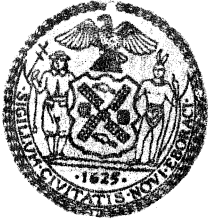


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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 1981 AT THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

Dom welcomed the Board members and the community to the start of a new year.

I. Gallery Session

A. Anthony Rizzo - representing BIG APPLES (Bronxites In Grand Alliance to Prevent Pollution, Traffic and Loss of Ethnic Stability)

Mr. Rizzo stated that he had heard a lot about the wonderful things Community Board #11 has done. He said that BIG APPLES is fighting against the proposed MTA garage. Mr Rizzo said that Community Board #11 is the only Communnity Board that has not joined them in their fight against the garage.

Dom explained why the Community Board has not backed them up.

Several Community Board members asked Mr. Rizzo questions. He then explained why BIG APPLES is opposed to this garage.

Dom asked for a letter from Mr. Rizzo explaining the problems.

B. Thal Davis - 2424 Boston Road Senior Center

Mrs. Davis thanked Community Board #11 for its help in getting her expansion plan for the Center completed. She stated that she was waiting for a date for the groundbreaking. Mrs. Davis thanked the Board for the air conditioning, the mini-bus and the expansion. She then thanked the District Manager Tom Brown for all of his efforts.

C. Mario Piccoli - Van Nest Blocks Association

Mr. Piccoli spoke about an auto repair shop at 1750 Melville Avenue. Mr. Piccoli explained the problems that the neighboring residents are having with trucks parking in their driveways and pollution. He stated that he had a petition against this.

Tom said that he had spoken to the Buildings Department about this, and that apparently the operator has the necessary Certificate of Occupancy. He said that he will make a complaint with Air Resources and Police.

D. Stella Fernandez - Van Nest Blocks Association

Mrs. Fernandez reported that on Morris Park Avenue from 180th Street to Unionport Road along the retaining wall the weeds are overgrown and there is dirt, dog droppings,

broken benches and garbage. She stated that she had called the Transit Authority and the Health Department.

Tom said that he had signed a letter to her tonight, that it would go out tomorrow, explaining the difficulties in getting these conditions remedied.

II. Corrections

Tony Funigiello said that Angelo Campanero's statement in the Gallery Session (page 1) should read as follows:

"He stated that recently Community Boards #11 and #12 were dealt two severe blows by their public agencies (City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate). He stated that in Board #11 it was an unwanted federalization of a housing project (Pelham Parkway Houses)."

Motion by Lew Goldstein - Second by Tony Funigiello - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted.

III. Welcome and Chairman's Report

Dom welcomed everyone and said that he hoped everyone would become involved with Community Board business this year. He said that those who do not will be asked to leave.

Dom stated that the Board members had been sent their committee assignments. He said that if anyone was unhappy with his assignments to call him personally.

Dom said that now along with Committee Chairmen there will be an Assistant Chairman. He then explained why he had decided to have Assistant Chairmen. Dom said that he wanted to see more committee meetings, and that attendance would be kept at these meetings. Dom said that those who consistently do not attend meetings will be asked to leave the Community Board.

Dom recognized Det. Tom Lyons and noted that he has returned to duty. He then introduced Capt. Brancella of the 49th Precinct.

Det. Lyons stated that he was glad to be back. He reported that Capt. Burke of the 47th Precinct has instituted a new program whereby two young policemen will go into noisy areas and move those people creating the noise. He stated that their main function is to move the people and not arrest them. He stated that arrests would be made only if there are problems getting these people to move.

Dom advised that anyone having problems with such noisemakers should bring it to the attention of the police.

Dom asked that the committees hold seminars to acquaint the members with what the committee does. Dom said that if anyone was assigned to more committees than he feels he can handle to let him know.

Dom introduced Shirley Rubman, the First Vice Chairman.

Shirley stated that she agreed with Dom that all should work, and she stated that she hoped for a productive year.

