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STANLEY SIMON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT THOMAS J. BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 1985 AT THE MARY, QUEEN

OF PEACE HALL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 P.M. by Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Dom Masullo - C.A.P. Committee

Mr. Masullo spoke about the C.A.P. Program (Children Are Precious). Formed by a group of parents, the program runs from Castle Hill Avenue to Westchester Avenue and East Tremont Avenue to New Paul Avenue. The program is involved with the safety of children, going to and from school. Mr. Masullo explained what a Safe House was and how it would work. He asked anyone interested to contact him at the Zerega Community Association. Mr. Masullo stated that the Police Department has films available for people interested in safety programs.

Chairman Mager offered any help the Board could give to Mr. Masullo and his program, and he should feel free to contact the Board office.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Reda, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Cremonese, and passed with 1 abstention, that the Minutes be accepted as received.

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

Chairman Mager announced that he had been invited to attend a protest rally in Washington, D.C. on March 26th, to protest the cuts to New York City and the Bronx. He stated that the rally was being sponsored in part by the Borough President's Office. Chairman Mager stated that he would be unable to attend. If any Board members wished to attend, they should contact the Board office or Ms. Annette Marchitello. He also stated that buses were being provided and that they were going to leave at 5:45 A.M.

Ms. Marchitello stated that the site for departure has not been selected as yet.

Nominating Committee

Chairman Mager named the following people to the Nominating Committee: Mr. Steve Lovitch, Chairman, Mr. Michael Prisco, Ms. Ruth Burko and Mr. Steve Zarkin. He stated that the Committee would select a slate of candidates to be presented at the next meeting. Chairman Mager also stated that nominations would be accepted from the floor at the April and May meetings, and that elections would take place in June.

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

The District Manager stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes from the January meeting had been sent out and should have been received by the Board members. He said that the Minutes for the February meeting would be going out tomorrow. He stated that he had gone on a walking tour with representatives of the Highways Department, Parks Department, and the consultant for the Pelham Parkway Project of the Parks Department. He stated that they walked the length of Pelham Parkway looking to see what Highways might do regarding the Rehabilitation Project for Pelham Parkway. He further stated that this tour took place in the morning, and that in the afternoon he met with Ms. Angela Fowler, of the Mayor's Office, and the Highways Department, and looked at the area around the Zoo. He stated that they looked at the ramp to see how they could make it safer. The District Manager reported that he had met with the Highways Department last week to discuss sites for sidewalk improvements that the Highways Committee and community groups have submitted to the Board office. He reported that Mr. John Lavin of the City Planning Commission had informed him that the Office of Economic Development (O.E.D.) is putting out for bids the contract to remove the stump of the directory on White Plains Road. He stated that he did not know how long it will take.

Some discussion took place on the other directories.

V. Borough President's Report - Ms. Annette Marchitello

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved authorizing a loan to be made from the City's revolving loan fund for businesses to Farberware. This loan is part of a total of \$8,900,000 project which will enable Farberware to expand its operation in the Bronx, retaining 1,293 jobs and creating 253 new jobs. The loan will be in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds of which will be used by Farberware for construction of a new warehouse facility.

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved the sale at Public Auction of one parcel in Community Board #11 located on the west side of Hone Avenue, 168 feet north of Allerton Avenue. The minimum upset price is \$5,000.

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved the release of the City's interest in a two-story residential building located at 3664 Bronxwood Avenue to Ms. Alice L. Smith.

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate approved an award for the proposed agreements between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services and the Astor Home for Children for the provision of mental health services (original adjusted net amount \$305,669) has been amended to \$350,699 for the period of July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985.

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved a change order relating to overruns in connection with the reconstruction of the Pelham Parkway Bridge.

Mr. Frank Muccioli asked Ms. Marchitello if the Borough President's office could determine who owns the property at the Dyre Avenue stop between Astor and Laconia Avenues. He stated that the sidewalks were in need of repairs. Mr. Muccioli stated that he has been working on this for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years with no results.

Chairman Mager stated that he would get Mr. Muccioli a copy of the deed.

Chairman Mager reported that Rabbi Greenberg's father had passed away. He stated that anyone wishing to send their condolences could get his address from the Board office. He stated that the Board had sent its condolences to Rabbi Greenberg and his family.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Land Use - Mr. Kenneth Gelnick, Chairperson

 $1.480-74~\rm BZ$ - Renewal for a period of ten years, the term of an existing Variance which permits an auto showroom with accessory parking for used cars in a C2-2 zoning district, at $2531/41~\rm East$ Tremont Avenue (Liberty Buick).

A Motion was made by Mr. Lewis Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore and passed unanimously, that Community Board #11 approve this request for renewal of an existing Variance.

2. 88-85 BZ - Special Permit to provide a drive-thru facility for a proposed restaurant to be located at 2703 East Tremont Avenue (west side of Williamsbridge Road intersection with St. Raymonds Avenue).

