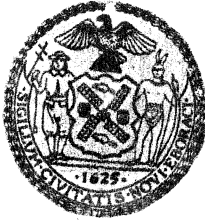


COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 1981

AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Shirley Rubman, First Vice Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Angelo Campanero - President of Chester Civic Association.

Mr. Campanero thanked Planning Board #11 for the action it had taken on the M.T.A. garage. He also thanked the Planning Board for the speed in which it has abandoned cars towed away. Mr. Campanero then discussed a letter that the Planning Board had received from Bronx Developmental Services about its use of 2225 Lodovick Avenue. He stated that what they planned to do is not what the Board had previously approved. He stated his objections to this home.

B. David Edelstein - Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway

Mr. Edelstein read a letter from the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway to Mayor Koch against the Councilmanic redistricting of the Bronx which would result in the division of the Pelham Parkway Community.

C. Isabelle Romita

Ms. Romita asked several questions about the Willowbrook Mandate and others related to the Lodovick Avenue Home.

D. Thal Davis

Mrs. Davis stated that she was here tonight as the Co-Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the 1001 Pelham Parkway North residents who are against the redistricting. She spoke about how it would not be good for the area to be separated.

E. Arthur P. Carucci - member of Chester Civic Association

Mr. Carucci spoke about the 2225 Lodovick Avenue Home and explained why he is against it.

F. Anthony Rizzo

Mr. Rizzo spoke about the 2225 Lodovick Avenue Home and stated why he is against it.

II. Minutes

Corrections

Tom Brown stated that there had been a typographical error on Page 2 of the Minutes where Robert Black gave the Budget Committee's report. He said that it read H.R.A. where it should have read H.P.D.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Mike LaGuardia - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted

Shirley told the Board that Henry Yuspeh was in Mt. Sinai Hospital. She also stated that several Board members had sent in their resignations. They are Allan Kalish, Amy Tomashevsky, Sol Lirtzman and Belle Vogel.

III. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been distributed. He said that there is going to be a City-wide Community Board conference on Sunday, November 22nd at Hunter College from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Tom said that everyone was invited to go, and that the cost was \$4.00. He said that it is a Board related expense, so that anyone the Board sends can be reimbursed for it. Tom also said that there was going to be a weekend conference for Chairmen beginning December 3rd. He stated that it is being held by a group called Interface. Tom explained what would be discussed at this conference.

Tom said that Friday was the opening of the Pelham Parkway Mall Commercial Revitalization Program. He said that all are invited. Tom said that he and the Board should take pride in its opening because the Commercial Revitalization program had originated with the Board and several Board members had worked on it. Tom said that the ceremony will begin at 2:00, and that some of the elected officials would be there. He stated that there would also be some activities on Saturday.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Leslie McHenry stated that a copy of the Board's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1983 had been distributed. She stated that it is the same as the current budget. Leslie said that she needed Board approval on it tonight, so Tom could file it with the Borough President's Office the following day.

Some questions were asked about the budget which Tom answered.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 approve the Board's budget as proposed.

Passed

Dom Castore announced a Bazaar for the 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizen Center on Saturday and Sunday.

Councilmanic District Lines

Shirley explained that while this item did not appear on the Agenda there is some urgency involved, and thus she wanted it discussed. She asked if there were any objections. There were none.

Simeon Goldstein explained that the lines for the Councilmanic Districts have to be redrawn every ten years. He explained that the proposal as it stands now would divide the Pelham Parkway Community into three different districts. He elaborated on this and asked for a vote against this.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to the Borough President, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the City Council and to the County Chairman of the major parties stating the Board's objection to a redistricting which would result in a division of the Pelham Parkway community.

For 16 Abstentions 9

Passed

V. Committee Reports

A. Land Use

1. Rental of 2000 White Plains Road by the Department of Traffic (S810599PLX)

Steve Lovitch stated that at the October Board meeting the Board had waived a Public Hearing, unless inspection of the site by the Land Use Committee resulted in a need to conduct a Public Hearing. He said that his Committee's inspection of the site did not result in a recommendation for a Public Hearing, and that this view was conveyed to the Chairman and District Manager.

2. Disposition of City-owned property behind P.S. 96 (C820293PPX)

Steve stated that the Land Use Committee had met last night and decided that a Public Hearing should be held on this matter at P.S. 96. He stated that the date recommended was December 9th. Steve said that the Committee felt that a representative from the Division of Real Property should be invited to the Public Hearing. He stated that a letter should be sent to the Division of Real Property asking if anyone beside the Pelham Parkway Little League is interested in this site.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Elizabeth Brown - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on this item on December 9th at P.S. 96.