Dom introduced Myra Rose, the Second Vice Chairman.

Myra spoke about the need to move the District Office. She asked all present that if they know of any place to let her know. She stated that we need 1500 square feet and can pay \$500 a month.

Tom then explained the steps involved in a move by a city agency.

Discussion took place on several sites.

IV. District Manager's Report

Tom reported that the District Service Cabinet Minutes for July had been distributed. He stated that there had been no District Service Cabinet meeting in August, and explained the reasons.

Tom said that the Summer Recreation Mobile Units were very successful for the youngsters. He said that there were some communication problems which he hoped would be worked out before the next summer.

Tom said that the mini-tornado last week caused a lot of problems which he had to handle.

Tom said that the Mall Corporation's commercial revitalization is almost complete. He stated that the date for completion is not known as yet. Tom said that they are going to have a groundbreaking ceremony, and will need a street activity permit. He asked the Board for a "blank check" for the street activity permit due to the fact that C.A.U. needs 30 days for approval and there would not be time to come to the Board for a vote on this.

Motion by Ruth Bernstein and Abe Pereira - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 give Tom the authority to go ahead with these permits when the time occurs.

Amended by Simeon Goldstein - Subject to the consent of the Chairman, First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman.

Passed with 1 against

Tom said that because of the new trees there would be a difference in the placement of the holiday lights. He stated that they might be put up later than usual. Tom asked for the Board's approval on this.

Discussion took place on this, and it was decided that a separate motion was not needed as Tom had received a "blank check" approval previously.

Tom spoke about his visit to 911 Sackett Avenue last night. He reviewed what had happened with the Variance on this. Tom said that at 11:00 P.M. he drove by, and saw that the place was open. He stated that he returned to the office and called the owner Mr. Coretti. Tom said that Mr. Coretti promptly came down to 911 Sackett Avenue, and told his tenant that this was not to happen again. Tom said that he felt Mr. Coretti had shown good faith.

V. Treasurer's Report

Leslie McHenry stated that copies of the Treasurer's Report had been distributed. She said that anyone with a question should ask Tom.

VI. Borough President Stanley Simon

Borough President Simon stated that the 49th Precinct has finally become a reality. He said that when he became Borough President, he made it the number one priority. Borough President Simon said that the summer concerts came about because of Community District #11's interest. He stated that Bob Nolan is now the liaison to Board #11, and that Bob would finish the report.

Bob thanked the Borough President for making him liaison to Board #11. He stated that it was a busy summer. Bob said that \$75,000 had been allocated for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, and \$500,000 for commercial revitalization for non Community Development eligible areas.

Bob said that all community groups should attend the Board Budget Hearings and give the Board its requests. He said that if there are any problems or requests, to call him.

Dom stated that Borough President Stanley Simon was going to install the new Officers.

Borough President Simon stated that Community Planning Board #11 was the most active Board in the Bronx. He said that he was delighted to have been asked to install the new Officers. He stated that he would introduce each Officer and then swear them in as a group.

He then introduced the officers as follows:

Chairman - Dom Castore
1st Vice Chairman - Shirley Rubman
2nd Vice Chairman - Myra Rose
Treasurer - Leslie McHenry
Secretary - Lew Goldstein

Borough President Simon then swore in the Officers, after which he congratulated all of them.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Youth

Shirley Rubman reported that the Youth Committee will meet next Thursday, and that she would have a report for the Board next month. She stated that the Summer Youth Employment Program Director was here tonight. Shirley said that it had been a delight and a pleasure to work with Joanne Gray. She then introduced Joanne.

Joanne explained the purpose of the program. She stated that the participants had worked in various agencies, and that the ages of the participants were from 14 to 21 years. Joanne said that they worked four days a week for seven weeks. She stated that they had received labor market information, learned how to prepare a resume and how to go for a job interview. Joanne said that some of the participants are still employed with their summer Work Sponsors.

