

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX BRONX MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL CENTER NURSES RESIDENCE - ROOM 11N22 PELHAM PARKWAY SOUTH & EASTCHESTER ROAD BRONX, NEW YORK 10461 (212) 892-6262)

STANLEY SIMON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT

THOMAS J. BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 1985 IN THE MARY

QUEEN OF PEACE HALL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mr. Frank Baron

Mr. Baron stated that he was here tonight to discuss the lights in the playgound.

CHairman Mager told Mr. Baron that the Gallery Session was an opportunity for the public to voice their complaints, not for the Board to answer questions. He told Mr. Baron to contact the District Manager with his questions.

b. Mr. Lubik

Mr. Lubik spoke about the area around P.S. 108. He stated that kids hang out in the school yard at all hours of the night drinking, being loud, leaving trash from fast foods, breaking bottles and using drugs.

District Manager stated that the police were here tonight and heard his complaint.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Steve Zarkin, seconded by Mr. Murray Lewinter and passed unanimously, that the Minutes be accepted as received.

III. District Manager's Report - Mr. Thomas J. Brown, District Manager

District Manager reported that there were no District Service Cabinet Minutes due to the fact that he was unable to attend the last meeting. He stated that the meeting was chaired by Ms. Angela Fowler of the Mayor's Office and that he was awaiting her notes.

District Manager reported that he had attended several Fiscal Year 1987 Budget Consultations. He stated that all Committee Chairpersons had been notified of the meetings. District Manager stated that Mr. Mel Hirsch, a non Board member of the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee had attended the Transportationd Budget Consultation with him earlier in the week.

- IV. Discussion by reporesentatives of the Transport Workers Union and the New York City Transit Authority on conditions and problems related to services on buses and subways Mr. George McDonald, Transport Workers Union Mr. Mike Heller, Transit Authority
- Mr. McDonald spoke about the problems with the buses and the trains. He explained that part of the problem is the difficulty in getting parts. Mr. McDonald stated that the delay in getting parts was part of the problem of poor service. He stated that cars are not inspected as often as previously, and thus problems are not found until it is too late. Mr. McDonald said that another problem was that when a route is extended another bus is not added, the route only becomes longer.
- Mr. Heller spoke about the grants that the M.T.A. has received. He stated that it is now easier to obtain parts.
 - Mr. McDonald and Mr. Heller introduced their fellow workers.

Questions were asked by the Board members about why there are three #3 trains to every one #2 train; why there is graffiti on subway signs and widows; about the broken sidewalks along the Dyre Avenue line; the possibility of a bus to Wall Street; and the problem of getting tokens on the Dyre Avenue line at the Esplanade in the morning.

Chairman Mager asked Mr. McDonald and Mr. Heller if they could come to another meeting in the fall or winter.

V. Gallery Session

- a. Ms. Rhoda Gogatz Festival Coordinator for the Jewishe Community Council of Pelham Parkway
- Ms. Gogatz announced that the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway would be holding its eighth annual Salute of Pelham Parkway on Sunday, Spetember 22nd in the Mall at Bronx Park. Ms. Gogatz invited Community Planning Board #11 to have a table at the Festival to display the work that the Planning has done for Pelham Parkway and the surrounding areas.

Chairman Mager welcomed Ms. Irene Gertel, a new Board member to her first meeting.

VI. Borough President's Report - Ms Annette Marchitello

As the Agenda was long Ms. Marchitello submitted her report as follows:

The Borough President and members of the Bronx City Council delegation obtained considerable gains in the newly adopted city budgets, including provisions for housing, additional police, anti-drug measures, economic development advances, school improvements and youth services.

Included in the Capital Budget were provisions for:

- \$2.1 million for purchase and installation of lighting equipment for streets, parks, playgrounds, school yards, parkways and public places.
- \$3.6 million for reconstruction and rehabilitation, other improvements, branch libraries.

Items of Special Interest to Community Board #11:

\$170,000 in design funds for reconstruction of Christopher Columbus High School Athletic Field and Field House.

\$1.44 million for modernization and rehabilitation of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

Community Development funds obtained included:

Commercial revitalization projects for White Plains Road - \$40,000.

A letter will be received with more detail later on.

VII. Nominations - Mr. Steve Lovitch - Chairperson

Mr. Lovitch reported that the following people ran unopposed and would serve for another year:

Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman; Mr. Dominic Castore, First Vice Chairman; Mr. Frank Muccioli, Second Vice Chairman.

