# COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX 2280 WALLACE AVENUE - ROOM 2 BRONX, NEW YORK 10467



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THOMAS J. BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 1984

## AT BISHOP MESTICE HALL OF ST.DOMINIC'S CHURCH

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

# I. Gallery Session

a. Angelo Campanaro - Chester Civic Association

Angelo thanked the Board, the Chair and Tom Brown for the letter that was sent on the proposed increase in clients at 2225 Lodovick Avenue. He stated that he felt that it was a very effective, strong, clear letter.

Angelo spoke about the death of one child and the serious injury to her sister on the New England Thruway near the Gun Hill Road entrance. Angelo said that it is a very dangerous road, and he told the Board that serious accidents have occured there going both north and south. He stated that a year ago engineers and the deputy in charge of the New York Thruway State Police had a meeting with members of Community Boards #12 and #10 and said that there was nothing they could do to improve the safety on that stretch of the highway. Angelo stated that this is where the MTA proposes to put the garage. He asked that the Board select someone from its Board to serve on a committee with Community Boards #12 and #10.

### II. Minutes

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Blanche Rifkin - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted

# III. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown reported that the January District Service Cabinet Minutes had been sent out. He said that the February Minutes would be going out soon. Tom said that an extensive letter had been sent to Commissioner Webb on 2225 Lodovick Avenue.

Some discussion took place on 2225 Lodovick Avenue. Blanche stated that they have increased their clients to 23. Angelo said that the additional 3 were temporary. He stated that he had heard unofficially that their request had been denied.

Tom said that a lot of phone calls had been made about the Summer Youth Employment Program and that Ray would discuss it in his report. He stated that he had also been working with Lee on the actual wording of the contract for the contractor who will be renovating the office space. Tom said that if all goes well, once the contract is signed, the contractor could start work within two weeks. Tom stated that the work should take between three to six weeks. He stated that the Board could be in its new office before the end of the fiscal year.

## IV. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that:

- 1. the Board of Estimate has approved a contract between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism, with Albert Einstein College of Medicine for Mental Retardation, totaling \$1,121,000.
- 2. the Board of Estimate has approved the cancellation of the sale of a vacant parcel located on Holland Avenue between Rhinelander and Hunt Avenues and had refunded the deposit to Edgehill Properties Corp.
- 3. Borough President Simon has obtained a provision for \$1.9 million in the 1984 Capital Budget for the purchase and installation of lighting equipment for streets, parks, playgrounds, schoolyards, parkways, highways and public places in the borough. At Borough President Simon's behest, the Board approved a budgetary amendment adding \$1.38 million to the \$550,000 previously earmarked for the work.
- 4. Borough President Simon joined the Board of Estimate in approving \$1.5 million in funding for the development of programs to expediate the disposition of cases in criminal courts. Each prosecutor will use the funds to develop his or her own program that best addresses the problem of case delay. One of the obvious benefits of the program will be a reduction of the detention time for defendants awaiting court processing.

Annette also reported that Borough President Simon said that the ERUV in the Pelham Parkway area which had fallen during last Thursday's blizzard, had been promptly restored. She stated that Borough President Simon said that "with the assistance of Con Edison and others, the ERUV, which is so important to the area's Jewish community, was reattached in time for observance of the Sabbath".

Annette also reported that at Borough President Simon's request, Con Edison provided the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway with a "cherry picker" truck so that the ERUV wire could be restrung. The wire had been ripped loose from the El train structure at Burke Avenue and White Plains Road.

Annette stated that the ERUV, which was designated in the Pelham Parkway area by the Rabbinical Board of the Bronx with the Jewish Community Council, enables observant Jewish families to carry items and wheel baby carriages during the Sabbath.

Annette reported that Bronx Week would be observed from May 4 - May 11. She stated that anyone wishing to participate should call 590-3853. Annette said that the opening would be held in the rotunda of the Bronx Country Court House on May 4th, and that the parade would be held on May 6th beginning at Tremont Avenue and the Grand Concourse and proceed up to Kingsbridge Road and the Grand Concourse.

Annette announced that on Friday at 2:00 P.M. in Room 406 (Surrogates Court) of the County Court House, Women's History Week will be observed.

Rhoda Gogatz stated that yesterday she had received a notice of a special conference at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center which had been held last Friday. She stated that she felt that the Borough President's office should be informed of this. Rhoda also said that she felt that the communtiy was being short changed in regard to snow removal. She stated that it should be checked out and that streets where there are group homes should be cleaned as well as primary streets.

#### V. Committee Reports

Tom stated that a copy of the Treasurer's report had been distributed tonight. He stated that Leslie McHenry was not here tonight. Tom said that he felt the report was self explanatory.

Dom suggested that the Board members take it home, and if they have any questions that they call Tom in the office.

#### A. Housing

1. Progress report on Allerton Coops Rehabilitation

Frank Muccioli stated that at the last meeting Brenda Petri had asked about the \$1.5 million Mr. Traubee was supposed to put up for the rehabilitation of the Coops, and what affect it would have on the Section 8's if it was delayed. Frank said that a letter was sent requesting this information. He stated that he had a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Marvin Goldberg of the Community Preservation Corporation. Frank read both the letters. In essence Mr. Goldberg's letter indicated that Mr. Traubee is not delinquent and that the Section 8's are not endangered.

2. Discussion of buy-outs of Mitchell Lama buildings

Frank stated that Eli Goldsmith had raised a question about buy-outs at the last meeting.

Motion by Eli Goldsmith - Second by - That the Board investigate through the State Division of Housing how these buy-outs are to take place, and what is to happen to these buildings.