B. Community Development and Budget

Ruth Bernstein said that it was that time of the year to discuss the budget. She explained the budget process. Ruth said that the Parks Department had asked that Community Planning Board #11 give Forestry and other Parks and Recreation divisions

a top priority. She stated that budget forms were being distributed tonight, and asked that the Board members fill them out, sign and return them to the Board office by the October meeting.

Ruth said that the Board was holding a Public Hearing on the Budget on October 5th in the Auditorium of the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital. She stated that to make it easier for the Executive Committee, they will meet earlier the same night.

Dom stated that the Public Hearing is a mandated meeting.

C. Economic Development

Abe Pereira reported that the Mall is almost complete. He stated that they are waiting for bulbs from the Brooklyn Union Gas Company to complete the work. He said that work should be completed by the middle or end of October.

Tom said that during the last legislative session a home rule message was passed which would permit the creation of special assessment districts. He said that he would have copies of this legislation made for Abe and the Chairman.

D. Land Use

1. Sale of City-owned property - C820116PPX

Steve Lovitch stated that this property is located on Antin Place. He stated that it was 250 square feet on a slope of land behind Garbology. Steve said that he saw no use to anyone but the owners of the commercial property in the area, and that he felt that the Board should waive a Public Hearing and be in noncompliance with the U.L.U.R.P. procedure.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Planning Board #11 be in noncompliance with the U.L.U.R.P. procedure, and not hold a Public Hearing on Block 4286 Lot 1, but to inform surrounding owners of a possible future sale by the City.

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Passed.

E. Housing

Frank Muccioli apologized to the members of the Housing Committee for not having brought the following item to them. He said that Tom indicated that the Borough President's Office had received a request to demolish 1630 Taylor Avenue. He stated that he had looked at 1630 Taylor Avenue and felt that it should be demolished.

Frank stated that he had spoken to Elizabeth Brown and Pat DeMartino of the Van Nest Civic and Block Associations on this. He stated that the foundation was cracked, the roof leaks and the front porch is very dangerous. Frank said that he felt the house was beyond repair and that was why he recommended it be demolished.

A great deal of discussion took place on this. Tom explained that so far as he knows it is privately owned, but that it could be demolished anyway.

Dom asked that this go through the regular procedures before the Board requests that it be demolished. He asked Bob Nolan to look into it.

F. Parks

Elizabeth Brown stated that her report had been distributed. She said that the Green Thumb Program is holding a gardening workshop on Saturday, September 26th, at 1 Police Plaza from 1-6 P.M.

G. Public Safety

Lee Mager reported that the police have instituted a new patrol called the "Quality of Life". He explained that they are to control crime in the streets. He stated that if anyone knew of drugs in the Parks, etc., to contact the police. Lee said that he had received a communication from the Task Force on the Traffic Circle of Dr. Kazimiroff Boulevard. He stated that Traffic spoke about painting some additional lines, but that there was no mention of extending the barrier. Lee said that a letter would be going to the Task Force expressing the Executive Committee's dissatisfaction with the recommended solution and requesting another meeting.

Discussion took place about the bump on the Bronx River Parkway above the I.R.T. tracks, and Tom explained the problems with it.

H. Highways

Motion by Mike LaGuardia - Second by Tony Funigiello - That Community Planning Board #11 stand with the BIG APPLES against the proposed M.T.A. garage.

Discussion took place on this.

Tom said that he had suggested and that Sol (when Chairman) had requested that the application be certified for the Borough Board.

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Passed.

As the Committee Chairman was absent there was no report. Dom stated that in the future when a Chairman was absent he expected the Assistant Chairman to give the report.

Tom stated that he had not attended the Highways Committee meeting, but that Mike LaGuardia had. He stated that there had been several requests for parking changes.

1. Restricted parking during school hours at Frampton Hall (across the street from the Blind Institute).

2. Extend restricted parking on Morris Park Avenue and Seminole Avenue (across from Bronx Municipal Hospital Center to the corner).