Amended by Simeon Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 authorize Tom to properly request that the Division of Real Property send the Board the information it wantd under the Freedom on Information Act.

Lee Mager stated that he was opposed to this motion because of the intricacies involved in a Freedom of Information Action.

Tom explained that there is a philosophical disagreement between some staff in City Planning and the Division of Real Property on the proper role of Community Boards on land disposition matters. He said that City Planning feels, and he concurs, that land use impact should be one of the concerns which Community Boards should have in acting on requests to dispose of City-owned property. Therefore, Community Boards should have information of prospective buyers or renters. On the other hand the Division of Real Property feels that the major issue is whether or not the City should dispose of the property as it would generally not sell or lease it to a user for any use which does not conform with zoning regulations.

Steve Lovitch requested that a representative of City Planning be at the Public Hearing.

Passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Shirley stated that this Public Hearing would not be mandated for all Board Members. She named the following people as Hearing Officers:

Steve Lovitch, Mike LaGuardia, Rita Bolstad, Ann Danisi, Pat DeMartino, Gloria DiGianni, Barbara Fried, Simeon Goldstein, Frank Muccioli, Lee Mager and Elizabeth Brown. Shirley said that other Board members are urged to attend this Hearing to learn what is involved. She then explained it was not mandated for all Board Members because a vote need not be taken prior to the December Board meeting.

3. Intro #963

Steve explained that there is currently pending a proposed Charter revision-- Intro #963--which would remove most dispositions of City-owned property from any Community Board consideration prior to Board of Estimate action. He stated that the Land Use Committee at its meeting last night recommended opposition to this change.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Rita Bolstad - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record as being opposed to Intro #963.

For 23 Opposed 1 Abstentions 1

Passed

4. Demapping of Chesbrough Avenue between Blondell Avenue and the Transit Authority Rail Yard (C800349MMX)

Steve explained where this is and he explained what is involved. He suggested that since it was such a small street abutting the T.A. Rail Yard that the Board hold a Public Hearing on this prior to its regular meeting on December 17th at 7:30 P.M.

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Steve Zarkin - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on C800349MMX prior to its next monthly meeting.

Passed.

VI. Borough President's Report

Bob Nolan reported that the Cable Working Group (a separate arm of the Board of Estimate) had reached a decision today on Cable T.V. He stated that this was prior to the Board of Estimate meeting scheduled for December 9th. He stated that the Cable Working Group is recommending Cable Vision Company as the franchise for the Bronx. Bob explained that it offers 53 channels at \$4.00 per month. He stated that Borough President Simon will be suggesting that the Cable Vision franchise be negotiated. Bob said that it is hoped that by 1983 many parts of the Bronx will be wired for Cable T.V.

MaBSTOA

Bob stated that Borough President Simon had received assurances from MaBSTOA that 176 new Grumman buses will be brought to the Bronx in the next few months, and that 136 of the buses that were taken off the streets nine months ago will be returned by the Spring or Summer.

Shirley turned the meeting over to Dom Castore, Chairman.

VII. Committee Reports continued

A. Community Development and Budget Priorities

1. Sewer project on Mickle Avenue

As Ruth Bernstein was not present Tom reviewed what had happened with respect to the sewer project for Mickle Avenue. He stated that the Board had received a Preliminary Design Scope for the work and had wanted a response. Because of time limitations the Executive Committee had requested and received authorization to act on behalf of the Board. Tom stated that subsequently a meeting was held with the residents of Mickle Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues to explain to them what was involved. Tom said that a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, Mr. John Leonforte, was there and that he was able to answer the questions they asked. Tom said that the Committee reported on the meeting to the Executive Committee. Tom said that a letter was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection asking that it continue the scope and design work immediately, and to stay in touch with the Board. Tom said that they also said in the letter that similar meetings might be held as design progresses.

Tom said that he feels that meetings of this sort are one of the finest things the Board had done with respect to the community because it shows the residents that the Board and City agencies are sensitive to their need for information and demonstrates that the Board and agencies are also interested in the views of the residents.

2. Escalators for Pelham Parkway-White Plains Road Station

Tom said that he had attended a meeting yesterday at the headquarters of the New York City Transit Authority at Jay Street in Brooklyn. He stated that he went over some designs for the escalators on the Pelham Parkway station at White Plains Road. Tom said that he needed more information which he had requested. He stated that escalation at the station was Priority #6 on the Budget voted on last month. He said that he hoped to have more information next month.

B. Housing

Simeon Goldstein stated that the Committee's report had been distributed.