John Lavin of the Bronx Office of City Planning stated that he had spoken with the Counsel of the Division of Housing and Community Renwal. He said that he was told that Mitchell Lama buildings have run the life of their tax abatement, but that when they come before the Board of Estimate the tax abatements have been renewed. He stated that in every case that has come before the Board of Estimate, if the ownership has been turned over to private owners the rents remain under the control of rent stabilization.

Frank asked that Tom send a letter to the State on this.

#### B. Land Use

1. Proposed amendment to Variance for Albert Einstein Housing on Easchester Road

Lee Mager reported that they were awaiting more information on this request to construct an athletic Center on the grounds adjacent to the Einstein Housing at B.M.H.C. He asked Tom if he had heard anything else on this, and Tom said that he

had not. Lee said that as he understood the proposal Albert Einstein Housing wants to build a recreation facility on the grounds. He said that there was a provision for this kind of facility in the plans and he elaborated on this. Lee stated that before it is given to the Land Use Committee for study he would like to see exactly what the proposed changes are. Lee said that it may require a new Variance rather than an amended Variance. He stated that he hoped that by the next meeting he would have more information to report.

2. Proposed changes in Zoning Resolution text regarding physical culture or health establishments

Lee reported that this is an attempt by the agencies to be able to regulate these facilities. He stated that this was not given to the Committee as he felt that no one would be against this.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 go on record as being in favor of this change in the Zoning Resolution.

Passed

## C. Public Safety

Joe Reda was not present.

Rhoda Gogatz stated that she wanted to thank the 43rd,47th and 49th Precincts for a good meeting in regard to protection of churches and synagogues. She stated that it was well attended and that the police were well represented. Rhoda thanked them for their assistance.

#### D. Youth Services

Ray Locascio stated that at the last Committee meeting there were 15 -20 members in attendance. He stated that he hoped that by May 1st the Youth Coordinator would be on board.

## 1. S.Y.E.P.

Ray reported that for the first time since Community Board #11 has run its summer program it may not be running it on its own. He explained that the Board may have to go in with another group. Ray stated that this group would be S.T.O.P. He stated that both he and Tom had met with the people from S.T.O.P. Ray said that S.T.O.P.(Services Through Organized People) does not want to merge either. He said that it is located in Board #10, but that it is not a Board run program, but a not-for-profit Community organization. Ray said that by merging, one Project Director position would be eliminated. He elaborated on how the program would be run. Ray said that Board #11 would be the lead agency. He stated that the Board has not yet received written notice that it must merge. He stated that he wants to be ready when the letter comes.

Rhoda asked why the Board would merge with S.T.O.P. and not an organization from Board #11.

Tom explained that there were no organizations in Community District #11 desirous of operating an S.Y.E.P.

Discussion took place on the Executive Committee's recommendation that Community Board #11 not merge.

Ray said that he wants to be prepared to merge, if the Board is given notice that if it does not merge it will not have a program.

Tom reported that he had gone to Brooklyn to pick up the applications yesterday, and had spoken with Assistant Commissioner Minard about the kind of letter the Board is to receive. Tom said that a letter will be sent to S.T.O.P. and Community District #11 saying that if we do not merge, they will decide which group will be funded. He stated that if this happens one group will suffer. Tom stated that maybe the Board's position should be that pending receipt of this letter the Board still has the same position. He further stated that if this letter arrives on Friday or Monday that he or Dom be authorized to sign the letter of agreement.

Tom stated that some Boards went into consortium last year. He said that Board #12 consorted last year as did Board #5.

Discussion took place on the slots available.

Tom spoke on the problems with Board #11 not being a Project Sponsor and the advantages of being a Project Sponsor to Board #11's participants. Tom stated that there would be 280 slots from both programs which is a reduction for both agencies.

Frank stated that he felt that the Board should follow the Executive Committee's recommendation and not consort.

Dom explained what a task running this program is. He stated that private organizations such as Allerton and Morris Park have tried to run a program, but that it was too much work with no rewards.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Frank Muccioli - That Community Board #11 adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee that it be a Project Sponsor for the S.Y.E.P, without consorting.

Much discussion took place on this and whether S.T.O.P. will be willing to consort if the letter should come.

The meeting was adjourned by Executive order.

Respectively submitted,

Lewis Goldstein,

Secretary

# ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 1984

#### PRESENT

Ruth Burko Dominic Castore John Cifichiello Nicholas Cremonese Anthony DelGaudio Gloria DiGianni Norman Engel Stella Fernandez Kenneth Fleisser Kenneth Gelnick Rhoda Gogatz Eli Goldsmith Lewis Goldstein

#### ABSENT

Robert Black Elizabeth Brown Thomas Denaro Nora Fox Anthony Funigiello Romolo Imundi Abraham Kleinman Michael LaGuardia

Rabbi Israel Greenberg William Liblick Raymond Locascio Lee Mager Frank Muccioli Abraham Pereira

Brenda Petri Michael Prisco William Ricevuto Blanche Comras Rifkin

Anthony Rizzo

Madeline Saltaformaggio

Henry Yuspeh

Steve Lovitch Leslie McHenry Joseph Milone Salvatore Napolitano Ernest Odierna Charles Re Joseph Reda Anthony Tartaglia Steve Zarkin

## EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

John Farrel - Rep. of Hon. Michael DeMarco

### OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kenneth Kearns - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel Ronnie Albert - Rep. of Assemlyman John Dearie John DeGaetano - Rep. of Senator Abraham Bernstein

## STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager - Community Planning Board #11 Harriet Lasky, Secretary- Community Planning Board #11 Annette Marchitello - Rep. of Borough President Simon Det. Julie Berland - 47th Precinct