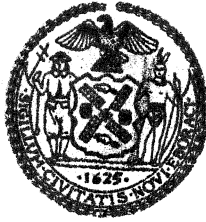


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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 1983 AT

ST. DOMINIC'S SCHOOL

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman

I. Gallery Session

A. Frances Rivera - Allerton Coops Tenants Association

Ms. Rivera asked Tom Brown if he was aware of the deplorable conditions at Zimmerman Playground and what would be done in the immediate future to fix the Park up.

Tom said that he was aware of the conditions in the playground, and that he believed that sometime in Fiscal Year 84 which begins July 1, 1983 there will be capital funds going into the Park. Tom said that the rehabilitation of Zimmerman Playground has been a high priority of Community Board #11 for several years. He said that from the way the Parks Department had described some spruce up work which was done in the playground a year ago, it was thought at that time that the problems would be corrected. Tom said that when he saw that spruce up work did not include rehabilitating the drainage system or handball courts he suggested to the Planning Board that a high priority be placed on more extensive rehabilitation of Zimmerman. Tom said that Elizabeth Brown had received a letter from Deputy Commissioner Bronson Binger of the Parks Department stating that this rehabilitation is in the pipeline for construction in Fiscal Year 84. Tom said that he had been monitoring the situation of the boiler in the Park house at Zimmerman Playground and he explained the problems.

Ms. Rivera asked if the swings and basketball hoops would be replaced.

Tom said that he would have to look at the scope. He said that the main concern was the drainage problem at Zimmerman. Tom said that if swings and basketball hoops are not included in the scope, he would try to have it included in the City's ongoing maintenance program.

Ms. Rivera spoke about the debris in the Park, and Tom said that he would look into it.

Brenda Petri asked if there would be a summer camp at Zimmerman, and Tom said that there would be. He said that he would speak to the people running the camp

as to any interruptions which might be caused by construction.

B. Geraldine DelGaudio - St. Lucy's Community Action Committee

Ms. DelGaudio stated that on March 20th the St. Lucy's Community Action Committee held a petition drive against the proposed arcade at 2028 White Plains Road. She stated that she had thirty-two petitions with seven hundred signatures. Ms. DelGaudio said that these people were all against the arcade.

Ms. DelGaudio also spoke about the playground at P.S. 89 on Williamsbridge Road and Mace Avenue. She said that it was very much in need of lighting. Ms. DelGaudio also said that the park is littered with broken bottles from youth drinking in the park at night, and she asked for police on the street.

Ms. DelGaudio also spoke about the traffic lights being out at Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway from 8 - 9 A.M. and 4 - 5 P.M. She asked that they be taken care of before there is a serious accident.

Dom thanked the people of St. Lucy's for their effort in getting signatures.

Tom spoke about the Park lights. He also spoke about the traffic lights. He said that there is a special number to call for traffic signals that are out, and that they respond very quickly.

C. William Taylor - Allerton Coops Tenants Association

Mr. Taylor spoke about the deplorable conditions in Bronx Park from the Botanical Garden to 233rd Street. He said that there are many broken bottles and that it is impossible to ride a bicycle there. He also said that there are no receptacles for garbage and that there are broken benches.

Tom said that this is a joint interest area of Boards #11, #12, #6 and #7, and that Board #11 takes in the area from Allerton Avenue to Adeo Avenue. He said that he has learned that this summer the Parks Council, which is a private not for profit group supporting parks in the City, is going to be a Project Sponsor for the Summer Youth Employment Program and that it plans on placing youngsters in Bronx Park. Tom stated that he hoped this would help. He said that this is not one of Board #11's S.Y.E.P. sites.

D. Angelo Campanaro - President, Chester Civic Association

Mr. Campanaro spoke about the Gun Hill Road subway station of the Dyre Avenue line. He stated that about a year and a half ago representatives of the MTA had appeared at a Board meeting and gave the details of how they were going to upgrade several stations. Angelo said that plans have been stopped temporarily at least, by the courts, because no provisions have been made for the handicapped. He said that the Gun Hill Road station is dirty, stinks and has no lighting. Angelo said that the station doors are not wide enough and that turnstiles are too narrow. He asked that the station be upgraded immediately despite the court stay.

5. John DiCicco - Zerego Community Association

Mr. DiCicco stated that he was here tonight to protest the move of the traffic court from Arthur Avenue to the Williamsbridge Road Courthouse on Westchester Square. He read letters from the Zerego Community Association and the Westchester Square Businessmen's Association. John stated that he had spoken with Lucy Cruz of Board #9

and that she was against this move. He asked that the Zerega Community Association and Board #9 be informed of what is happening.