Mr. Lovitch stated that Mr. Raymond Locascio had been nominated by the Committee for the position of Treasurer and was unopposed.

Mr. Lovitch stated that there were two candidates for the position of Secretary: Mr. Lewis Goldstein and Ms. Brenda Petri. Both candidates spoke briefly. The ballots were handed out and collected. The vote was:

Lewis Goldstein - 13

Brenda Petri - 18

Ms. Petri remains as Secretary.

VIII.Land Use - Mr. Kenneth Gelnick, Chairperson

Chairman Mager chaired this portion of the meeting.

1. C840020BFY - An application by Liberty Lines Express, Inc. for the renewal of its omnibus franchise contract to continue to operate its express bus service (Bx. M-11 Bx. M-11A) between the boroughs of the Bronx and MAnhattan.

Chairman Mager stated that a Public Hearing had been held on this earlier tonight.

Discussion took place on this renewal and the possibility of a bus to Wall Street starting in September.

A Motion was made by Mr. Abraham Pereira, seconded by Mr. Norman Engel and Carried unanimously, that Community Planning Board #11 approve this renewal and the Wall Street bus franchise if it has been approve by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

2. Newsstands

a. C8105063 - An application to construct and operat a sidewalk stand on the west side of White Plains Road, approximatley 71' south of Pelham Parkway South (in front of 2191 White Plains Road).

b. 810599 - An application to construct and operate a sidewalk stand on the Northwest corner of White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue in front of Music World.

A Motion was made by Mr. Nicholas Cremonese, seconded by Mr. Steve Zarkin and carried unanimoulsy that Community Board #11 deny these two applications.

3. Renewal of beer licenses

a. New York Zoological Society - Bronx Zoo

A Motion was made by Mr. Henry Yuspeh, seconded by Mr. Steve Zarkin and carried, that Community Board #11 approve this renewal.

b. Ciolfar Bowl, Inc. - 1756 Bronxdale Avenue

A Motion was made by Ms. Elizabeth Brown, seconded by Mr. William Liblick and carried, that this item be tabled and that the Land Use Committee look into it and make a recommendation to the Executive Board and that the Executive Board take action in the name of the entire Board.

c. B. & G. Deli (M & E Deli) - 772 Allerton Avenue

A Motion was made by Mr. Frank Muccioli, seconded by Mr. Raymond Locascio and carried, that Community Board #11 approve this renewal.

d. The Hero Place, Inc. (Tex's Hero Place) - 1441 Williamsbridge Road

A Motion was made by Mr. Dominic Castore, seconded by Ms. Madeline Saltaformaggio and carried, that Community Board #11 approve this renewal.

e. & G Heroes - 1710 Eastchester Road

A Motion was made by Mr. Dominic Castore, seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Brown and carried, that Community Board #11 approve this renewal.

f. 1969-1971 Bronxdale Avenue

Chairman Mager reported that the Board had received complaints of allegations of illegal gambling on the premises.

Discussion took place on this item.

A Motion was made by Mr. Henry Yuspeh, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli (and not voted upon) that this renewal be denied.

P.O. James Strafella spoke. He stated that slot machines had been removed from there and arrests had been made this week.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Abraham Pereira and carried with 5 opposed and 1 abstention that this renewal be tabled and that the Land Use Committee look into it and bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

4. C851001 PPX - An application by the Division of Real Property for the disposition of eighteen parcels of City-owned properties.

It was brought to the Board's attention that two of the items that were listed the Board has been asked to have removed from sale.

