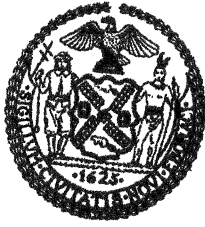


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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 1984 AT THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS-MARY QUEEN OF PEACE LODGE

As the Chairman, Dom Castore did not attend, the meeting was called to order by Lee Mager, First Vice Chairman, at 8:06 P.M.

Lee introduced Kenneth Gelnick, a new Board member who was not present at the January meeting.

I. Gallery Session

a. John Jeske - 1663 Hering Avenue

Mr. Jeske stated that two years ago the garbage was picked up on his block at two or three in the morning. He said that he had spoken with a supervisor at the Bronx headquarters of Sanitation and was told that every five years they rotate the areas for night pick-ups, and that his area would not have it again for at least five years. Mr. Jeske said that two weeks ago they started picking up the garbage at two in the morning. He asked that the Board do something about this.

b. Steven Parness - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel

Mr. Parness spoke about Mr. Leroy Carmichael the former Director of Bronx Developmental Center. He stated that Mr. Carmichael was being transferred from this position. Mr. Parness read a statement from Assemblyman Engel in which he asked that the Board send a letter to Commissioner Webb asking that he reconsider his decision to transfer Mr. Carmichael.

Some discussion took place on Mr. Carmichael's transfer.

II. Minutes

Motion by Charles Re - Second by Blanche Rifkin and Mike Prisco - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted

III. District Manager's Report

Tom said that the Board members should have received the District Service Cabinet Minutes for December. He said that the January Minutes would be going out shortly. Tom said that along with the Board Minutes were copies of the

testimony he had given on the overcrowding and understaffing conditions at Bronx State, and the Board's Budget requests for F.Y. 1985 that he had given to the City Planning Commission.

Tom said that the hearing on Bronx State was held by Senator Padavan. He stated that his testimony was not given orally as they were running late. Tom said that he left after two hours. He said that Jimmy Vacca of Board #10 was there also. Tom said that he called Jimmy the next day and was told that Jimmy left shortly after he had. Tom said that he felt that since Boards are City agencies that they should be given the courtesy of hearing them speak at an assigned time.

Blanche Rifkin said that she had heard that Dr. Fineberg is to be named the new Director of Bronx State.

Tom advised the Board and the community that starting February 19th the MaBSTOA route numbers will be changed for several of its buses. Tom said that they are going to use the same numbers but on different routes. He stated that if he was making the changes he would start with number 100. Tom said that there are signs on the buses which the passengers should read to learn what the new numbers will be.

IV. Borough President's Report

Barbara Fried reported that:

Borough President Simon has obtained \$20,000 for the West Bronx Jewish Community Council, Inc. at 1130 Grand Concourse. She stated that at the Borough Present's request the Board approved a contract between the City's Department for the Aging and the Council to fund a case assistance and information program for the elderly through next June 30th. Barbara reported that the Council will operate a storefront staffed by senior citizens at 789 Lydig Avenue.

Barbara reported that the Department of General Services has reported that the 49th Precinct will be completed in June of 1984. She also reported that the Orientation Sessions for new Board members are scheduled for Sunday, March 11th from 12 to 5 P.M. or Wednesday, March 14th for 5:30 to 10 P.M. at Lehman College. She said that further information will be mailed to the Board members.

V. Committee Reports

A. Public Safety

Joe Reda reported that there had been a Public Safety Committee meeting the other night at which he had learned why the Precinct is not complete. He stated that the problem was with poor work by the first contractor which the City would not accept. Joe said that he had asked how long the contractor has for the completion of the contract. Joe said that he was told that the contractor has 540 days from the start of the contract. Joe said that the starting date of the contract was November, 1981, and that the intended completion date was April of 1983. He stated that they are now a year overdue. Joe said that the Precinct is 95% complete. He stated that the cost was \$4½ million, \$¼ million more than anticipated. He said that the opening is scheduled for the Summer, in either June, July or August. Joes said that if construction is completed in July, it will take another two months more for the Police to complete their items, and he anticipated the opening to be Labor Day.

Joe said that he was working on opening up Stillwell Avenue to Pelham Parkway. He also said that they do not have enough parking space at the Precinct.