Tom read parts of a letter dated May 16, 1979 to former Commissioner Peter P. Smith III of D.G.S. from Sol Lirtzman former Chairman of Community Board #11. Tom explained the Board's position at that time as favoring the occupancy of the courthouse by any city agency paying rent to a private lessor.

6. Priscilla Crowell - Tenants League of Eastchester Garden

Ms. Crowell spoke about the pool situation and asked that if the pool cannot be renovated that it be removed because it is an eyesore and unsafe. Ms. Crowell also asked about the basketball courts and stated that lighting is needed in the park. She said that the Tenants League plans to run a summer program in the park, and that these repairs are necessary before the program begins.

Elizabeth spoke about the basketball hoops.

7. Cliff Thieleke - Morris Park Sports Club

Mr. Thieleke spoke about the drainage problems at Loretto Playground. He said that he was told that there is a section of the pipes that is clogged with tree roots and that a new piece of pipe is needed. He also said that the asphalt is cracking and that if it is not repaired by the summer it will deteriorate to the point that rehabilitation will be a capital budget item. Cliff said that an engineer told him that it is an in-house job and that it can be done, if it is pushed through. He asked the Community Board to find out why there was a delay.

Dom reported that Ruth Bernstein had become a grandmother of a baby girl today.

II. Minutes

Motion by Blanche Comras Rifkin - Second by Bill Liblick - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed

III. Chairman's Report

Dom reported that he had attended a Borough Board meeting at which he learned that the Parks Department is proposing to take away the lighting in the parks. Dom said that all the people at the meeting were against this move. He said that he would report on what takes place at the next meeting. Dom said that abandoned cars are being removed at a much better rate.

IV. District Manager's Report

Tom reported that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been mailed to the Board members. He asked the Board members to make sure that the office has their correct business number, and that the office be notified when there is a change.

V. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that reconstruction of roadways, curbs, sidewalks

including water mains and sewers will begin in May of 83 and end in May of 84. She stated that the area to be reconstructed includes Allerton Avenue from Eastchester Road to Lodovick Avenue, Kingsland Avenue from Allerton Avenue to Gun Hill Road, Mickle Avenue from Mace Avenue to Gun Hill Road and Westvelt Avenue from Allerton Avenue to Gun Hill Road.

Annette said that the Bronx Week parade would be on May 8th and that during the week of May 9 - 13 there will be special events. She said that a mailing would be going out on this.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Land Use

1. C830824HAX - P.S. 34 site

Art DeLuca stated that a Public Hearing was held on this application earlier tonight. He asked the Board members to look at their fact sheets on the site. Art said that the Board has to act on three separate aspects of the application. He stated that based on tonight's Public Hearing and what had transpired at the Van Nest Blocks Association meeting, he feels that the Board should approve this application.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 recommend approval of the application as filed by the Department of H.P.D. on all items as listed in that fact sheet:

1. Designate the City-owned parcel, formerly occupied by P.S. 34, straddling Victor and Amethyst Streets between Rhinelander and Morris Park Avenues, as an Urban Development Action Area.
2. Develop the parcel under the Urban Development Area Action Program known as the Homeownership Program.
3. Dispose of the parcel to the New York City Housing Partnership, a not-for-profit, private organization composed of the leaders of industry, commerce, banking and labor unions in New York City, to develop the parcel with financing made available, in part, from the Homeownership Program.

For 32 Abstentions 3

Passed

Tom said that the Board owes a great deal of thanks to the Neighborhood Preservation Office and Ted Weinstein, his staff, his superiors at H.P.D., the Bronx Office of City Planning including John Lavin and his predecessor Andrea Pereira, and the Van Nest Civic and Blocks Associations for their work.

2. 830886 ZMX

Art reported that this uncertified application is for a zoning change for a parcel of land on the northwest corner of Arnow and Colden Avenues to allow the sale of new and used automobiles. He said no action is necessary at this time.

B. Ad Hoc Committee on the Arcade

Abe Pereira reported that there have been several meetings with the community. Abe said that he, Rhoda and Tom had put in a lot of time on this.

of time on this. He said that twenty to thirty thousand signatures have been obtained on petitions opposing the arcade. Abe said that there is a waiting period until it comes before the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Tom said that the Department of City Planning had advised the Board of Standards and Appeals that an Environmental Impact Statement will be necessary to be filed by the applicant. Tom explained what an Environmental Impact Statement is. He stated that the hearing is calandared for May 10th, and that consideration of the matter will probably be laid over until a certified Environmental Impact Statement is submitted.

