

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX
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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 1983 ST BISHOP MESTICE
CENTER OF ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

No one spoke during the time allotted for gallery speakers.

II. Minutes

Correction

Simeon Goldstein stated that the resolution of the Housing Committee was not attached to the Agenda as he had requested.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted

Motion by Sal Napolitano - Second by Charlie Re - That the elections be moved to the start of the meeting.

Passed

III. Committee Reports

A. Elections

Mike Prisco stated that there were two candidates running for the office of Chairman; Elizabeth Brown and Dominic Castore. He stated that there were two candidates running for the position of First Vice Chairman; Rhoda Gogatz and Lee Mager. Mike asked the candidates if they would like to speak before the elections begin. All the candidates spoke.

The vote for Chairman was;

Elizabeth Brown	10
Dominic Castore	26

Dominic Castore is the Chairman

The vote for First Vice Chairman was:

Rhoda Gogatz	17
Lee Mager	18

and one invalid vote

Motion by Ruth Bernstein - Second by Bill Liblick - That a recount vote be taken.

Mike read the By-Laws.

Motion defeated

Motion by Abe Kleinman - Second by Charlie Re - That the Secretary cast one vote for the candidates who were running unopposed for the Offices of Second Vice Chairman - Frank Muccioli; Secretary - Lewis Goldstein; and Treasurer - Leslie McHenry.

Mike read the slate of officers as elected.

Chairman - Dominic Castore

First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager

Second Vice Chairman - Frank Muccioli

Secretaty - Lewis Goldstein

Treasurer - Leslie McHenry

Mike stated that a retabulation was done and the results were:

Lee Mager	19
Rhoda Gogatz	16

III. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown reported that Mayor Koch will be holding a Town Hall meeting in Community District #11 on August 2nd. He stated that the location has not been decided as yet, nor has the exact time of the meeting been set. Tom said that the District Cabinet Minutes had been sent out to all the Board members. Tom said that he had spent the last few weeks getting the Summer Recreation Mobile Program together. He stated that Community Board #11 had received 19 Mobile Units and that he was able to distribute them to 8 or 9 organizations. Tom said that he had sent out to the Executive Committee and the Assistant Chairman information on the budget process for FY 85. Tom said that he has been attending meetings with the different agencies. He said that this is called the district consultation stage of the budget process.

Tom suggested that the various Chairpersons start thinking about issues on which to address the Mayor, and that these could be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

IV. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that the Borough President was pleased to announce

the following FY'84 items which he supported:

1. \$8 million for the hiring of 500 additional police officers which brings the total hiring to 1500.
2. \$1.98 million for the Red Cap Arson Prevention program, which brings additional Fire Marshalls to the Bronx to fight arson.
3. Addition of 32 million dollars to the New York City Board of Education budget. This will provide for all day Kindergarten and other programs which include computer, math and Science programs.
4. Additional design funds for the modernization of Christopher Columbus H.S.
5. Design funds for Loretto Park Ballfield lighting.
6. \$162,000 design funds street reconstruction of Astor, Delanoy & Wilson Avenues from Allerton Avenue, to Pelham Parkway North including request ancillary street work.
7. \$1,076,000 for paving and structural rehabilitation of Bridge at Bronx Parkway and Pelham Parkway.
8. \$288,000 reconstruction of East Tremont Avenue Bridge.
9. \$4.4 million for Bronx Municipal Hospital Center including construction funds for a 26 bed Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit (I.C.U.)
10. \$25,000 for new arts and crafts room at Parkside Houses Senior Center
11. \$25,000 for installation of panic alarm system at 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizens Housing Development.
12. \$50,000 for renovation of kitchen at 2424 Boston Road Senior Center.
13. \$1,500 City Meals on Wheels at A.G.E.D.
14. Design Funds for tennis court rehab at Trojan Field.
15. Neighborhood Preservation Program operating funds for Pelham Parkway.
16. Board of Estimate approved a contract for the preparation of plans, specifications in connection with the reconstruction of Sid Jacobs Ballfield and also Henry Whelan Park, totaling \$17,121.
17. Board of Estimate approved a contract between the Agency for Child Development & Westchester-Tremont Day Care Center, Inc., for the operation of a day care program from 7/1/83 to 6/30/84 for \$550,494.
18. Board of Estimate approved two contracts between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Alcoholism Services & Misericordia Hospital for extensions from 7/1/83 to 12/31/83 for \$102,500 and \$1,455,780 respectively.