Mike Prisco stated that at the last Board meeting the Police had said that the opening would be in June. He suggested that the Board check to find out how long

after a C of O is given will the Police be in the Precinct.

Tom said that the Board could wait for an answer to the letter it had sent to Mayor Koch with copies sent to Councilmen Crispino and DeMarco and Borough President Simon on the delay in the Precinct's completion. Tom said that the letter was in today's paper, but that it had not been published as a letter.

Discussion took place on the C of O for the Precinct.

Lewis Goldstein spoke about the fact that funds were needed for paving the parking area at the Precinct.

Tom said that the space is available, but that there is no money for repaving. He explained how the money would have to be acquired. Tom said that it would have to go through the U.L.U.R.P. procedure. He said that the Police should be asked if they have enough space, and if not that they start the process. Tom explained that supplementary funds will be needed, and that if this space is not Precinct property than the funds will not be allocated. Tom said that the Board was never shown the plans for the Precinct. He said that the Board has not officially learned that the Precinct does not have enough space.

Tom discussed the traffic problem on Eastchester Road. He stated that he had learned that it was suggested that the Police cars go down to Seminole Street or Rhinelander Avenue to Stillwell Avenue. Tom said that Stillwell Avenue is an unconstructed mapped street as it crosses Pelham Parkway. He said that it can be constructed, but that it will require U.L.U.R.P. to construct the roadway.

Lee suggested that the Board send a letter to the Police stating that it has come to the Board's attention about the traffic problem, and that the Board would like to be kept informed of what is to take place.

Joe said that Inspector McKenna has said that the Board has his full support. Joe said that he had spoken with police downtown and learned that there is a big problem about the garbage, but that they can handle it in their budget.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by _____ - That the Land Use Committee look into the proposed cut through at Stillwell Avenue and Pelham Parkway to facilitate the traffic flow.

Discussion proceeded without a second.

Joe said that Police had done a survey on this site and that it would go to traffic.

Lee said that until the Board received official notice it would not do anything.

A great deal of discussion took place on the parking issue and the proposed opening date for the Precinct.

Rhoda Gogatz suggested that the Board send a letter to the Police stating that the Board is concerned about the parking situation and would they please alert the Board to any developments regarding parking, traffic and sanitation pick-up with respect to the Precinct.

Lee suggested that Tom bring this up through the Land Use Committee

B. Housing

1. Allerton Coops

Frank Muccioli reported that he had attended a meeting with the Allerton Coops

Tenants Association. He stated that monies are available for rehabilitation of the Coops. Frank said that they are running into a problem as to how they are going to renovate the apartments and the buildings, in what order with the least amount of problems to the tenants. He said that it is a large renovation job costing \$12 million. Frank said that he had attended a meeting on February 1st with Bill Taylor, President of the Allerton Coops Tenants Association and Phil Braun of the Neighborhood Preservation Office. Frank said that they had discussed the Coops and the problems that they are having. He said that the tenants have taken the landlord into court on the lack of heat and hot water. Frank said that the courts are not backing the tenants. He also said that the tenants are not being cooperative, and he elaborated on this.

Rhoda Gogatz asked if the tenants would be present at the meetings and if there were going to be separate meetings in different areas of the Coops so that more tenants would know what is happening.

Frank asked if the Chair would allow Mr. Taylor to speak.

Lee asked Mr. Taylor to speak to the Board.

Mr. Taylor said that at the meeting Mr. Traubee had stated that 115 apartments would be completed at one time. He said that the tenants would be informed before the work is to begin to let them know when the work will be done and how. Mr. Taylor said that they would meet with small groups of tenants to guarantee access to the apartments for the workers.

Brenda Petri stated that she had called C.P.C. and learned that a letter of commitment is going out next week. She stated that the owners have to put up \$1.5 million towards the rehabilitation. Brenda said that she was told that if the owners wait too long to put up the \$1.5 million they could lose the Section 8s. She asked Frank to call C.P.C. by the middle of April to see if Mr. Traubee has put up the \$1.5 million.

Frank said that he would request that a letter be sent to C.P.C. requesting to be informed what if anything Mr. Traubee has done to hold up his end so that the Board has it in writing.

2. 1753 Melville Street

Tom reported that Housing Preservation and Development had received two proposals under its \$1 Request For Proposal. He stated that they will be reviewed by H.P.D., and that once the Board received them the Housing Committee will review them with someone from H.P.D. He said that the Board may have an opportunity to comment on them.

