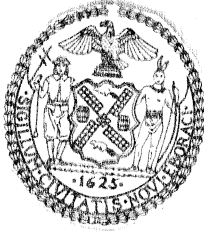


COMMUNITY PLAN NG BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 1983 AT ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 P.M. by Lee Mager, First Vice Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Helen Adams - Substance Abuse Committee of St. Lucy's

Ms. Adams spoke about B & B candy store on Holland Avenue. She stated that there are four video games in the store, and that the store is very close to a school. Ms. Adams said that the store is not licensed.

Tom Brown explained that the store does not need to be licensed, but that the machines must be licensed. He stated that the store would not get a license for the machines as it is too close to a school. Tom said that a posting order has been issued on the store. He stated that Consumer Affairs does not have the staff to paddlock the store within the ten days as provided by law. Tom said that a paddlock order was issued and he gave the detail on this.

b. Celcia Rostand

Ms. Rostand spoke about the flagpole at P.S. 89. She said that she was afraid that someone would get hurt because of the condition it is in.

Ms. Rostand spoke about the purse snatching that has been going on from Bronxwood Avenue to Colden Avenue. She said that they are not only taking purses in the streets, they are now going in to buildings.

Ms. Rostand also spoke about the illegal parking at the curb cuts and the double parking near the churches. She asked why the police have not done anything about this. Ms. Rostand stated that use of the curb cuts is very important to the elderly and handicapped.

c. Otlie Fiealt - New York Botanical Garden

Ms. Fiealt congratulated Board #11 and Tom Brown for the role they played in getting the bus stop at the Botanical Garden. She said that the ground breaking ceremony had been held that week.

II. Minutes

Motion by Blanche Rifkin - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted

III. District Manager's Report

Tom stated that the Cabinet Minutes were mailed out today. He said that if there were any questions on them to call him. Tom reported that he had spent the earlier part of the month working on the Board's budget priorities and getting them down to the Office of Management and Budget. Tom said that he and Dom had attended a ceremony honoring Sgt. Phil Romano of Community Affairs in Borough Command. He said that Sgt. Romano was one of six city workers who were honored.

Tom reported that the merchants on Allerton Avenue would like to have some events for the Christmas shopping season. He stated that one of the things suggested to him was that they have a flatbed truck on Allerton Avenue with a Santa Claus for the children. Tom said that he had called the Community Assistance Unit and learned that a Street Activity Permit would be necessary even though they would not be closing a street. Tom said that Traffic would have to be involved because they would be using meter space. He said that Beth Abraham Hospital would provide some parking space if meters are used. He asked that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to act in the name of the entire Board if a Street Activity Permit is received by the Board.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by Blanche Rifkin - That the Executive Committee be empowered to act in the name of the Board if a Street Activity Permit is received from the merchants on Allerton Avenue.

Passed

IV. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that:

1. Board of Estimate approved a contract changing order in connection with Management Services during the construction of the 49th Police Precinct.

2. Board of Estimate approved the disposition of a city-owned parcel of land located on Amethyst and Victor Streets north of Morris Park Avenue (Morris Park) to a qualified and eligible sponsor (N.Y.C. Partnership H.D.F.C.)

3. Board of Estimate approved a contract for resident Engineering Service in connection with the reconstruction of the Bronx and Pelham Parkway Bridge over Amtrak, totaling \$265,417.

4. Board of Estimate approved a contract between the N.Y.C. Youth Board and the Morris Park Community Association for the operation of various Youth Programs from 11-1-83 to 4-30-84, totaling \$21,092.

5. Board of Estimate approved the sale of city-owned parcels of land.

V. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services

Bill Liblick reported that a Public Hearing had been held on Thursday on a

proposed group home at 3050 Laconia Avenue. He stated that he was the only member of his Committee to attend the Public Hearing. Bill said that only four other Board members were present. Bill said that this proposed group home will house ten mentally retarded adults, and that it is to be run by the Puerto Rican Family Institute. He said that no one spoke against this home. Bill said that one gentleman complained that he was not notified of the hearing, and that one woman asked to be on the advisory committee which will be established. Bill said that the Committee had met tonight and felt that the Board should approve this home. He gave the background on the home and stated that this is not a new home, but rather a move of a home already in existence from a condemned building to another location. He stated that the property is now leased by the City of New York.