A Motion was made by Mr. Dominic Castore, seconded by Mr. Joseph Reda and passed unanimously, that Community Board #11 disapprove the request for a drive-thru facility.

A great deal of discussion took place on this item before the vote to disapprove was taken.

Chairman Mager introduced Assemblyman Larry Seabrook.

Scheduling of Public Hearings

1. C830886 MMX - Application to change the zoning of 12,000 square feet at the northwest corner of Colden and Arnow Avenues (2901 Colden Avenue - Block 4553, Lot 1) from an R5 to a C8-1 zoning district to permit the sale of new and used automobiles.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli and carried, that Community Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on this application.

2. C840168 MMX - Application to demap Erskine Place from Stillwell Avenue to a point 650 feet westerly from the intersection of the westerly line of DeReimer Avenue and the northerly line of Erskine Place and the discontinuing and closing of Erskine Place from the westerly line of the Hutchinson River Parkway Extension to a point 650 feet westerly from the intersection of the westerly line of DeReimer Avenue and the northerly line of Erskine Place and the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby.

Chairman Mager stated that the application is in Board #10 and Board #11.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli and passed unanimously, that Community Board #11 not hold a Public Hearing on this item but recommend an approval to demapping.

Some discussion took place on this item before a vote was taken.

3. 202-62 BZ - Application to amend a Variance to convert a gasoline station (Shell Station) at Allerton and Paulding Avenues to self-service.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli and passed, that this item be tabled.

B. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ms. Stella Fernandez, Chairperson

Ms. Fernandez reported that her committee had met on March 11th. She stated that present at the meeting were Mr. Ernest Odierna, Ms. Lillian Holtzman, Ms. Barbara Williams of the Department of Sanitation, District Manager and herself. She stated

that the purpose of the meeting was to show cause of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection contractual services of O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. The function of this study is to analyze the present sanitary sewer conditions and determine the level of infiltration/inflow, and also to determine the cost. Ms. Fernandez stated that there will not be new sewer construction at this point as part of the project.

Mr. Tod Heller, Elssom Kulin, sub-contractors of American Digital Systems, and Ms. J. Kathy Connery, Public Liaison Coordinator to O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. demonstrated plans to determine the Pollution Discharge Elimination System on 130,000,000 gallons of water a day, plus treatment of chlorination. This study will analyze the amount of seepage into the water and sewer systems discharged at the Hunts Point Drainage area. Mrs. Fernandez stated that there will be spot checking throughout some areas and in some homes. They will also be checking on some catch basins and sewers. She stated that some complaint forms were left to be given out for sewer and backup floods.

Mrs. Fernandez stated that they next discussed the subject of sanitation and existing conditions on empty lots on Morris Park Avenue facing the Morris Park Station, the park on Five Corners, White Plains and Unionport Roads, the Veterans Monument, the abandoned cars, the confusion of pickup days by the Sanitation Department. She stated that these complaints were given to Ms. Barbara Williams, Liaison to the Sanitation Department. The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. and the next meeting is set for April 25th.

C. Youth Services Planning Committee - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

As Mr. Locascio was not present, Ms. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator, gave the report.

1. Summer Youth Employment Program

Ms. Loeb reported that the application intake phase has been extended another week until March 29th.

Ms. Loeb reported that as of last week ads appeared in the local papers for the Crew Chief and Administrative Assistant positions for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

2. New York Grantsmakers Summer Program for Youth

Ms. Loeb reported that the Executive Committee agreed at its meeting to give the Youth Services Planning Committee the authority to make the necessary decisions regarding the submission of proposals for the New York Grantsmakers Summer Program for Youth. She stated that the proposal is due on April 5th, which is before the next Board meeting.

D. Public Safety - Mr. Joseph Reda, Chairperson

Mr. Reda reported that 400 people attended the first meeting of the 49th Precinct Council. He stated that the next meeting would be April 2nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

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

1. Advisory Board of 2213 Wallace Avenue Community Residence

Mr. Liblick reported that members are still needed for the Advisory Board at this site. Mr. Liblick reported that the Kingsland Avenue home is still under construction.

Mr. Lewis Goldstein reported on the meeting of the Advisory Board of 2213 Wallace Avenue which was held on March 7th. He stated that Mr. Frank Muccioli was there, representing the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association, Ms. Elinor Cook, repre-

senting St. Lucy's, and also a parent of one of the residents. Mr. Goldstein stated there was discussion on various means of having the clients of the group home assimilated into the community and made to feel comfortable. He stated that they met with the clients. There are eight clients at the facility to date.

The next meeting is April 17th.

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

Mr. Odierna reported that his Committee had met on Monday. He welcomed Mr. Mel Hirsch, a new member of his Committee. He stated that at the Committee meeting they discussed the parking garage at the Low Dormitory housing complex of Einstein College. Mr. Odierna stated that after the meeting he and Mr. Hirsch had gone to look at it, and it was half empty. He stated that he would try to look at it again during the day.