Abe thanked Rhoda and Tom for their work.

Rhoda thanked Norman Engel for getting the Executive Board of the Tenants Association of 2324, 2334 and 2344 Boston Road to go around in the buildings and get signatures. She also thanked Eli Goldsmith of 2300 Olinville Avenue for getting people to go around 2410 Barker Avenue for signatures. Rhoda asked the other Board members to go around and get signatures, especially those who live in apartment buildings.

Dom thanked the Morris Park, Allerton Avenue and Zerega Associations for their help.

C. Housing

1. Extension of Tax Abatement for Mitchell-Lama Houses

Simeon Goldstein reported that this abatement will expire unless there is new legislation.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Board #11 request that the public officials work for legislation to extend this abatement.

Passed with 2 opposed and 1 abstention

Norman Engel asked that this resolution also appear in the papers.

2. Demolition

Frank Muccioli asked Tom to speak on the demolition lists which the Board received from H.P.D.

Tom said that the Board had received yesterday, two lists which include buildings in Community District #11 on which H.P.D. would like to know the Board's preference on demolition or seal. Tom said that one of the lists was prepared last September, but never came to the Board. He said that Ted Weinstein had informed him of it, but that the Board had never received it.

Tom said that one of the sites on this list is a burned out section of a restaurant at 2722 White Plains Road just north of Allerton Avenue. He said that he learned from General Services that it was sold in February, but that title has not changed yet. He has already asked General Services to seal it. Tom said that he felt that it would be unfair if not impossible to have it demolished before the new owner has a chance to do something with the property. Tom said that the second property on the list is at 1672 Garfield Street. He said it is mixed residential and commercial and that the residential portion is occupied.

Tom gave the background on this building and recommended that it not be demolished or sealed.

1829 Barnes Avenue

Tom said that the Morris Park Association had informed the Board about this property. Tom said that he learned that the Veterans Administration is trying to gain title to it. Tom said that he sent a letter to the V.A. asking for the status of this property and what the ownership problem is. Tom said that he recommends that it not be demolished. He said that he spoke with H.P.D. and they said that nothing will be done for another month. Tom said that he is in contact with the manager for the V.A. who has said that he will seal the building every time that the sealing is removed.

Elizabeth informed Tom that last week the Department of Water and Sewers had put in a water line to 1672 Garfield and that someone told her that someone had moved into the building.

Motion by Frank Muccioli - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Board #11 not demolish these properties and that they be sealed up if unoccupied.

Passed

D. Youth Services

Lewis Goldstein reported that on April 13th the Youth Services Committee met at Columbus High School to discuss the three After School Programs that had been submitted for 83-84.

1. P.A. of P.S. 105 -\$10,000
2. Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association at J.H.S. 135 - \$20,000
3. Morris Park Association at P.S. 83 - \$20,000

Lewis said that there would be a meeting on May 11th at which the Youth Services Committee will take action on the three proposals. Lewis said that the Committee voted to try and have a dialogue and joint action with the Community School Board on these proposals.

Rhoda asked how these three community groups were notified that proposals could be submitted to the Youth Board. She stated that there were organizations within Community Board #11 who were never notified of the chance to submit a proposal. She said that the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway was not notified.

Discussion took place on this. Lewis said that at the Youth Services Committee meeting in January, at which Rhoda took minutes, Youth Board staff had apprised the Committee of the up-coming After School R.F.P.'s and that the District Manager would have the R.F.P.'s. Tom said that at least two other groups besides the three which submitted proposals had been given R.F.P.'s

Lewis said that at the April 13th Youth Services Committee meeting Tom had announced that D.G.S. would no longer pay for the lighting in parks. He said that the Youth Services Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Planning Board

go on record as opposing this plan.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Board #11 go on record as opposing any proposal under which the Department of General Services would not be paying for electricity in City parks and that a letter be sent to D.G.S. and all City Officials.

Unanimously passed

Tom said that this is either a political or budgetary ploy by D.G.S. He said that it should be taken seriously, and he explained why D.G.S. said this.

Lewis stated that the Summer Youth Employment Program is running smoothly. He said that Jerry Riconda, the Project Director has been at the Board every day accepting applications along with John Cifichiello, Brenda Petri and other members of the Committee.

Lewis said that a budgetary problem has arisen on which the Board must take action tonight.