Several Board members asked Bill questions about the home.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by _____ - That Community Board #11 approve of the proposed group home at 3050 Laconia Avenue.

Passed with one opposed and one abstention.

Rhoda Gogatz reported that the Board had received a request from Beth Abraham Hospital regarding the Ritter-Scheuer Hospice. She stated that several Board members were at the dedication ceremony of this hospice for terminally ill patients. Rhoda read the letter regarding the lowering of hospice reimbursement rates by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. She also read the request that a letter be sent from Community Board #11 against the lowering of reimbursement rates.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Board #11 send a letter against the lowering of reimbursement rates to hospices.

Amended - that it be sent certified mail.

Passed

Tom stated that Congress will be going into recess soon, and that the elected officials will be returning home. He suggested that the various organizations raise this issue with their elected officials in person.

B. Parks and Recreation

Elizabeth Brown reported that the Parks Committee had met on November 4th to discuss the drawings for the Tennis Courts at Trojan Field. She stated that there are eight courts there now. Elizabeth said that the Committee felt that the drawings should be accepted as received, and stated that a letter to that effect has already been sent to the Parks Department.

Elizabeth said that on November 14th both she and Tom had attended the ground breaking ceremony at the Botanical Garden for the #17 bus stop. She stated that the Board should be very proud that it is able to see one of its priorities taking shape.

Elizabeth requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Borough President Simon for expediting this project.

Passed.

C. Economic Development

As Sal Napolitano was not present Tom gave the report. He stated that at the last Board meeting the Chair had referred the request for Board support for the Urban Initiatives Grant from the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation to the Executive Committee and the Economic Development Committee. He said that a letter was sent to Commissioner Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich of the Stated Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Tom reported that under a new policy of the Department of Consumer Affairs when there is a new owner and/or a new newsstand to be established on a city street they are going to ask the community boards for their opinions. He said that with new ones, opinions should go to the Arts Commission as well. Tom stated that the Board has received a notice of a new owner on the northwest corner of Allerton Avenue and White Plains Road. He stated that the Board has 60 days to comment on this. Tom said that copies of this were sent to Pat and Sal. He suggested that the Board members look at this site before the meeting so that they could comment on it.

D. Public Safety

Joe Reda reported that he had attended a meeting with Police. He stated that there had also been two other meetings with Police that night--one held by Henry Yuspeh of the Pelham Parkway Community Council, and the other by Angelo Campanaro of the Chester Civic Association. Joe stated that all these meetings dealt with crime. He said that there have been a lot of burglaries on the north and south sides of the Parkway and also grand theft auto. Joe said that the Committee had met on Monday with the Chief of the entire Bronx and his staff to discuss conditions. He said that once the 49th Precinct opens the rate of crime will be less. Joe said that Chief McCabe was very concerned with the community.

Questions were asked about police officers being taken out of other precincts to staff the 49th Precinct.

Lee suggested that the Committee look into this and Joe said that it would.

Ray Locascio spoke about the boundaries of the 49th Precinct, and said that there would be no loss of man power.

Tom explained the Board's priorities on staff at police stations.

Joe read the statistics on arrests in the Bronx and the 43rd Precinct. He said that people have to be the eyes of the police and report anything that they think might be suspicious.

Ernie Odierna asked how many of those arrested had gone to jail.

Lee stated that those figures were difficult to get, and that they are not broken down into sectors.

Motion by Joe Reda - Second Henry Yuspeh - That Community Board #11 take action and write a letter to the Mayor asking for more jails, and that a second letter be sent to the chief judge asking for more punishment for the criminals.

Lee suggested that the letter also be sent to the state authorities.

Passed

Eli Goldsmith asked about 911 and the 47th Precinct not answering its phones.

Tom asked for more specific information as to time and operator's number, and said that he would look into it.