	Block	Lot	Location/Description			
1.	4023	1	550 Van Nest Avenue - Unimproved lot 25' x 95'			
2.	4024	34	Northwest corner of E. Tremont Avenue and Garfield Street - Unimproved lot $10\ \mathrm{x}\ 41\ \mathrm{'}$			
3.	4025	11	624 Baker Avenue - Unimproved 1pt 25' x 100'			
4.	4027	32	633 Mead Street-north side of Mead Street 205' west of Unionport Ros Unimproved lot 25' x 100'			
5.	4047	17	Unimproved lot on west side of Amethyst Street, $51.5'$ south side of Rhinelander Avenue - $25'$ x $69'$			
6.	4049	24	Unimproved lot on east side of Victor Street, 217' south of Rhine- lander Avenue - 25' x 45'			
7.	4050	65	Unimproved lot on west side of Hunt Avenue, 150' north of Morris Park Avenue - 75' x 85'			
8.	4050	68	Unimproved lot on west side of Hunt Avenue, 75' north of Morris Park Avenue - 75' x 85'			
9.	4059	32	Unimproved lot on east side of Bogart Avenue, 115' north of Sackett Avenue - 25' x 70'			
10.	4120	12	Unimproved lot on west side of Newport Avenue, 56' south of Morris Park Avenue - 20' x 39'			
11.	4253	63	Unimproved interior lot to the rear of 670-76 Sagamore Street - 69 x 22 *			
12.	4253	76	1975 Birchall Avenue - Unimproved lot 25' x 77'			
13.	4276	54	Unimproved lot on east side of Hering Avenue, 246' north of Rhinelander Avenue – 19' \times 96'			
14.	4447	60	South corner of unimproved lot bounded by Boston and Williamsbridge Roads and Paulding Avenue - 24' \times 100'			
15.	4514	62	2700 Boston Road - Unimproved lot - 66' x 45'			
16.	4527	49	Unimproved lot on south side of Stedman Place, $64.4!$ west of Wilson Avenue - $21!$ x $66!$			
17.	4563	34	Unimproved lot on south side of Adee Avenue, 25' east of Throop Avenue - 25' x 107.1'			
18.	4580	1	Unimproved lot on northeast corner of Adee and Laconia Avenues - 25 x 100			

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli and carried that Community Board #11 approve the sale of all parcels except numbers 10 and 15.

a. item #15 - Block #4514, Lot #62 - 2700 Boston Road - Unimproved lot $66' \times 45'$

District Manger stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Frank Faranga, President of the Allerton Avenue Merchants Association requesting that this parcel not be sold for one year so that they can develop the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Raymond Locascio and Mr. Nicholas Cremonese and carried with 1 abstention that this parcel be withheld from sale for one year.

b. item #10 - Block #4120, Lot 12 - Unimporved lot on west side of Newport Avenue, 56' south of Morris Park Avenue - 20' x 39'

District Manager reported that he had received a letter from Mr. James Sapione of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine stating that there is some confusion concerning lot # 12. He stated that the College thought that when they purchased lot #8 that they also purchased lot #12. District Manager stated that the College has a suit with the City concerning lot #12.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore and carried with 3 opposed and 1 abstention that this lot be sold.

B. Parks and Recreation - Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Chairperson

1. Street Activity Permits

- a. Mary Cammarata July 4, rain date July 5, Block Party on Tenbroeck Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues between the hours of 8 A.M. and 11:30 P.M.
- b. Augie Paese July 14, rain date July 15, Block Party on Yates Avenue between Van Nest and Morris Park Avenues between the hours if 8 A.M. and 10 P.M.
- c. Bronx Park East Neighborhood Patrol and Neighborhood Initivaties
 Development Corporation Street Fair on Pelham Parkway North between Barker Avenue
 and Bronx Park East on Sunday, September 29 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- d. Morris Park Community Association Festival from July 11 July 21 eleven days in Loretto Playground between the hours of 5 P.M. and 12:00 P.M. on Tomlinson Avenue between Van Nest and Morris Park Avenues.

2. Park Permits

Ms. Brown stated that while these do not require Board approval the Parks Department would like the Board's support.

a. Loretto Playground

Ms. Brown stated that the Parks Department may have regulations limiting the hours of closing. She said that the purpose of this event is to benefit the orphans and widows of the Patrolmen's Benevolent fund.

b. Oscar Comras Mall - Lydig Playground on September 26 - Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway

A Motion was made by Chairman Lee Mager (who was not chairing the meeting at this time), seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore and carried with 1 opposed, that Community Board #11 approve these two Park Permits and the Street Activity Permits.

Ms. Brown reported that she had received a letter from a local union requesting that the Board ask the elected officials to support a request for more recreation directors in the parks. Ms. Brown stated that it has been several years since the parks have had recreation directors, and that she felt that it was needed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Raymond Locascio, seconded by Mr. William Liblick and Mr. Robert Black and carried that Community Board #11 send a letter to the elected officials asking them yo request more recreation directors in the parks.

C. <u>Highways</u>, Traffic and Transportation - Mr. Ernest Odierna, Chairperson

Mr. Odierna reported that an analysis done by Mr. Anthony Funifiello on the Reconstruction of the Pelham Gardens area was mailed to the Board members.