Discussion took place on monies for individual parks.

Tom explained how this breakdown works.

Dom turned the meeting over to Lee Mager, as he had to leave.

V. Committee Reports (continued)

A. Parks and Recreation

1. Bridle Path

Elizabeth Brown stated that at the last Board meeting it had been reported that a letter would be going out to the Parks and Recreation Department listing Board #11 priorities with respect to P721- Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway. Elizabeth stated that among those priorities was a suggestion that the bridle path be removed from Pelham Parkway. She said that after this letter was sent, a letter was sent by the Chester Civic Improvement Association to Commissioner Robert Santos saying that they were not pleased with the idea of the bridle path being removed. Elizabeth said that two members of Chester Civic are members of the Parks Committee but had not met with the Parks and Recreation Committee due to other commitments, nor did they voice their disapproval when the Board voted on it last month. She said that at the Executive Board meeting, the Executive Committee decided to allow the Parks Committee's recommendation to stand as is. Elizabeth stated that it is the Parks Department who will make the final determination on what is to happen with the bridle path.

Discussion took place on the bridle paths, and Elizabeth gave the history of the path. Discussion also took place on whether or not the owner of the riding academy was notified of the Board's decision.

Tom stated that the owner of the stable had not been notified and that it was not normal procedure to notify businesses or residents on Capital budget matters beyond that notification which goes out prior to the Budget Public Hearing in the Fall. Tom noted that the owner of the stable did not come to the Public Hearing, nor did he contact the Parks Committee after an on site visit had been made by Elizabeth and Parks personnel, nor did he contact the Planning Board after its May decision.

2. Concession at Loretto Park

Elizabeth said that this application was discussed at the Executive Board meeting. She stated that she had also asked Tom to poll the Parks Committee on this concession request. Elizabeth said that most members were contacted and were in favor of granting the concession.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Tony Funigiello - That the Parks Department grant a concession to Mr. Michele Iannitti to sell hot dogs and cold drinks at Alfred Loretto Park.

Discussion took place on this concession and how the Board decides which concessions to approve and which ones to disapprove.

Tom gave the background on why the Board was against the hospital concessionaires.

Amended by Frank Muccioli - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on the application by Mr. Michele Iannitti to sell franks and sodas from a pushcart at Loretto Playground.

Elizabeth stated that there have never been any complaints against the pushcart and stated that she did not accept the amendment.

Vote on Amendment

For 9 Against 15

Amendment defeated.

Vote on Motion

For 19 Against 3

Motion carried

3. Street Closing

Tom reported that the Board had received a request for a Street Closing from Nicholas Ribaldo of 1946 Bogart Avenue to close the 1900 block of Bogart Avenue between Rhineland and Neill Avenues from 11 A.M. - 11 P.M. on August 7th, Rain Date August 14th for a block party. Tom stated that they want to have kiddie rides. He stated that he had informed Mr. Ribaldo that if they had rides to make sure that the operator is licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, and that he is insured. Tom said that since the Board received this application, and it is a new applicant that he had requested that Mr. Ribaldo submit a petition. Tom said that he had done so, but that there was not enough time to call the resident today and verify if they are in favor of the street closing. He stated that if the Board does approve this application, it should be conditional on confirming the petition by calling the residents.

Motion by Leslie McHenry - Second by Sal Napolitano - That Community Board #11 approve this application to close the 1900 block of Bogart Avenue on August 7th, Rain Date August 14th on condition that the people called are in favor of it.

Passed

B. Public Safety

Abe Pereira reported that the 49th Precinct is 72% completed. He stated that it should be completed by the end of September, and the opening should be in October.

