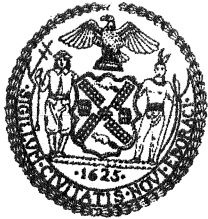


COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX  
BRONX MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL CENTER  
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LEE MAGER,  
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11 MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 1984

I. Gallery Session

a. Celia Rostand

Mrs. Rostand spoke about the poor condition of the flagpole at P.S. 89. She spoke of the illegal parking of cars at dropped sidewalks. These lowered sidewalks are for the benefit of elderly and handicapped. Illegally parked cars blocking the dropped sidewalks make it very difficult for the people it should benefit.

b. Sam Porcaro

Mr. Porcaro complained of the sewers at the northeast corner of Bronxwood and Mace Avenues which back up during heavy rainfalls. Chairman Mager stated that he would look into this complaint.

c. Thal Davis - Vice-Chairman, Northeast Bronx Council on Aging

Mrs. Thal Davis requested a 24-hour hot line in each borough for emergency service for the elderly. It is in the evening hours that we find our elderly in need of services and help. Mrs. Davis stated that this hot line is important because during the day many of the elderly can visit centers; however, when they get home they become fearful and they have to know that there is someone to call.

d. Philip Lee

Mr. Lee spoke of his problem with A.D. Taxi Company whose parking lot is next to his house. Chairman Mager stated that this matter will be referred to the proper departments, i.e. Police, Environmental Protection, etc.

e. William Taylor - President, Allerton Coops Tenants Association

Mr. Taylor stated he had met with Commissioner Gliedman, Father Mulcasey of St. Lucy's Parish, William Frohlich of Beth Abraham Hospital, Mr. Michael Bialek of Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, and Mr. Ted Weinstein of the Neighborhood Preservation Office, to discuss removing eyesores from the neighborhood. Specifically, Mr. Taylor complained of the drug scene on Barker Avenue about which he has spoken to the Police Department at least 50 times and made many trips to the 47th Precinct. He stated that the Lieutenant in charge of street crime has done a fair job. Mr. Taylor asked for help in combatting crime, better street lighting, etc. Mr. Taylor stated that he has spoken to Detective Tom Lyons about public drinking on Allerton Avenue.

f. George Nicholas - Office of Retardation & Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Nicholas declined to speak at this time.

g. Simeon Goldstein

Mr. Goldstein stated that he is at present serving on the Housing Committee. He spoke about 665 Thwaites Place, which is forming a co-op in an effort to preserve the building. Mr. Goldstein spoke of 421a Housing, in which new houses are given partial tax exemption for ten years. This is now available to middle income families.

II. Minutes

The minutes were not yet available, and were passed over until next meeting.

III. Chairman's Report - Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman

Chairman Mager reported that on Monday, November 19th, the Community Board Office will be moving to its new location at the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

IV. District Manager's Report - Mr. Thomas Brown, District Manager

The District Manager announced the address of the new office - Nurses Residence, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Room 11N22, Pelham Parkway South and Eastchester Road, Bronx 10461. The building is between Jacobi Hospital and Van Etten Hospital. He stated that we would have a new phone number; however, he requested that it not be the same exchange as that of the hospital. District Manager stated he has been busy with the budget priorities - the listings were being given out this evening - and the mailing of notices for the Public Hearings to the residents and commercial operators in the area.

V. Borough President's Report - Mr. Robert Nolan

Mr. Robert Nolan stated that the Board of Estimate approved the resolution unanimously for continuance of the sidewalk cafe at 724 Allerton Avenue. Also, approval was given to continue the construction contract for rehabilitation of Christopher Columbus High School.

Mr. Nolan spoke of a breakfast conference held November 14th, hosted by Borough President Simon, at the Sheraton Center in Manhattan, which brought together real estate developers and brokers from all over the city to encourage them to use their monies in areas of the Bronx which are in need of such development. He stated that he would inform the Board of any developments which result from this breakfast conference.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Land Use - Mr. Kenneth Gelnick, Chairperson

Chairman Mager turned the Chair over to Mr. Dominic Castore, First Vice Chairman, for the first item on the Agenda, since there might be a conflict of interest.

The first item on the Agenda, for which a Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting, was 855-84-BZ - to add one story to an existing garage next to premises at 2460 Williamsbridge Road for an existing law practice.

A Motion was made by Mr. Alfred Tartaglia, seconded by Mr. William Liblick and carried unanimously, to accept this Variance.

Chairman Mager resumed as Chairman of the meeting to take up the second item for which a Public Hearing had been held prior to the meeting. This was 819-59-BZ - to amend an existing Variance at 2556 Boston Road to permit a loading facility for a supermarket within an R6 zoning district.

A Motion was made by Mr. William Liblick, seconded by Mr. Joe Reda, to accept this Variance.

Discussion on the Motion took place.