Mike said that no vote was taken on either.

Dom elaborated on the second request.

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Motion by Joe Reda - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the extension requested at Morris Park Avenue and Seminole Avenue.

Passed with 1 against.

The first request was referred back to committee.

Tom said that he anticipates a subpoena next week on a case in which a woman fell and was hurt, and is suing the city. He said that he has been in touch with the Corporation Counsel.

Tom said that while the Board voted against the Zoning request made by Constantine's, the City Planning Commission acted favorably on it. He stated that the report of the City Planning Commission contained an amendment to the request that came before the Board, which would essentially eliminate alternate side parking on Seminole Street and establish a loading zone. Tom said that the Board of Estimate voted unanimously in favor of the City Planning Commission report. He said that he did not think there was anything that the Board could do on the zoning change, but he asked for the Board's backing on requesting Traffic not to change the parking until the Planning Board consulted with the community.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Sal Napolitano - That Community Planning Board #11 support Tom and request that Traffic not change parking in the area until the Planning Board has consulted with the community.

Passed.

I. Education

Ruth Burko reported that renovation of Columbus High School began in July with the painting of classrooms and the cafeteria. She stated that they were now working on the second floor and hope to be completed with all the work by the end of the year. Ruth said that nothing has been done about the burned rooms yet, and that the energy kitchen is still pending.

J. Sanitation

Ernie Odierna stated that he will be holding a meeting next week.

Simeon asked about the Membership Committee.

Charlie Re said that they would be meeting at the end of the month.

Lew Goldstein said that he will be keeping attendance and explained what happens when someone leaves early.

Ruth Bernstein said that all Chairmen must get their priorities to her before October 5th.

VIII. Old Business

Lew Goldstein said that a memo had been sent out to those Board members who indicated they would be able to man the Board's booth at the Salute to Israel Festival. He stated that it would be from 12 Noon to 6 P.M. and that there would be copies of "Lend a Hand" available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein (TB)
Lew Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER 17, 1981, MEETING

PRESENT

Ruth Bernstein	Steve Lovitch
Robert S. Black	Lee Mager
Rita Bolstad	Leslie McHenry
M. Elizabeth Brown	Joseph Milone
Ruth Burko	Frank Muccioli
Dominic Castore	Salvatore Napolitano
John Cifichiello	Ernest Odierna (As per L.Goldstein, counted absent)
Pasquale DeMartino	Abraham Pereira
Barbara Fried	Charles Re
Anthony Funigiello	Joseph Reda
Rhoda R. Gogatz	William Ricevuto, Jr.
Lewis Goldstein	Myra Rose
Simeon Goldstein	Shirley Rubman
Romolo Imundi	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Michael LaGuardia	Henry Yuspeh
William Liblick	Steve Zarkin

ABSENT

Ira Alexander	Solomon J. Lirtzman
Edith Conato	Silvio Mazzella
Eileen D'Allessio	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Thomas R. Daly	Jerry Santarpia
Ann Danisi	Amy Tomashevsky
Gloria DiGianni	Stephen Vento
Allan Kalish	Belle Vogel
Simon Konovitch	Ruth Weiss

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Alfred Tartaglia - Rep. Hon. Jerry Crispino
Augie Paese - Rep. Hon. Michael DeMarco
Pat O'Hanlon - Rep. Hon. Aileen B. Ryan
Vincent J. O'Donnell - Rep. Hon. Joseph Savino
Eileen Weinrib - Rep. Sen. Abraham Bernstein
Arnold Linhardt - Rep. Assemblyman Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Robert F. Nolan - Borough President Simon's Office
Ralph B. Lawrence - Bronx Borough Board
Eunice Marchiselli - Rep. Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Board #11

GUESTS

Thal Davis - Chairman, 2424 Boston Road Senior Center
Capt. Silvano Brancella - 49th Police Precinct
Det. Tom Lyons - 47th Police Precinct