C. Housing

1. 655 Thwaites Place

Simeon Goldstein reviewed the recent history of this building and noted the Planning Board's efforts to get H.U.D. to favorably consider selling this building to the tenants who want to co-op the building. Simeon reported that the tenants' bid was accepted.

2. 1816 - 1826 White Plains Road

Simeon stated that these are two 6 story apartment buildings that were run-down. He said that these buildings are among the Apartment Improvement Program's "target buildings". He reported that the Neighborhood Preservation Office is attempting to negotiate a rehabilitation loan for the buildings, but is experiencing some reluctance from Eastern Savings Bank, the mortgagee. Simeon said that the A.I.P. had requested that the various organizations in the area of the buildings write to Eastern

Savings Bank urging it to make the loan. He said that as Co-Chairman of Community Planning Board #11's Housing Committee, he feels that the Planning Board should join in this effort.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Eastern Savings Bank requesting that it make a rehabilitation loan to 1816-1826 White Plains Road.

Motion carried

3, 1753 Melville Street

Simeon stated that this is a 4 story building that had burned, and that the City had attempted to sell it under its \$1.00 sale program, but it had not received any responsible proposals. (A responsible rehabilitation plan must be a part of the proposal under the \$1.00 sale program.)

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Pat DeMartino - That Community Board #11 request that the City seal 1753 Melville Street from ground to roof.

Passed with 1 abstention

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 request that this building be demolished.

A great deal of discussion took place on the condition of the building.

Passed with 2 opposed

4. 754 Mace Avenue

Simeon reported that the building was sold again, and he gave the background of the building. He noted that while the tenants still have a right to complain in Housing Court about violations, Housing Court judges tend to be more lenient with new owners and give them more time to correct violations.

5. 754-58 Brady Avenue

Simeon reported that 90% of the rehabilitation on these buildings has been completed.

D. Transportation

1. Dyre Avenue Line

Tony Funigiello spoke on the demonstration planned for several stations along the Dyre Avenue Line. He said that he had been called about a meeting held by Vienna Swenson to rally the neighborhood organizations to demonstrate between 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday June 22nd, Rain Date Thursday June 23rd.

Tom said that he would be consulting with Sam Bea, District Manager of Community Board #12, and a representative of the MTA's Office of Community Relations on Monday.

2. Request for change in parking regulations at 1481 Blondell Avenue

Lee read from last month's Minutes on this request. He suggested that Tom be granted the authority to put in the request by the Department of Traffic for an inspection on this request for parking changes.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Tony Funigiello - That Tom Brown be given the authority to put in the request to the Traffic Department to inspect the site.

Passed

E. Education

Ruth Burko reported that there was a change in the members of the School Board from the list which had been reported at the May meeting. She reported that the Board consists of: Guy Velella, Sam Lambert, Loretta Jones, Richard Lipsky, Frieda Israeloff, Cora Diamond, Emily Sanchez, Phil Abinanti and Arylene Siegel.

John Cifichiello spoke on the election results. He stated that he had reported them at the last meeting as he had received them.

Blanche Rifkin reported that Carolyn Giufree is resigning as Director of the Community Education Resource Center as of July 1. She stated that the Advisory Committee is interviewing applicants for her replacement.

Culture

Tom stated that a large portion of monies were reinstated to the libraries. He said that Board #11 had pushed for these funds.

Tom reported that the Board had received a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Regulations for Implementation of Chapter 9, Section 234 of the Charter. Tom explained that this portion of the Charter deals with the percent of monies which must go into art in new and rehabilitated structures.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Abe Pereira - That Community Board #11 request that community boards be included on all panels which have input into decisions on art work that is to go into public structures covered by Chapter 9, Section 234.

Passed with 2 against

F. Sanitation

Ernie Odierna reported that a meeting had been held last Thursday at the Van Nest Library. Ernie stated that the discussion concerned mice and rats in the community on the south side of the Parkway. He said that a film was shown. Ernie said that the meeting was very well attended. He stated that there were 87 people at the meeting. Ernie said that he would like the Committee to visit the buildings that are having rodent problems.