1. 1630 Taylor Avenue

Simeon described the building, and said that the Department of Buildings had inspected it. He stated that while the Committee felt that it was dangerous it does not warrant demolition. Simeon explained that if this house were demolished, a new house could never be built on this lot as the requirements for acreage have changed.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Abe Pereira - That Community Planning Board #11 request the New York City Division of Real Property to either sell the property at 1630 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, to a local person who would agree to rehabilitate it, or to offer it at auction subject to a deed provision that the new owner must live in in within a specified period or else forfeit it, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Borough President, the Councilman whose District includes 1630 Taylor Avenue, along with a letter requesting that they indicate to the Division of Real Property their support of Community Planning Board #11's request.

Unanimously passed

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Abe Pereira - That Community Planning Board #11 request the New York City Division of Real Property to promptly initiate the U.L.U.R.P. process, where it has not already taken place, on all one-to-four family houses that it owns which are located in areas where that type of housing is the predominant land use, and to sell them subject to a deed provision that the new owner must live in it within a specified period or else forfeit it, and that a letter be sent to the Borough President, and Councilmen-at-large requesting that they indicate to the Division of Real Property their support of Community Planning Board #11's request.

Passed with 1 abstention.

3. Broken Sidewalks

Tom explained that it is responsibility of the property owner--residential or commercial--to maintain the sidewalks. Failure to do so can result in a violation which in essence says that if the sidewalk is not repaired within a certain period of time, the City will do it, and affix the charge to the real property tax. The problem, however, is that the City has not had money during the last several years to do the repairs and the owners know this, and ignore the violation. In addition, when the City does have the money it bills the owner at cost and this cost is often cheaper than the owner could otherwise obtain from a contractor. Thus, again the owner is dissuaded from making necessary repairs before the City performs them.

Tom added that the recent sidewalk repairs which were performed in the community were done on sidewalks which had received violations--often several years ago. While he agreed that those sidewalks were in need of repair, he said that he felt that other sidewalks, also with violations perhaps should have had priority. He explained that unlike with street repaving, the Department of Highways did not consult with the Planning Board on priorities. He noted that he had expressed his displeasure to Highways and said that he hoped that there would be greater coordination in the future.

Discussion took place on this.

C. Parks

Elizabeth Brown reported that her Committee had not met this month. She said that the Board had received a letter about the absence of basketball hoops in the P.S. 105 schoolyard, and that Tom had been in touch with the School Board on it and was told that the hoops would soon be replaced.

D. Sanitation

Ernie Odierna stated that his Committee had held the second of its Round Robin meetings with Parkside Houses Tenants Council. He stated that they discussed issues of concern to that area. Ernie said that their next meeting would be on Wednesday, December 2nd at the Morris Park Community Association.

Ernie said that he had received a request from Boy Scout Troop #164 which meets at Holy Rosary, for a service project. He stated that he felt that the Boy Scouts could help the Planning Board and community people know the law about not sweeping leaves into the street or hosing them into the street.

E. Education

Ruth Burko stated that on October 15th she had attended a meeting at Columbus High School. She said that the meeting dealt with a Community Education Resources Project which is receiving initial funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. She noted

that five schools in New York City had been selected to operate the Project, and that one of these is Columbus High School. She explained that the concept of the Project is broad and includes inter agency coordination of services to meet local needs of populations ranging from pre-schoolers to senior citizens.

Ruth said that on November 9th her Committee had met. She stated that only herself, Madeline Saltaformaggio and Lee Mager were there. Ruth said that they discussed this proposal at length and recommended that the Board support it, and that there be a representative from the Board to serve on the Advisory Council. She also said that Mrs. Rosa, the principal of Columbus had told her that a coordinator had been chosen.

Questions were asked about the funding. Ruth explained that the monies from the Mott Foundation are for initiation of the Project.

Tom suggested that they get in touch with A.G.E.D.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Lew Goldstein - That Ruth Burko be the Community Board representative to the Advisory Council.

Passed

Motion by Charles Re - Second by Steve Zarkin - That Blanche Comras Rifkin be made the alternate.

Passed

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Steve Zarkin - That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter of appreciation to the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for allowing the community to be the recipient of this Project.

Passed

F. Economic Development

Abe Pereira stated that the Mall opens tomorrow. He invited all to attend.

Discussion took place on the Board's role in the revitalization.

G. Health and Social Services

As Myra Rose was not present Tom gave the report of the Health and Social Services Committee. He stated that the Committee's report had been distributed.

A great deal of discussion took place on the Lodovick Avenue site and the fact that this proposal is not the same one the Board previously approved.

Tom explained what the Board had approved a year and a half ago. He elaborated on this and what the Committee's recommendation meant. He then explained the Padovan Law, and that because of the contemplated size of the Program the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities did not have to come to the Board at all.