3. 1829 Barnes Avenue

Tom reported that last April the Board had received a request from H.P.D. to demolish 1829 Barnes Avenue. He stated that the Board had voted against demolition. Tom said that there was a foreclosure sale on the courthouse steps a few weeks ago, but that at that time the courthouse steps were to be rehabilitated and the prospective buyer could not find where to go to bid on this building. Tom said that another date has been set for the prospective buyer to bid on it.

Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation

Frank stated that at the last meeting it had been reported that the Board had received a request from N.I.D.C. for support of a Community Consultant Contract. He said that the Board had tabled this request. Frank said that he had asked Tom to poll the Housing Committee on this request, and that Housing Committee had approved it. He

said that it was then brought before the Executive Committee which approved it. Frank said that a letter of support was then sent.

C. Parks

Elizabeth Brown reported that on February 5th she had attended a reception at the Parks Council celebrating the 100 years of Bronx Park. Elizabeth said that there was a showing of photographs taken by John Cartier. Elizabeth said that the exhibit is available for viewing by the public at the Council Office from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily. She stated that they are located on 51st and Madison. Elizabeth said that at the meeting she had spoken with Bronx Commissioner Barrett Taylor who had informed her of a meeting to take place the following morning with the electrical engineer from the City to look at Loretto Park and determine just how and when the lighting would begin. She said that it may not be high intensity lighting.

Tom said that Barrett Taylor had said that he would send a letter to the Board on this. Elizabeth said that on February 10th she and Tom had met with people from the Department of Parks, including the new administrator of Van Cortlandt Park and Pelham Bay Park to discuss the rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway. She said that the preliminary scope for this rehabilitation was approved by the Board in 1983. Elizabeth said that monies were requested in the F.Y. 84 budget for this rehabilitation. She said that Pelham Bay Park is also included on this line. She stated that the \$850,000 is not enough money to rehabilitate the entire Parkway. Elizabeth suggested that Community Board #11 request that Pelham Parkway have a separate line for F.Y. 84. She reported that they had also discussed the bus stop at White Plains Road, the cut through for the Precinct and the rehabilitation of the Pelham Parkway station which might interfere with the rehabilitation of the western portion of the Parkway. Elizabeth stated that all this must be taken into consideration before any work begins.

D. Health and Social Services

As Bill Liblick was not present Rhoda Gogatz gave the report. She reported that Bronx Municipal Hospital Center is going to have an Auxiliary Thrift Shop. Rhoda said that they are asking anyone having any furniture, bric a brac, clothing, toys, etc. to please call Jeanette Seabrow at 430-8874. Rhoda said that donations can be brought to the Public Relations Office in Room IS 20 in the Nurses Residence Monday - Friday from 9 - 5.

Rhoda reported that construction has recently been completed on the satellite pharmacy for the pediatric primary care center in the basement. She said that they are waiting for delivery of furniture, and recruiting for necessary staff.

Rhoda stated that representatives of Con Edison had used a hydraulic lift to hoist a Pontiac stationwagon (donated by A & M auto wreckers) to the 2nd floor balcony of Jacobi. She stated that it will be used as a training device for severely disabled patients and their families to teach them how to safely and conveniently use an automobile.

Rhoda said that a lot of construction and modernization work is currently going on at B.M.H.C.

Rhoda asked that Steven Parness's request for a letter asking that Mr. Carmichael's transfer be cancelled be brought to Bill Liblick's attention.

Lee said that it would be done.

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Ernie Odierna stated that he is now the Chairman of the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee. He stated that the report distributed tonight was prepared by Tom. Ernie discussed the conversion of Van Nest Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way street. He said that the Board had requested that this be done some time ago but that it had not been initially approved. He stated that Councilman DeMarco had recently requested that Traffic make Pierce Avenue one-way eastbound between Bronxdale and Tenbroeck Avenues and that Sackett Avenue be made one-way westbound between Tenbroeck and Bronxdale Avenues. He stated that Traffic is willing to make the changes on all three streets if the Board approves.

Motion by Ernie Odierna - Second by Leslie McHenry - That Community Board #11 approve making Pierce, Sackett and Van Nest Avenues one -way as indicated.