Mr. Frank Muccioli added a Rider to the Motion that a wall must be built as stated by Mr. Lawless. On the blueprints has been added that pipes are to be placed in the ground 3 feet inside the wall as a bumper for the trucks, so that if by accident they should hit those pipes they would not destroy the wall.

The Motion to accept the Variance with the Rider was carried unanimously.

B. Public Safety - Mr. Joseph Reda, Chairperson

Mr. Reda reported there are still problems with the opening of the 49th Precinct. He does not expect the precinct to open until after January. Mr. Reda suggested that a letter be written to Mayor Koch to hire, in the future, contractors who would be more reliable and do a better job.

A Motion was made by Mr. Joe Reda, seconded by Mr. William Liblick, to write a letter to Mayor Koch stating our dissatisfaction on the lack of progress that's been going on at the 49th Precinct.

Discussion on the Motion.

Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz suggested that churches, synagogues, community organizations in the area of the 49th Precinct should also write support letters, in addition to the Community Board letter.

Chairman Mager said we could c.c. the Community Board's letter to these organizations so that they could take action on it.

The Motion to send a letter to Mayor Koch was carried with 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation- Mr. Ernest Odierna, Chairperson

The District Manager stated that the New York Bus Company acquired the franchise for the Pelham Parkway run of the bus from Liberty Lines. Franchises are U.L.U.R.P. items. The Executive Committee requested a letter be sent to Chairman Sturz, City Planning Commission, Mr. Theodore Teah, Commissioner of Bronx, and Community Board #12 which is also affected, saying that should there be a change in route certified by the City Planning Commission, it should also be certified to Community Boards #11 and #12 and Community Boards in Manhattan.

Mr. Robert Nolan requested a report from the Bureau of Franchises. Mr. Nolan will be giving monthly reports on the situation once the Bureau of Franchises completes its report.

Mr. Ernest Odierna stated that his committee and the Executive Committee recommended that the District Manager prepare Citizens Complaint Forms which could be mailed in by neighborhood organizations to identify problems of traffic, lights, sanitation, etc. This would be in addition to telephone complaints. Merchants may be willing to have these cards available for their customers' use. Mr. Odierna stated that copies of the complaint cards would be sent to the committees involved, so they would know what is going on.

Mr. Lewis Goldstein inquired about the situation at Kazimiroff Boulevard. Chairman Mager stated that a drop-off point would be provided for people using baseball facilities. Community Board #7 had expressed concern about a tree, which will be preserved. The State cannot provide a drop-off point, but the Parks Department can, and once notified they will look into it when their budget can handle it.

C. Housing - Mr. Frank Muccioli, Chairperson

Mr. Frank Muccioli spoke about the two factions at the Allerton Coops: The North Allerton Preservation Group and the Allerton Coops Tenants Association. He stated that it seems that these two groups that are there for the same purpose are at constant odds with each other, thus placing the Community Board in a precarious situation.

A Motion was made by Mr. Frank Muccioli, seconded by Mr. Ray Locascio, that the Board send a letter to the North Allerton Preservation Group's President and the Allerton Coops Tenants Association's President encouraging them to get together so that the Board would not be placed in a situation of seeming to favor one over the other.

Discussion on the Motion.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz, seconded by Mr. Joseph Milone and defeated, to Table the Motion to send letters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown stated that it should be understood that any member of the Community Board who meets with any organization must be considered a neutral party only. This was accepted by Mr. Muccioli as an amendment to his motion.

Mr. Joseph Milone asked whether the Board would cease to recognize either of these organizations if the letter is sent and one or the other refuses to get together.

Chairman Mager stated the Board would take no action except at a Board meeting, and it is not the policy of the Board to disregard any community groups.

The Motion to send letters to the North Allerton Preservation Group and the Allerton Coops Tenants Association was carried with 5 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Mr. Frank Muccioli stated that information has been given to him that indicates that the Jewish Council of Pelham Parkway was designated as the Community Consultant Group for the Rehabilitation of the Allerton Coops.

A Motion was made by Mr. Frank Muccioli, seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore, that a letter be sent to the Jewish Council of Pelham Parkway asking them to please tell the Board what role they are playing in the Allerton Coops, and if this Board could seek their indulgence and their help in solving the problems of the Allerton Coops.

Mr. Muccioli agreed to amend the Motion to send the letter to Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation requesting information on their role with the Allerton Coops.

Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz stated she would like to amend the Motion to also send a letter to the Neighborhood Preservation Office on their role. This Motion was rejected, as this information is already in the Board Office.

The Motion was carried with 1 Opposed and 5 Abstentions to send a letter to Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation requesting information on their role with the Allerton Coops.