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Pat DeMartino read a note from Bella Podesta in gratitude for the Board's help in getting the bus stop at the Botanical Garden.

1. Request by Chesbrough Textiles Ltd. of 1481 Blondell Avenue to change parking regulations to better accommodate loading and unloading needs of the company.

Pat reported that he had consulted with the Committee, and that they felt there were no problems with granting this request.

Tom gave the background on this request.

Some discussion took place on the amount of space that was requested for a loading zone.

Tom stated that he had received a call from his Cabinet liaison in the Department of Traffic indicating that he had looked into this request, and feels that it is not going to adversely impact on parking or traffic in the area. Tom said that there would only be no parking from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. He stated that while Traffic is not against this request, it will not implement it without Board approval.

Motion by Pat DeMartino - Second by Tony Funigiello - That Community Board #11 grant the request of Chesbrough Textiles Ltd. for a loading zone.

Amended by Simeon Goldstein - that the loading zone be no more than 25 feet.

Passed with one abstention.

2. Request by Short Term Lease of Division of Real Property for a disposition on a request by Mr. Evaresto Rodriguez to lease Barnes Avenue between Bronxdale and Neill Avenues for the purposes of gardening and recreation.

Pat stated that the majority of people on that block were opposed to this request.

Mike Prisco spoke about the property and the cars parked there.

Tom gave the background on this lot and the fence that was erected. He stated that the applicant was here tonight.

Several Board members spoke on this.

Lee asked that Mr. Rodriguez be allowed to speak and answer questions.

Mr. Rodriguez spoke about the lot and his plans for its use.

A great many questions were asked of Mr. Rodriguez by the Board members, and much discussion took place on his request.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Elizabeth Brown - That the homeowners on Barnes Avenue be asked to draw up a proposal to be presented to the Committee.

Joe Reda suggested that a hearing be held on this.

Tom suggested that a letter be sent to the homeowners saying that the Board is considering this request.

Amended by Bill Liblick - That a public meeting be held on this request prior to the start of the December meeting.

Passed with one opposed.

3. Name change to Tony Rotta Square

Pat reported that the Board had received a request from Councilman DeMarco to change the name of East Tremont Avenue and Bronxdale Avenue to Tony Rotta Square.

Some discussion took place on this.

Motion by Henry Yuspeh - Second by Brenda Petri - That Community Board #11 recommend that this name change not be approved.

Motion by Bill Liblick - Second by _____ - That this item be tabled, and that a letter be sent to Councilman DeMarco requesting more information.

Passed

F. Housing

Simeon Goldstein reported that a meeting will be held on the request for a rehabilitation loan for 2144 Bronx Park East on November 22nd at 7:30 P.M. in the lobby of 2144 Bronx Park East.

Simeon also reported that a meeting will be held on December 6th with H.P.D. regarding the Allerton Coops.

Simeon announced that he had received a proposed amendment to the Zoning Resolution. He said that his preliminary reading of the proposal indicates no impact on housing in this community, but that he would study it further.

Simeon also stated that as the Chair of the Land Use Committee was vacant, Dom had asked him to take over the Chairmanship and he had accepted.

Lee said that he had accepted the Assistant Chairmanship of the Land Use Committee.

G. Youth/Youth Services

1. Youth Coordinator

Ray Locascio reported that the Screening Committee had three names to submit to the Board for the position of Youth Coordinator. He stated that thirteen applicants had been chosen to be interviewed from all the resumes received by the Board. Ray said that seven were interviewed in two evenings. He said that the three chosen were Linda Stone now Linda Loeb; Frances Lee and Gerard Riconda. Ray thanked the Committee for its hard work. He stated that the Committee recommended that the vote on these applicants be taken at the January meeting.

Discussion took place on when the vote should be taken.

Motion by Steve Zarkin - Second by Joe Reda - That the vote be taken in December.

Passed

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Joe Reda - That the applicants be requested to appear at the December meeting for a five minute interview.

Passed

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That there be a closed ballot.

Discussion took place on this, and it was stated that the Board has always held a closed ballot on personnel matters.