Mr. Odierna spoke about Einstein's request for Doctors Only parking on Sacket Avenue. He stated that he thought it was a good idea, as there are no private homes there. He stated that he would look at this again.

Mr. Odierna reported that he had looked at the new construction that Einstein was doing. He stated that this was brought up at the last meeting. He asked the District Manager to find out what was being constructed on this site.

Discussion took place on the request for a traffic light on Halperin Avenue and Williamsbridge Road.

Chairman Mager asked the District Manager to look into this.

Nuclear Waste Trucks on the New England Thruway

A Motion was made by Mr. William Liblick, seconded by Ms. Stella Fernandez and Mr. Henry Yuspeh and passed with 1 abstention, that Community Board #11 send a letter to Governor Mario Cuomo opposing the transportation of nuclear waste through a highly populated area.

G. Education and Culture - Ms. Ruth Burko, Chairperson

Mr. Frank Muccioli informed the Board that the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association had received a grant from the New York State Crime Prevention Unit. He stated that they were working with Christopher Columbus High School on a Cadet Program. Mr. Muccioli stated that the Cadets would be seniors from Columbus High School who are interested in law enforcement. He stated there would also be students from John Jay College. Mr. Muccioli said there would be 30 individuals who would be patrolling the streets after Easter on Allerton Avenue, Williamsbridge and Eastchester Roads, during the morning hours and escorting senior citizens to and from the bank when they have to go. He stated that those seniors wishing an escort could contact the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association and two Cadets would be sent. Mr. Muccioli stated that the grant was for \$30,000.

H. Housing - Mr. Frank Muccioli, Chairperson

Mr. Muccioli spoke about the area behind the proposed Waldbaum's. He stated that he had learned that homes are going to be built there (Allerton, Mace and Tieman Avenues). Mr. Muccioli stated that he would like to have the contractor come before the Board if he so desires. He stated that construction was going to be one-family semi-attached homes, \$190,000 - \$200,000.

The District Manager stated that he would gladly invite the contractor to appear before the Board if he desired.

Mr. Ernest Odierna raised several questions about Waldbaum's and requested information on their plans. The District Manager stated that it is an as-of-right use. He discussed the problems that Waldbaum's had with Traffic. He stated that Mr. Pruger, the Principal of I.S. 144, still had some concerns with the safety of buses going through.

Discussion took place on the construction at Brady Avenue and White Plains Road. The District Manager stated that he hoped to have more information at the next meeting after the Health and Social Services Committee meets.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Lewis Goldstein asked what had transpired on the Board's request to name the playground at Lydig Avenue after Mr. Ben Abrams. No satisfactory answer was given at this time.

Chairman Mager stated that the By-Laws of the Board had been distributed. He explained the procedure for amending the By-Laws was also included. Chairman Mager stated he will take suggestions for By-Law amendments and will bring them up at meetings as may be appropriate.

Ms. Brenda Petri asked about Chase Manhattan Bank on Lydig Avenue. She stated that at the last meeting it had been brought to the Board's attention that this bank planned to close at this location.

The District Manager stated that there had been no meeting held by the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, who were to head a campaign against the closing of this branch. He stated that the Apartment Improvement Program had approved sending three letters, one to Chairman Butcher of Chase Manhattan Bank, one to the Regional Representative of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Federal Government, and one to Chairman Emeritus David Rockefeller of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Petri, Secretary

Date April 5 1985

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MARCH 21, 1985

PRESENT

Robert Black
Elizabeth Brown
Ruth Burko
Dominic Castore
John Cifichiello
Nicholas Cremonese
Anthony DelGaudio
Gloria DiGianni
Norman Engel
Stella Fernandez
Lewis Goldstein
Charles Lefkowitz
William Liblick

Lee Mager
Joseph Milone
Frank Muccioli
Ernest Odierna
Brenda Petri
Fredric Pocci
Michael Prisco
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
William Ricevuto
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Alfred Tartaglia
Henry Yuspeh

ABSENT

Steve Lovitch

Renee Biller
Thomas Denaro
Arnold Eisen
Anthony Funigiello
Kenneth Gelnick
Eli Goldsmith
Rabbi Israel Greenberg
Lillian Holtzman
Abraham Kleinman
Murray Lewinter

Celia Lewis
Raymond Locascio
Leshie McHenry
Salvatore Napolitano
Abraham Pereira
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Anthony Rizzo
Vincent Zarcone
Steve Zarkin

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

John Farrell - Rep. of Hon. Michael DeMarco

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

P.O. James Strafella - 49th Precinct Community Affairs Officer Eric R. Gerard - Bronx Times Reporter
Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President Simon's Office John J. DeGaetano - Rep. of Senator A. Bernstein
Linda Loeb - Community Planning Board #11 Youth Coordinator Harriet Lasky - Community Planning Board #11 Secretary