Passed with one abstention

Rhoda spoke about the problem of getting an average size car down narrow streets like Kinsella Street where parking is allowed on both sides of the street. She asked if it could be changed to parking on one side only.

Tom stated that he had received a request from people who live in the north eastern part of the district, i.e., between White Plains Road and Matthews Avenue, and between Allerton Avenue and Boston Road asking why these narrow streets having several apartment buildings on them are two-way. He stated that Traffic has to look into this, and that they may request the Board's support in changing them to one-way.

Bus Stop and Meters on Westchester Square

Ernie read a letter from the Westchester Square Merchants Association requesting that the bus stop in front of Brown Jewelers be removed and placed in front of the Con Edison building, and that the meters in front of Con Edison be removed and placed in front of Brown Jewelers.

Motion by Ernie Odierna - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 approve these changes as requested.

Unanimously passed

F. Sanitation

Ernie reported that there would be no pick up of garbage on Monday due to the holiday. He read the statistics of cleanliness in the Bronx for Board #11:

December 1983 - 73%

November 1983 - 73.4%

December 1982 - 69.5%

Ernie stated that the average for the Bronx for December was 61%.

Norman Engel asked why work was not going on at Stillwell Avenue at 5:00 P.M.

Tom explained that because of traffic problems they cannot work after 3:00 P.M.

Tom reported that Angelo Campanaro had informed him that there is supposed to be a

sewer constructed on Westervelt Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues sometime in the future. He said that monies are in there for 1985, but he did not know when it would start. He said that as soon as the Board knows when work is scheduled to begin, it would hold meetings with the homeowners to explain the work, the cost, and why it was needed.

G. Youth

As Ray Locascio was not present, Tom gave the report.

Youth Bureau Funded Programs

Tom stated that in December the Board had voted on recommendations to the Youth Bureau for After School Programs, which are allocated by School District #11 and Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention and Summer Youth Recreation Program.

After School Programs

Tom said that the Board had received a letter today and a copy had been sent to Guy Velella on the After School Programs. Tom read from the letter, which stated that the New York Center for Community Affairs After School Program would be funded. It stated that Morris Park Community Association and Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association could not be considered for first round funding; Allerton, because its proposal was incomplete, and Morris Park because it did not meet the September 12, 1983 deadline. Tom read that School Board #11 is left with \$41,400 to allocate, and that new or second round recommendations must be submitted no later than February 28th.

Tom elaborated further on why Morris Park and Allerton were denied.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Youth Bureau supporting Morris Park and Allerton Avenue's proposals.

Unanimously passed.

Summer Youth Recreation Program

Tom read a letter sent to the Board explaining that the Summer Youth Recreation Program allocation must meet the minimum allocation of \$5,988. He stated that Morris Park was denied because it was submitted late. Tom explained that the Board had recommended that Morris Park receive \$5,000 for its S.Y.R.P. He said that \$988 must be obtained and given to Morris Park if it is to be funded. Tom said that the Executive Committee came up with a recommendation that a portion of the three other programs' budgets be cut to make up the \$988. He said that they were Bronx Council on the Arts - \$17,121, Bronx Organization for Learning Disabled - \$6,000, and the Northeast Bronx Westchester Neighborhood Restoration Association - \$5,000. Tom stated that the Bronx Council on the Arts is indirectly serving Morris Park, and he elaborated on what removing monies from these programs would mean.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by _____ - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Youth Bureau asking that Morris Park be approved for the S.Y.R.P.

Passed with 1 abstention.

Frank stated that the Executive Committee had already discussed this and had felt that in order to make up the amount of money Morris Park was to receive, that a proportional share of the money be taken from the other 3 programs.

Tom elaborated on why this had occurred.

Discussion took place on the Bronx Council and Tom explained the Y.D.D.i.

Motion by Joe Reda - Second by several members - That Morris Park receive the \$988.

Passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

H. Education

Ruth Burko reported she had learned from Grace Rosa that the electrical lights had been approved for Columbus High School. She stated that work is to begin in 1986 and is to be completed in 1988. Ruth said she had also spoken with Grace Rosa, Principal of Columbus High School, about the Community Education Resource Center and learned that it was at an impasse. She said that Grace Rosa would be reopening discussions soon with 110 Livingston Street about hiring a new director. She also mentioned that Grace Rosa had said that the Public Education Association would be writing up the activities of the C.E.R.C.