E. Health and Social Services - Mr. William Liblick, Chairperson

Mr. Liblick stated that the Group Home on Kingsland Avenue, operated by the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, is scheduled to be opened in December. Mr. George Nicholas verified the amount of beds as fifteen. The Group Home at 3050 Laconia Avenue will be opened in January. Mr. Liblick stated that both of these homes would like people to serve on their Advisory Boards. Please contact the Community Board Office if interested in these, or the Group Home on Wallace Avenue.

The Health and Social Services Committee would like an Ad Hoc Committee of our Board and the Social Services Committee to investigate group homes and what effect they are having on the community.

Mr. William Liblick announced that the Department of the Aging is holding a Public Hearing on November 29th in the Bronx County Building at 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Mr. Liblick stated that he will also suggest setting up a Senior 24-hour Hot Line.

F. Youth - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

Mr. Ray Locascio stated that he and Mrs. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator, met with members of the Youth Services Planning Committee the night before to put their plans together. He will have a report in December.

VII. Old Business

On the proposed bus tour by Community Board members, information was lacking. Chairman Mager stated it would be brought up again at the next meeting.

The discussion of a party for the opening of the new office was also deferred to the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Anthony Rizzo wanted information on the opening of the sewer at Pelham Parkway. The District Manager stated that the Department of Environmental Protection is going to the Board of Estimate for funds to increase the contract to cover this problem. The contractor is working on the south side of the sewer below Pelham Parkway. It was the general consensus of the Board that the Department of Environmental Protection be given this increase and the matter was referred to Mr. Robert Nolan.

Mr. Anthony Rizzo complained of rats seen in the area of this sewer. The District Manager stated that a complaint was sent to the Health Department several months ago, and he suggested that homeowners should take their own measures to get rid of rodents.

Mr. Anthony Funigiello requested information on the rehabilitation of the bridge at Stillwell Avenue and Pelham Parkway, and the amount of time it would take to complete. The District Manager stated that the contractor needs access to the railroad tracks below and the owners - AMTRAK or CONRAIL - will only shut off the electricity for two hours a day. The District Manager did not have a completion date.

Mr. Joseph Reda stated that Morris Park Community Association is having difficulty with Mr. Jim Sapione of Community Relations at Einstein and Bronx Municipal Hospital Corporation. Mr. Sapione seems to be bypassing the Morris Park Association in favor of Community Board #11, in spite of the fact that Mr. Dominic Castore and Mr. Joe Reda have met with Mr. Sapione to tell him of Morris Park's role in working for the good of the community. Mr. Reda stated that it is important that Morris Park Association know what is going on, and also changes in proposals. Chairman Mager stated that it would be appropriate for a committee to meet with Mr. Sapione and members of the Association to work out lines of communication. It is important for Morris Park and other organizations to know what is taking place.

Mr. Eli Goldsmith requested information on the traffic problems at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road, and a survey being made to rectify these problems.

Chairman Mager stated that he was unaware of any survey being made; however, when

he had more information he would let Mr. Goldsmith know.

District Manager stated that he attended a meeting in October with Commissioner Gliedman, Mr. Herbert Rickman, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Borough President Simon, Task Force of Pelham Parkway, and members of several community organizations. There was a request by Commissioner Gliedman for a detailed report on P721 (Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway), and also if this should be a Task Force matter. Since so many agencies are involved: Highways for paving, Traffic for sequencing of lights, M.T.A. for the Pelham Parkway Station and bus routes, and Environmental Protection for drainage, this item is being proposed as a Task Force matter with all agencies coordinating their plans with each other.

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Dominic Castore, seconded and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Submitted by Brenda Petri  
Secretary

Date December 20, 1984

ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11 MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 1984

Present

Elizabeth Brown	Steve Lovitch
Dominic Castore	Lee Mager
John Cifichiello	Leslie McHenry
Nicholas Cremonese	Joseph Milone
Gloria DiGianni	Frank Muccioli
Norman Engel	Ernest Odierna
Stella Fernandez	Abraham Pereira
Kenneth Fleisser	Brenda Petri
Anthony Funigiello	Michael Prisco
Kenneth Gelnick	Charles Re
Rhoda Gogatz	Joseph Reda
Eli Goldsmith	William Ricevuto
Lewis Goldstein	Anthony Rizzo
Lillian Holtzman	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Murray Lewinter	Alfred Tartaglia
William Liblick	Henry Yuspeh
Raymond Locascio	Vincent Zarcone

Absent

Renee Biller	Alan Kalish
Robert Black	Abraham Kleinman
Ruth Burko	Michael LaGuardia
Anthony DelGaudio	Charles Lefkowitz
Thomas Denaro	Salvatore Napolitano
Nora Fox	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Israel Greenberg	Steve Zarkin
Romolo Imundi	

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Lavin - Bronx City Planning  
Estelle Kapp - Community Planning Board #11

GUESTS

Thal Davis - North East Bronx Council on the Aging  
P.O. Jim Strafella - 43rd Police Precinct  
P.O. Rich DiVico - 43rd Police Precinct