Several forms of a motion and amendment were made on this. The final one was:

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 once again recommends that the original position passed by the Board for a Community Residence at 2225 Lodovick Avenue for 10 residents and a maximum of 6 respite beds be adhered to and further

Amendment by Ernie Odierna - That the Health and Social Services Committee organize a meeting with community representatives, Mr. Carmichael of Bronx Developmental Services and representatives of the Community Action for Human Services as quickly as possible to discuss the plans for this facility.

Discussion took place on this.

Motion by Lee Mager - Accepted by Ernie Odierna - To table the original motion and vote on the amendment at this time.

For 21 Against 4

Tabled

Substitute Motion by Ernie Odierna - Second by Tony Funigiello - That the Health and Social Services Committee proceed as expeditiously as possible to organize a meeting with representatives of C.A.H.S., Mr. Carmichael of Bronx Developmental, members of the Lodovick Avenue community and the Committee to discuss the Lodovick Avenue facility.

For 24 Abstentions 2

Passed

Dom introduced Captain Benjamin DiGregorio of the 43rd Precinct who is the new commander of the 49th Precinct.

Captain DiGregorio stated that it was a pleasure to work with the community. He said that the whole community needs to work together for the sake of all.

H. Membership

Charlie Re stated that copies of proposed changes to the By-Laws had been distributed. He stated that the Committee had met on November 9th. Charlie said that several Board members had resigned and he read their names. He then read the proposed changes. Charlie stated that the way the By-Laws read now, 33 Board Members could be considered for dismissal, and that rather than do this the Committee felt that new By-Laws should be proposed to achieve greater clarity of intent in matters of attendance.

A great deal of discussion took place on this. The discussion was tabled because By-Law revisions cannot be voted upon at the meeting at which they are presented.

I. Other

1. Summer Youth Employment Program

Shirley reported that the Department of Employment of the City of New York sent a letter to the Board asking whether or not it is interested in sponsoring the S.Y.E.P. for 1982.

Motion by Shirley Rubman - Second by Blanche Comras Rifkin - That Community Planning Board #11 once again sponsor the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Passed with 1 against.

Shirley said that a letter would be sent to the Department of Employment telling them that the Board is interested.

VIII. Old Business

1. Office Space

Lee Mager stated that three sites had been looked at, one on Eastchester Road, one at Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road and the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. He stated that the Executive Committee felt that Bronx Municipal Hospital Center offers the Board the best deal in terms of rent, space and security. He stated that it would be four rooms modified to suit our needs, with utilities and full services for \$400 per month. He recommended that it be approved.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 move its District Office to the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein 

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER 19, 1981 MEETING *

PRESENT

Rita Bolstad	(1;1)	Steve Lovitch	(3;3)
Elizabeth Brown *	(2;0)	Lee Mager	(4;3)
Ruth Burko	(1;5)	Leslie McHenry	(1;4)
Dominic Castore	(0;1)	Joseph Milone	(1;5)
John Cifichello	(2;3)	Frank Muccioli	(1;2)
Ann Danisi	(3;5)	Salvatore Napolitano	(1;2)
Pasquale DeMartino	(0;0)	Ernest Odierna	(3;3)
Gloria DiGianni	(3;4)	Abraham Pereira	(4;2)
Barbara Fried	(1;1)	Charles Re	(1;5)
Anthony Funigiello	(0;5)	William Ricevuto	(4;7)
Rhoda Gogatz	(0;1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2;4)
Lewis Goldstein	(0;0)	Shirley Rubman	(1;3)
Simeon Goldstein	(0;1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0;2)
Simon Konovitch	(4;5)	Ruth Weiss	(2;2)
Michael LaGuardia	(0;4)	Steve Zarkin	(1;7)
William Liblick	(0;3)		

ABSENT

Ira Alexander	(5;4)	Romolo Imundi	(3;3)
Ruth Bernstein	(4;2)	Silvio Mazzella	(4;3)
Robert Black	(3;6)	Joseph Reda	(3;5)
Edith Conato	(9;7)	Myra Rose	(2;0)
Eileen D'Allessio	(9;7)	Jerry Santarpia	(9;7)
Thomas Daly	(7;4)	Stephen Vento	(9;7)
		Henry Yuspeh	(4;3)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Patricia O'Hanlon - Rep. Aileen Ryan
Miguel Riveria - Rep. Joseph Savino

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Leonard Liker - Rep. Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office
Robert Nolan - Borough President Simon's Office
Andrea Pereira - Department of City Planning
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager. Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky, Secretary, Community Planning Board #11

GUESTS

Thal Davis - Chairman, 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizen Center

* Numbers in parenthesis indicates absences from regular scheduled Board meetings; and Mandated Public Hearings since January 1981.