Tom explained that D.O.E. allocated \$12,000 to our S.Y.E.P. Tom said that we have 150 job slots and 10 or 11 locations. He said that over the last four years the program has been run successfully with four Crew Chiefs/Monitors. Tom said that one of the Crew Chiefs is an on-site supervisor and does not rotate. He said that this person is at B.M.H.C., which insists that there be a person there to make sure that the 25-30 participants do their jobs properly. Tom said that B.M.H.C. does not provide in-house supervision. He said that the other three Crew Chiefs must check on the other 9-10 sites. Tom said that because of the contractual increases in the salaries of the Project Director, D.O.E. said that we should eliminate one of the Crew Chiefs to fit the budget. Tom suggested that the Board absorb out of its own budget, approximately \$1,000 of the Project Director's salary.

Tom spoke about the telephone problem. He stated that in previous years B.M.H.C. had paid for the telephone as the program was run out of the Nurses Residence. He stated that this year the program will be run out of Van Etten, and that the Board will have to absorb the telephone also.

Discussion took place on whether the Board should absorb the remaining portion of the Project Director's salary.

Bill Liblick asked the salary of the Project Director and was told it would be \$299.60 starting July 1.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by _____ - That the motion on the Project Director's salary issue be tabled.

Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Abe Pereira and Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board #11 undertake the payment for the installation of the telephone for the summer program.

Passed with 1 abstention.

E. Education and Culture

Ruth Burko reported that the emergency meeting that was called on the Educational Resource Center was cancelled. She said that she did not know why. Ruth said that the Center is still operating.

Tom said that the Board had not received a response to its letter on the Center.

Ruth read a letter from the Branch libraries thanking the Board for supporting it. She said they were also saying that they would like to expand their services to all the branches but due to budget cuts they could not.

F. Parks and Recreation

Elizabeth Brown reported that the Parks Committee had met on April 19th. She stated that the Agenda for that evening was a review of the preliminary scope for the Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway. Elizabeth said that the Committee has recommended that the bridle path be removed from Pelham Parkway South. She said they discussed the other nine items included in the scope and had suggested a reordering of the priorities.

Elizabeth read the ten items. Discussion took place on how the removal of the bridle path will affect the commercial stable at Stillwell Avenue.

She said the Committee also reviewed the scope for the Rehabilitation of the Tennis Courts at Trojan Field and found it acceptable.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 approves the scope for the Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway as revised by the Committee, as well as the scope for the Rehabilitation of the six Tennis Courts.

Passed.

Elizabeth asked the Board to be supportive of the Jewish Community Council's Salute to Pelham Parkway with regard to securing the use of the Oscar Comras Mall area, permits, etc.

Frank Muccioli asked about the Board's involvement in this festival and what was being requested. Elizabeth read the letter from the Jewish Community Council.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Leslie McHenry - That Community Planning Board #11 approves of assisting the Jewish Community Council in getting permits for the Salute to Pelham Parkway.

Passed with 1 abstention.

G. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Tom spoke on the franchise application by Pelham Parkway Bus Service, Inc. Tom said he spoke at the City Planning Commission hearing and gave the Board's revised recommendation on the bus stopping at Boston Road and the bus exiting at Bronx Zoo - Boston Road exit of the Bronx River Parkway going northbound. Tom said that, at the hearing, the matter was laid over by the Commission and referred to staff, including Gino Parlanti of the Bronx Office of City Planning. Tom said he was called hurriedly to an on-site inspection to see if it was workable. He said it is not workable, and that there is a surprisingly great amount of traffic exiting southbound from the Bronx River Parkway which merges with the traffic exiting northbound. Tom said it would take too long for the bus to get to Pelham Parkway and Boston Road. He said another option, which the bus company was not enthusiastic about,

was looked at but not recommended. Tom explained this recommendation as involving the use of the clover leaf.

Bob Black discussed another alternative - the bus exiting at the Parks Department exit and going up White Plains Road to Bronxdale Avenue and then proceeding up Bronx Park East.

Tom said he would raise it with Gino Parlanti, but thought it was too sharp a turn for the bus. He also said he had mentioned to them, at Rhoda's suggestion, that they look into getting a left-hand signal light at Pelham Parkway. He said they are also looking into the possibility of the #13 bus laying up on Pelham Parkway North at a right angle where the downtown Express bus stops.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by _____ - That this item be tabled and sent to the Highways Committee for further study.

Passed.

Abe Pereira asked what happened with the franchise application, approved by the Community Board, for the Liberty Bus Company to run a bus down to Wall Street.

Tom said the franchise was not given out by the Board of Estimate, but the recommendation by the Community Board for the franchise was sent to the Department of City Planning and the Board of Estimate. Tom said he has to send a letter to the Board of Estimate on it.

Lee Mager said that at the Executive Committee meeting they will discuss the Project Director's salary issue and report to the Board.