For 18 Against 12

Passed

Joe Reda requested that a roll call vote be taken and it was. The vote was:

Robert Black	For	
Elizabeth Brown	For	
John Cifichello		Against
Nicholas Cremonese		Against
Pat DeMartino	For	
Gloria DiGianni	For	
Kenneth Fleisser	For	
Stella Fernandez	For	
Nora Fox	For	
Anthony Funigiello	For	
Rhoda Gogatz	For	
Eli Goldsmith	For	
Lewis Goldstein	For	
Simeon Goldstein	For	
Rabbi Israel Greenberg		Against
Abraham Kleinman		Against
Michael LaGuardia		Against
Bill Liblick	For	
Raymond Locascio		Against
Steve Lovitch		Against
Leslie McHenry		Against
Joe Milone		Against
Ernie Odierna	For	
Brenda Petri		Against
Michael Prisco		Against
Charles Re		Against
Joe Reda		Against
William Ricevuto		Against
Blance Rifkin	For	
Madeline Saltaformaggio	For	
Henry Yuspeh		Against
Steve Zarkin		Against

For 16 Against 16

Lee Mager cast the deciding vote against a closed ballot.

2. Supplemental Y.D.D.P. funds

Ray reported that the Board had learned that there are Youth Board funds of

\$1,197 available for Community District #11. He stated that the Committee is recommending that it be given to the Bronx Council on the Arts for its Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention program (Y.D.D.P.)

Motion by Ray Locascio - Second by John Cifichiello - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend to the Youth Board that this money be given to the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Bob Black asked why it was being given to the Bronx Council on the Arts and Tom explained that the Bronx Council's Y.D.D.P. program is the only one in the district, and that other supplemental funds had already been re-allocated to the after-school programs by the Community School Board.

3. Proposals to be recommended to the Youth Board for funding for F.Y. 85

Ray reported that five organizations have applied for funds for F.Y. 85. He stated that they were: Bronx Council on the Arts, Morris Park Community Association, Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association, Bronx Organization for the Learning Disabled, and the North Bronx - Westchester Neighborhood Restoration Association.

Lee stated that the Board had received a resignation from Ruth Bernstein and Richard Lipsky. Lee read Ruth's resignation.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Bill Liblick - That a letter be sent to Ruth Bernstein thanking her for her many years of dedication to the Board.

Passed.

Lee thanked Monseigneur Maltese of St. Lucy's Parish for the use of the school.

VI. Old Business

Eli Goldsmith asked about the repaving of Thwaites Place. He also wanted to know why the dividing line had not as yet been painted in, after Boston Road was repaved. He said that it was very dangerous.

Lee asked that when Board members know that they are going to bring an item up for discussion at a meeting, the Chairman of the respective Committee should be notified in advance so that he/she can have answers prepared.

Tom said that there is a standard contract for repainting of dividing lines on streets that have been repaved. He said it will be done, but could not say when. Tom said he was not aware of any repaving to be done on Thwaites Place so he could not answer that question. He stated that as to the clean-up of the area along Alanson's, Sanitation cannot get into that area so long as cars are parked there. Tom said he would ask Sanitation to clean the sidewalks.

Discussion took place on curb reconstruction and when it will be done.

Henry Yuspeh asked about the office move.

Tom gave the status, and said that plans were drawn up and that bids were needed from contractors. He stated that he has not had the time to call the contractors.

VII. New Business

Rhoda stated that Beth Abraham Hospital had offered the Board space for a meeting. She stated that it had also requested an opportunity to make a 13-minute presentation to the Board on the hospice.

Bus Garage

Tony Funigiello reported that the M.T.A. has a new Chairman, and he requested that the Board send a letter to the new Chairman stating the Board's position against the garage.

Passed with 2 abstentions.

Eli spoke about the playground at P.S. 96. He stated that there have been several fires there, drugs are there, and it is used for a dog run. He asked what could be done about closing the broken fence and cleaning it up.

Tom stated that it is school property and it is the job of the Board of Education to clean it, pave it and fence it.