Ruth also reported that Grace Rosa is the new President of the Columbus High School Alumni Association and that a reunion of the classes of the 1940's is planned for the Spring. Also, the Alumni Association Glee Club will have a performance on February 29th.

Ruth reported that Tom had attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the Eastchester Library on February 1st.

Tom said he had spoken with Grace Rosa when he was working on the responses to the Board's budget priorities from the Office of Management and Budget and the Board of Education, and that Grace had told him it was due to the Board's placing the modernization of Columbus at such a high priority that it was put back on schedule.

I. Community Development and Budget Priorities

Bob Black suggested that Tom be directed to formulate the Board's response to the Preliminary Budget based on an analysis of the degree to which it responds to the Board's budget priorities and community needs. Also, that the Board waive a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget. There were no objections.

Motion to go into Executive Session.

Passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 P.M. and returned at 10:14.

VI. Old Business

Lewis Goldstein reported that a Motion had been made by Rhoda Gogatz and Seconded by Joe Reda that the Board award the lowest bid received for construction of its new office to Drago and Cancelliere. He stated it was passed with 22 for and 7 against. Lewis stated there was also a motion that \$1,000 be allocated for the services of the architect to oversee the construction.

VII. New Business

Frank stated that he had received complaints at the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association and from people who reside near the Dyre Avenue station on the Esplanade about the sidewalks adjacent to the station. Frank passed around pictures of the walkways. He said that people are walking in the street. He suggested that the Board send a letter to the Borough President on this. Frank said that the sidewalk is 6 inches below the curb.

Tom said it is not the M.T.A.'s responsibility. He said their responsibility is only air rights. Tom said the problem is that Highways has no cement contract. He sug-

gested that more cement contracts be obtained. Tom said that he thought the would be a contract next year.

Lee spoke about the Mosholu Extension and the fact that it has never been resolved.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by _____ - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Highways explaining the situation with the sidewalks and the Mosholu Extension, with copies to the Mayor and the Borough President.

Amended by Lee Mager that the Board request a meeting with the Task Force.

Amended by Eli Goldsmith that copies of the pictures be sent, and that it be sent by Certified mail.

Passed.

Eli spoke about the Mitchell-Lama buildings and buy outs. He explained what buy outs are in detail. He suggested that the Board look into this.

Frank said he would request that someone from Housing Preservation and Development come to the next Board meeting and explain this to the Board.

Discussion took place on Mr. Carmichael's transfer, and it was decided that the Health and Social Services Committee should learn the reasons for the transfer before the Board does anything.

John Cifichiello spoke about a building on Mace Avenue and Williamsbridge Road, and a medical building that is being put up on the Esplanade.

Tom explained that neither of these construction projects require a variance or any other action involving the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary



ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 1984

PRESENT

Robert Black	Lee Mager
Elizabeth Brown	Leslie McHenry
Ruth Burko	Joseph Milone
John Cafichiello	Frank Muccioli
Nicholas Cremonese	Ernest Odierna
Anthony DelGaudio	Brenda Petri
Norman Engel	Michael Prisco
Stella Fernandez	Charles Re
Nora Fox	Joseph Reda
Anthony Funigiello	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Kenneth Gelnick	Anthony Rizzo
Rhoda Gogatz	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Eli Goldsmith	Alfred Tartaglia
Lewis Goldstein	Henry Yuspeh
Abraham Kleinman	Steve Zarkin
Steve Lovitch	

ABSENT

Dominic Castore	William Liblick
Thomas Denaro	Raymond Locascio
Gloria DiGianni	Salvatore Napolitano
Kenneth Fleisser	Abraham Pereira
Rabbi Israel Greenberg	William Ricevuto
Romolo Imundi	
Michael LaGuardia	

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Steven Parness - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel
Kenneth Kearns - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel
Nicholas G. Garaufis - Rep. of Congressman James Scheuer
Robert McGuire - Rep. of Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli
John DeGatano - Rep. of Senator Abraham Bernstein
Ronnie Albert - Rep. of Assemblyman John Dearie

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager - Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky, Secretaty - Community Planning Board #11
Barbara Fried - Rep. of Borough President Stanley Simon
John Lavin - Bronx Office of City Planning

GUESTS

Jerry Riconda - Bronx Times Reporter
Thal Davis - 2424 Senior Citizens Center