He stated that he felt this would be a good opportunity to question Mr. Goldin on various problems in our community and get more positive answers.

Dom noted that the third Thursday in April is Holy Thursday, a Catholic Holiday. He asked if the Board would like to set the April meeting back one week.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Joe Reda - That the April meeting of Community Board #11 be moved to April 23rd.

VI. TREASURE'S REPORT

Tom Daly said that copies of the proposed Budget for fiscal year 1982 had been distributed. He stated that there were some adjustments from the previous proposal which had been approved by the Board. He explained that the amount for supplies was

decreased and the amount for rent was increased and he explained the reasons for this.

VII. BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bob Castellanete spoke about the training session for Board members scheduled for Sunday, March 29th. He stated that it was important for all members to attend.

Dom introduced the past Chairman, Stephen Vento.

Bob Castellanete stated that May 8 - May 17 is Bronx Week. He said that anyone interested in participating in the various community events should call Evelyn Schwab at 590-3939.

Bob said that the Borough President was successful in getting CD money for the renovation of storage space in the Pelham Parkway Houses converted to a Senior Citizen facility. He stated that there was no money for a refrigerator, stove, table and chairs, but that John Simon of the Housing Authority agreed to supply these needed items.

Bob said that on March 16th and 17th the Board of Estimate held a Public Hearing on Cable Television for the four boroughs which do not have it. He stated that it is on its way, but that people should not expect it immediately and explained the reasons why.

Discussion took place on the fact that a mini bus for the 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizens is being acquired, and that the Board was not informed of this.

Tom explained that the money for the mini bus apparently is coming from current operating funds and not the 1982 Budget.

Bob said that the Precinct Building is progressing on schedule.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development

As Abe Pereira was not present, Ira Alexander gave the report. Ira stated that the Committee had met last Wednesday. He stated that a member of the Economic Development staff of the New York Center for Community Affairs was there. He stated that the Committee proposes that Community Planning Board #11 support the Center in its efforts to organize the businesses along Morris Park Avenue, Williamsbridge Road and Westchester Square. He stated that the Center wants to solicit funds to hire two people to help get the businessmen organized.

Bob Black stated that he was at that meeting. He explained that one of the persons the Center planned to hire would cover the Morris Park-Williamsbridge area and the other would cover the Westchester Avenue area. Bob said that the committee recommended that three people be hired as there was too much work for only two.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 support the New York Center for Community Affairs in its attempts to organize the businesses along Williamsbridge Road, Morris Park Avenue and Westchester Avenue.

Unanimously passed.

Tom said that he had received a booklet of programs operated by the New York State Office of Urban Revitalization. He stated that there might be monies available for the various organizations i.e. Morris Park, Allerton etc. He elaborated on this, and stated that he wanted to go into this matter with the Economic Development Committee.

B. Land Use Committee

1. 911 Sackett Avenue

Steve Lovitch said that the Board of Standards and Appeals is going to hold a Public Hearing on March 30th concerning the Variance application for 911 Sackett Avenue. He stated that a representative of the Community Board may be there, and if that was not possible then a written communication would be sent to BSA expressing the Community Board's sentiments.

2. Sale of thirteen (13) city-owned parcels of land

Steve said that he felt there should be a Public Hearing on this. He stated that most of these lots are odd sizes.

3. I.R.T. substation on White Plains Road

Steve said that he felt that a Public Hearing should be held on both of these Land Use items in one night.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Steve Zarkin - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on April 7th at Beth Abraham Hospital on both Land Use items.

Passed with 2 against.

Dom stated that it will be a mandatory meeting.

Tom spoke about a lot at 1667 Hunt Avenue that the Board had asked be sold. He stated that a few weeks after that he received a call from Father Piccinni asking what could be done to help his Church buy this property. Tom went into detail on this issue and stated that a restrictive clause was added to this sale which provides that it be sold to a not-for-profit group.

Bob Castellanete explained that the Borough President had requested that this parcel be sold with a restriction limiting the parcel sale to a not-for-profit group for community use. He stated that the Commissioner had approved it and that is how it will be offered for sale.

Discussion took place on this restriction, as well as responsibility for notifying institutions and individuals when an adjacent parcel of land is up for sale.

Motion by Steve Zarkin - Second by Joe Reda - That the list of parcels up for sale including locations where available be published in the newspapers of record along with the notice of a Public Hearing.

For 27 Abstentions 2

Passed.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Bill Liblick - That wherever possible a letter be sent, marked "Occupant", to occupants of adjacent parcels regarding the sale of publicly owned land.

For 24 Against 5

Passed.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

C. Highways

As Silvio Mazzella was not present Tom Brown gave the report. Tom spoke about the proposal to move the bus stop signs for the #7 bus. He said that the Executive Committee had approved it and that a letter had been sent on this. Discussion took place on this.