Brenda Petri asked about the Flea Market on Allerton Avenue.

Tom reported that he had learned some new information on the Flea Market tonight from the people at St. Lucy's. He stated that he had requested some time ago that it be inspected, as a license is needed to sell used goods. Tom said that he learned tonight that they are operating a restaurant, and that they have 4 video machines in the back. He said he had asked Harriet to call his contact at the Health Department tomorrow, and request that an inspector be sent there, and that she also call Consumer Affairs and remind them of the one violation and to tell them about the video machines.

Lewis Goldstein read his letter of resignation as Secretary of the Board effective December 16, 1983.

Lee thanked the ladies of St. Lucy's for their help with the coffee.

Express Bus Line (Liberty Lines)

Tom reported that there is a problem with the Express Bus Lines of Liberty Bus Company. He had heard from Community Board #12 that Liberty Lines may experience financial problems after the first of the year, which may result in a curtailment of service on Pelham Parkway Express Buses. He said that Liberty Lines serves Boards #11 and #12. Tom stated that there is a rumor going around that it may suspend service as of January 1st unless certain things are done by the Board of Estimate as to their tax situation and subsidies from the State. Tom said he had received a call from Henry Bergassi, Vice Chairman of Board #12 and Board #12's Transportation Chairman. Tom said that Mr. Bergassi asked what Board #11 was doing about this, and Tom said he had told Henry that he would raise it at the meeting tonight and also suggest that Pat DeMartino, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, contact him about joint action.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:10 P.M.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:30 P.M.

Lee reported that the Board had discussed in Executive Session the District Manager's request for a salary increase. He stated that the matter had been tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein (TB)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 1983

PRESENT

Robert Black
Elizabeth Brown
John Cifichiello
Nicholas Cremonese
Pat DeMartino
Gloria DiGianni
Kenneth Fleisser
Stella Fernandez
Nora Fox
Anthony Funigiello
Rhoda Gogatz
Eli Goldsmith
Lewis Goldstein
Simeon Goldstein
Rabbi Israel Greenberg
Abraham Kleinman (left early)
Michael LaGuardia

Bill Liblick
Raymond Locascio
Steve Lovitch
Lee Mager
Leslie McHenry
Joseph Milone
Ernie Odierna
Brenda Neuman Petri
Michael Prisco
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
William Ricevuto
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Henry Yuspeh
Steve Zarkin

ABSENT

Ruth Burko
Dominic Castore
Silvana DeBellis
Arthur DeLuca
Norman Engel

Barbara Fried
Romolo Imundi
Frank Muccioli
Sal Napolitano
Abraham Pereira

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

John Farrell - Rep. of Hon. Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jeannie Noto - Rep. Assemblyman Eliot Engel
R. W. McGuire - Rep. Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11
John W. Lavin - Bronx City Planning
Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President Simon's Office

GUESTS

Mrs. Thal Davis - 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizens Center

Roll Call vote on Motion to hold a Closed Ballot on hiring of Youth Coordinator

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS
Robert Black	X		
Elizabeth Brown	X		
John Cifichello		X	
Nicholas Cremonese		X	
Pat DeMartino	X		
Gloria DiGianni	X		
Kenneth Fleisser	X		
Stella Fernandez	X		
Nora Fox	X		
Anthony Fungiello	X		
Rhoda Gogatz	X		
Eli Goldsmith	X		
Lewis Goldstein	X		
Simeon Goldstein	X		
Rabbi Greenberg		X	
Abraham Kleinman		X	
Michael LaGuardia		X	
William Liblick	X		
Raymond Locascio		X	
Steve Lovitch		X	
Leslie McHenry		X	
Joe Milone		X	
Ernie Odierna	X		
Brenda Petri		X	
Michael Prisco		X	
Charles Re		X	
Joe Reda		X	
William Ricevuto		X	
Blanche Rifkin	X		
Madeline Saltaformaggio	X		
Henry Yuspeh		X	
Steve Zarkin		X	
TOTAL	16	16	0

DECIDING VOTE CAST BY LEE MAGER AGAINST CLOSED BALLOT