Eli Goldsmith asked for more garbage pick ups.

Tom spoke on this and suggested that budget requests might include additional pick ups.

Discussion took place on the problem with merchants putting out improperly packed garbage.

G. Land Use

Tom stated that he expects to receive an application for renewal of an existing Variance for a parking lot on Mace and Radcliff Avenues. He said that the Board has never received any complaints about this parking lot.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Steve Zarkin - That in the event that the Board receives this application, and there is no time for the entire Board to meet on this that the Executive Board be empowered to make a decision on the granting or denying of this Variance.

For 17 Against 4

Passed

III. Old Business

P.S. 34

Tom stated that he had gone down to the City Planning Commission hearing and testified on the Board's position on this site. He said that the Board had received a "thank you" from the New York City Housing Partnership for testifying. Tom said that this item should be going to the Board of Estimate shortly.

Eli Goldsmith asked about the missing traffic signs on Boston Road and stated that no new lines had been painted as yet.

Tom stated that yesterday at the District Consultations with Transportation, Highways, Traffic and the State Department of Transportation were in attendance. Tom said that he told them that Traffic and Highways must study the traffic pattern on Boston Road and White Plains Road.

Lewis Goldstein reported that the Pelham Bay Little League Field was dedicated last Sunday. He stated that it is named Salvatore Naclario Field. Lewis requested that a traffic light be installed there, and that a traffic study be done.

Tom stated that he has to have an exact location because not all of that area is in Board #11.

IV. New Business

1. By Laws Revision

Lee Mager stated that he would read the By Laws Amendment.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Elizabeth Brown - That the reading of the By Laws be waived as it was printed on the Agenda.

Passed

Brenda Petri asked that the September Agenda include the Allerton Coops.

Norman Engel spoke about the hydrants being opened.

Tom spoke about the sprinkler caps, and stated that he did not have any at this time.

Det. Tom Lyons spoke on this and stated that the Police Department did not have any caps or wrenches at this time. Tom Brown added that Borough Command was supposed to have received wrenches for distribution to the precincts.

Stella Fernandez requested three caps.

Elizabeth Brown spoke. She stated that the Board should go on record as supporting the hydro lock system for next year.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Board #11 support the hydro locks for next year.

Passed

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That the By Laws be present at every meeting, and that the Executive Board be empowered to carry on the business of the Board during the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

 (TS)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT JUNE 16, 1983 MEETING

PRESENT

Ruth Bernstein	(8)	Abraham Kleinman	(1)
Robert Black	(8)	Rabbi Simon Konovitch	(10)
Elizabeth Brown	(3)	William Liblick	(3)
Ruth Burko	(4)	Raymond Locassio	(2)
Dominic Castore	(2)	Steve Lovitch	(6)
John Cifichiello	(2)	Lee Mager	(3)
Silvana DeBellis	(1)	Leslie McHenry	(4)
Arthur DeLuca	(2)	Thomas Miller	(3)
Pat DeMartino	(0)	Frank Muccioli	(3)
Norman Engel	(1)	Salvatore Napolitano	(4)
Stella Fernandez	(3)	Ernest Odierna	(4)
Kenneth Fleisser	(7)	Abraham Pereira	(6)
Nora Fox	(5)	Brenda Petri	(0)
Anthony Funigiello	(2)	Michael Prisco	(0)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)	Charles Re	(6)
Eli Goldsmith	(2)	Joseph Reda	(5)
Lewis Goldstein	(0)	William Ricevutto	(1)
Simeon Goldstein	(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Rabbi Israel Greenberg	(10)	Henry Yuspeh	(2)
Romolo Imundi	(6)	Steve Zarkin	(6)

ABSENT

Nicholas Cremonese	(1)	Richard Lipsky	(3)
Gloris DiGianni	(8)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Barbara Fried	(4)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)
Michael LaGuardia	(2)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

John Farrell - Rep. of Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Kenneth Kearns - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

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