Brenda Newman of the Allerton Coops tenant organization spoke about the issue of where the bus stop signs will be and asked if they will be notified.

Rhoda Gogatz stated that at the Executive Board meeting Silvio Mazzella was instructed to meet with his committee and present a report to the Board at this meeting.

Frank Muccioli suggested that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting be brought to the subsequent Board meeting.

Motion by Henry Yuspeh - Second by Myra Rose - That this item be tabled and returned to the Highways Committee for a report to the Board.

Passed with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

Rhoda Gogatz requested that her reason for abstaining be noted. That there was no date mentioned in the motion for this report to be presented to the Board after the Highways Committee meets.

D. Housing

Simeon Goldstein reported that the Apartment Improvement Program would meet on Monday.

Frank Muccioli read a letter from Greg Arcaro concerning the dinner-meeting of March 23 of the Partnership Committee of the Apartment Improvement Program.

Dom said that the designees to the Partnership Committee are Simeon and Frank and that the alternates are Joe Milone and Belle Vogel.

E. Social Services

Myra Rose said that the Board had received a letter from the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty. She stated that the Council is requesting funds from the City's Division of Adult and Family Services for a program that would provide home care services up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week for Medicaid eligible clients who are medically incapacitated but able to remain at home.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 support this group in its efforts.

Myra read the letter and discussion took place on this.

Passed with 1 against and 2 abstentions.

Myra stated that the Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics (Mr. Elias Gootzeit) has asked the Board to approve 1833 Hunt Avenue as a site for a community residence program to service 10-12 mentally retarded individuals over the age of 18. She stated that the I.H.A.D. has not gone to O.M.R., but that they had received approval from H.U.D. to develop a site. Monies from H.U.D. would be forthcoming if the development of the residence moves forward. She stated that her committee felt that a Public Hearing should be held on this site.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on the proposed group residence at 1833 Hunt Avenue.

Unanimously passed.

Dom said that the Morris Park Association is in favor of this site.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That the Hearing be held on April 15 at a location on Hunt Avenue or as close as possible.

2213 Wallace Avenue

Myra said that the Hearing on the proposed group home at 2213 Wallace Avenue is going to be held on Thursday, March 26th. She stated that it is a closed Hearing. Myra then read part of the letter stating who can attend and speak. She said that the Board had asked for the Corporation Council to be at the Hearing but that his office had turned down the Board's request. She stated that the Borough President had been asked to send a representative, but that she had not heard from him.

Discussion took place on Steve Lovitch's request that Lee Mager's motion of last month be rescinded. Steve explained that Lee had misunderstood the intent of the Charter when he made his motion.

Dom asked that Myra and Ruth Bernstein go to the Hearing.

F. Summer Youth Program

Shirley Rubman stated that her Committee - Lew Goldstein, John Cifichello, Myra Rose, Annette Marchitello, Madeline Saltaformaggio and herself - has been in the office every day from 2:30 - 5:30 giving out and receiving applications for the 1981 Summer Youth Program. She said that the deadline for submission of application from youngsters 14 - 21 is March 27th. Shirley said that there are one hundred jobs available, and that applicants will be chosen on a lottery basis.

Shirley said that on Monday her Committee met and interviewed candidates for the Project Director's job. She said that there were many good candidates, and that the Committee had selected Joanne Gray.

Motion by Shirley Rubman - Second by Belle Vogel - That Community Planning Board #11 approve the Committee's choice of Joanne Gray as Project Director.

Unanimously approved.

G. Education

Ruth Burko said that she had received a letter from the Board of Education Bureau of Attendance regarding an inventory or list of non public schools in the district.

Ruth reported on the fires at Columbus High School. She said that the Principal, Grace Rosa, would be meeting with the Police on Tuesday to discuss this.

Ruth said that the Bronx Council on the Arts has a new Director, William Aguado. She stated that the previous Director, Fred Croton, is now General Manager of Cultural Affairs in Los Angeles.

Ruth said that her Committee recommended that an educational program be instituted to inform the community, particularly the youngsters, as to the need for group homes.

Ruth Weiss spoke about the School Board's meeting of February 17, where a grant was approved for exceptionally gifted children at P.S. 83. Ruth told the Board how the School Board had helped groups get after-school programs.

H. Public Safety

As Lee Mager was not present, Tom Brown gave the report. He said that he was able to pick up the batteries for the patrols, and that they were equally distributed.

Tom spoke about the grant for a Citizens Crime Prevention Program. He stated that he had held a meeting several weeks ago with the representatives from each of the patrols, and that they had decided to divide the amount to be spent (\$6,250) evenly. Tom said that they have submitted their list of items needed to him. He stated that the Board would be developing a Letter of Agreement that each patrol would have to sign as the Board has to report back to the State on the Program's effectiveness. He stated that the patrols will report back to the Board as to what they were able to accomplish as a result of receiving this new equipment.