H. Nominations

Mike Prisco read the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Chairman - Dominic Castore

First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager

Second Vice Chairman - Frank Muccioli

Secretary - Lewis Goldstein

Treasurer - Leslie McHenry

Mike thanked the members of the Nominating Committee, Bill Liblick, and Charlie Re for their help.

Elizabeth Brown asked why letters were not sent to the Board members asking them if they wished to serve in any office. She said that this has been done in the past.

Mike said he had not been advised by Tom of this practice. He apologized and asked for nominations from the floor.

Chairman

Abe Pereira nominated Elizabeth Brown as Chairman - Second by Barbara Fried.

First Vice Chairman

Abe Pereira nominated Frank Muccioli as First Vice Chairman - Second by _____

Second Vice Chairman

Rhoda Gogatz nominated Ruth Bernstein as Second Vice Chairman - Second by Bill Liblick
There were no nominations from the floor for Secretary or Treasurer.

VII. Old Business

1. Executive Committee position on Board members' right to privacy.

Lee Mager spoke on this matter. He said that the Executive Committee felt that the Board members' addresses should not be given out unless the Board member requests the Board to do so. He asked any Board members who want their addresses given out to notify the Board Office.

Discussion took place on this, but there were no changes in the Executive Committee's instructions to the District Office staff.

VIII. New Business

Motion by Frank Muccioli - Second by _____ - That Community Planning Board #11 send a letter indicating that it is against the move of the Traffic Court from Arthur Avenue to Williamsbridge Road, as it has learned from the Zerega Community Association that it will create a hardship in the community as to parking, and that the Board suggests that the City find another tenant for that space.

Bob Black said that it would not work.

For 16 Against 1

Passed

Motion by Charles Re - Second by Frank Muccioli - That a letter be sent to the M.T.A. about the deplorable situation at the Gun Hill Road - Dyre Avenue subway station.

Amended by Bill Liblick - That it also be sent to the politicians.

Tom spoke on the subway situation.

Charles Re changed his motion to - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record as indicating its disapproval of the conditions at the Gun Hill Road - Dyre Avenue subway station.

Tony Funigiello spoke about the lack of maintenance.

Motion passed.

Sal Napolitano suggested that, before the Board goes into summer recess, the groups which every year request street permits be notified of the time needed for approval.

Tom said he had spoken with Morningside Nursing Home, and that he would be in touch with the other groups.

Rhoda announced that Candidates Night for the School Board will be held at Jewish Community Council on April 27th at Bronx House.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 21, 1983 *

PRESENT

Robert Black	(8)	Michael LaGuardia	(1)
Elizabeth Brown	(3)	William Liblick	(3)
Ruth Burko	(4)	Steve Lovitch	(6)
Dominic Castore	(2)	Lee Mager	(3)
Nicholas Cremonese	(0)	Leslie McHenry	(4)
Silvana DeBellis	(0)	Thomas Miller	(2)
Arthur DeLuca	(2)	Joseph Milone	(2)
Pat DeMartino	(0)	Frank Muccioli	(3)
Gloria DiGianni	(6)	Sal Napolitano	(4)
Norman Engel	(1)	Abe Pereira	(5)
Stella Fernandez	(2)	Brenda Petri	(0)
Barbara Fried	(3)	Michael Prisco	(0)
Anthony Funigiello	(2) (Late)	Charles Re	(6)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)	William Ricevuto	(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)
Rabbi Israel Greenberg	(9)	Henry Yuspeh	(2)
Romolo Imundi	(5)	Steve Zarkin	(6)

ABSENT

Ruth Bernstein	(7)	Rabbi Simon Konovitch	(9)
John Cifichiello	(2)	Richard Lipsky	(1)
Kenneth Fleisser	(6)	Raymond Locascio	(1)
Nora Fox	(5)	Ernie Odierna	(4)
Eli Goldsmith	(2)	Joseph Reda	(5)
Abraham Kleinman	(1)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Caserta - Rep. of Hon. Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kenneth Kearns - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel
Charles S. Levine - Rep. of Congressman Mario Biaggi
Ronnie Albert - Rep. of Assemblyman John Dearie
Hon. Gloria Davis - Assemblywoman
Robert W. McGuire - Rep. of Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

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

GUESTS

Francès Rivera - Allerton Coops Tenants Association
Lloyd James - Allerton Coops Tenants Association
Alberto Saunder - Allerton Coops
Joseph H. Andrews Jr. - Allerton Coops
Priscilla Crowell - Tenants League of Eastchester Garden
Rita Allen - Tenants League of Eastchester Garden
Edward Davis - Tenants League of Eastchester Garden

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