I. Other

1. Community Development

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by Charlie Re - That the mini van request of Community Planning Board #11 be removed as a high priority and placed as a low priority, and that everything else be moved up.

Passed with 1 against and 1 abstention.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to all elected officials asking that they inform the Community Board on any changes in the budget priorities that the Board recommends.

Unanimously passed.

2. Parks

Elizabeth Brown said that she had received a letter from the Pelham Parkway Little League requesting that the Board send a letter to the Parks Department requesting that the grass on the infield of Sid Jacobs Field be removed.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by John Cifichello - That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to the Parks Department requesting that the grass on the infield of Sid Jacobs Field be removed.

Unanimously passed.

3. Name Change

Elizabeth spoke about the change in name of the roadway on the perimeter of the New York Botanical Gardens to the Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Multiple Seconds - That Community Planning Board #11 approve this name change.

Passed with 1 against.

Tom discussed an item on the District Service Cabinet Minutes of a Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 30th. He said that he had suggested to the Department of Recreation that another day be chosen because of the possible conflicts with the traditional observation of Memorial Day and the Sabbath observation of a significant portion of the community residing near the Oscar Comras Mall.

IX. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dom named the following people to the Nominating Committee:

Barbara Fried, Henry Yuspeh, Sal Napolitano, Bill Liblick and Leslie McHenry. He said that Bill Liblick would be the Chairman.

Tom said that nominations can also come from the floor at the May meeting, but that the person must be there to accept.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Lew Goldstein stated that over a year ago it had been agreed that Executive Committee Minutes be at the Board Meetings.

Tom Daly spoke about the need for a new typewriter in the office. Discussion took place on this. It was decided that Tom Brown should use his judgement on this.

A. Office Space

Dom named a committee to look into a place for the Board to move. He named Ira Alexander and Shirley Rubman to this committee.

Ira told the Board of a possible site where the Visiting Nurse Service was, and said that he would look into it. Also a site on Maran Place was mentioned.

Tom said that A.G.E.D. is a possibility again.

B. Removal of Delinquent Board Members

Steve Vento stated that he had not been able to attend Board meetings due to business. He stated that he would be offering his resignation to the Borough President, but that he would be willing to be of assistance to the Board whenever possible.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That a committee be appointed to look into the delinquency of Board members.

Passed with 2 abstentions.

Dom named the following people to this committee:

Charlie Re, Chairman, Sol Lirtzman, Steve Lovitch, and Annette Marchitello.

Dom said that the committee would meet with the Officers and go over the break down of attendance, and speak to the Board members who are delinquent.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - No Second - That the Board Office make available to Board members the portions from the New York Charter regarding the roles, responsibilities and authorities of Community Board members.

Motion by Joe Reda - Second by Charlie Re - That the Meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Rhoda Gogatz,
Secretary

PRESENT

Ira Alexander
Ruth Bernstein
Robert S. Black
Rita Bolstad
M. Elizabeth Brown
Ruth Burko
Dominic Castore
John Cifichiello
Thomas R. Daly
Gloria Di Gianni
Anthony J. Funigiello
Rhoda R. Gogatz
Lewis Goldstein
Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Romolo Imundi
Simon Konovitch
Michael LaGuardia
William Liblick

Steven Lovitch
Leslie McHenry
Joseph A. Milone
Frank Muccioli
Salvatore Napolitano
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
William J. Ricevuto, Jr.
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Myra Rose
Shirley Rubman
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Amy Tomashevsky
Stephen F. Vento
Belle Vogel
Ruth Weiss
Henry Yuspeh
Steve Zarkin

ABSENT

Edith Conato
Eileen D'Allessio
Ann Danisi
Clara De Velazquez
Barbara Fried
Roy Israel
Solomon J. Lirtzman

Lee M. Mager
Annette Marchitello
Silvio Mazzella
Ernest C. Odierna
Abraham Pereira
Jerry Santarpia

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager - C.P.B. #11
Harriet Lasky - C.P.B. #11
Bob Castellanete - Rep. Boro. Pres. Stanley Simon
Howard Liker - Rep. Assemblyman V. Marchiselli
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bronx Borough Board
Ted Weinstein - H.P.D.-Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Preservation Office
Morris Friedberg - Director, Parkside Senior Center, Rep. Carl Samuel,
Field Supervisor for N.Y.C. Division of Senior Centers

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Thomas M. Denaro - Rep. Hon. Jerry L. Crispino
Eileen Weinrib - Rep. Senator Bernstein
Lenore Kaplan - Rep. Assemblyman Eliot L. Engel

GUESTS:

Mrs. Thal Davis - Chairman, 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizens Center
Brenda Newman - President, Allerton Coops Tenants Association
Joseph H. Andreas - Allerton Avenue Coops Association
T. Gilbert - 2852 Bronx Park East
Eleanor Cook
John Tosto
Zina Tosto