Mr. Odierna stated that he had received a request from Safety for Freedom Industries, 1600 Bronxdale Avenue (Submitted through the Morris Park, Williamsbridge Businessmen for a "Nor Parking area 7 A.M. - 7 P.M." on the west side of Bronxdale Avenue between Pierce Avenue and the driveway of the establishment. Mr. Odierna said that there were no private homes located there.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Mr. Robert Black and carried, that this request be approved.

Mr. Odierna reported that he had received notice that the Department of Traffic would like to make Maran Place one way east bound between Bronx Park East and Cruger Avenue.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Mr. Robert Black and carried with 1 opposed, that Community Board #11 approve of Maran Place being made one way east bound between Bronx Park East and Cruger Avenue.

Mr. Odierna reported that the Department of Traffic is going to place a traffic signal at the intersection of Eastchester Road between Stillwell and Wilkinson Aveues. He stated that they also are requesting that Wilkinson Avenue be made one way east bound in order to eliminate a need for a three way traffic signal.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Mr. William Ricevuto and carried, that Community Board #11 approve of Wilkinson Avenue being made one way east bound.

Mr. Odierna reported that he had received a request from the residents of the vicinity of Amethysis Street and Rhinelander Avenue to make Rhinelander Avenue one way heading west bound from White Plains Road to Unionport Road.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Mr. Joseph Milone and carried, that Community Board #11 approve of Rhinelander Avenue being made one way west bound from White Plains Road to Unionport Road.

D. Sanitation an Environmental PRotection - Ms. Stella Fernandez, Chairperson

Mr. Anthony Rizzo asked about the sewer on Stillwell Avenue.

District MAnager stated that he had asked that the area be baited because of the rats. He stated that he had spoken with the Department of Environmental Protection on this. District Manager explained the process that has to be gone through before the work is done on the sewer.

Mr. Rizzo complained about the odors that are coming from the sewer and the gases.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

Mr. Fredric Pocci suggested that a letter be sent to Commissioner McGough.

Chairman Mager suggested that a telegram be sent instead on this.

E. Housing - Mr. Frank Muccioli, Chairperson

Mr. Frank Muccioli chaired this portion of the meeting.

Chairman Mager reported that the Board had received a request from Father Piccinni of St. Dominic's Church for a letter of support on 202 funding for the former site of P.S. 34. Chairman Mager spoke about the site and gave the background. He stated that Father Piccinni had written a letter asking for the Board to support his request for 202 funding for 103 one bedroom apartments with an apartment for the superintendent. Chairman Mager stated that it is to be sponsored by St. Dominis's Roman Catholic Church on Unionport Road and Fordham Save Our Neighborhood Inc. at 2322 Arthur Avenue.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

A Motion was made by Chairman Mager, seconded by Mr. Raymond Locascio, that Community Board #11 send a letter stating that it is in favor of such a concept and would like to see this project go ahead.

A Motion was made by Mr. Frank Muccioli, seconded by Mr. Robert Black and carried, that this item be tabled until the Housing Committee can meet with Father Piccinni and get more information on this.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

F. Youth/Youth Services - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

Mr. Raymond Locascio reported that the Youth Services Committee had met and selected the Crew Chiefs. He stated that the Administrative Assistand would be Mr. Thomas Lucania. Mr. Locascio stated that Ms. Linda Loeb was working on distributing the Mobile Units. He stated that the next meeting would be Monday, June 24th.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Brender Petri

Date July 24 1985

Brenda Petri, Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 1985 *

PRESENT			
Renee Biller	(5)	Lee Mager (0)
Robert Black	(3)	Joseph Milone (2	
Elizabeth Brown	(3)	Frank Muccioli (3	
Dominic Castore	(2)	Ernest Odierna (1	
Nicholas Cremonese	(1)	Abe Pereira (4	
Arnold Eisen	(3)	Brenda Petri (1	
Norman Engel	(2)	Fredric Pocci (1	
Anthony Funigiello	(4)	Michael Prisco (1	
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	Charles Re (4	
Irene Gertel	(1)	William Ricevuto (1	
Lewis Goldstein	(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin (4	
Lillian Holtzman	(5)	Anthony Rizzo (4	
Abraham Kleinman	(5)	Madeline Saltaformaggio (1	
Charles Lefkowitz	(6)	Alfred Tartaglia (3	
Murray Lewinter	(8)	Henry Yuspeh (1	
William Liblick	(3)	Vincent Zarcone (5	
Ray Locascio	(4)	Steve Zarkin (6	
Steve Lovitch	(3)		_
ABSENT			
Ruth Burko	(3)	Eli Goldsmith (8)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Rabbi Israel Greenberg (9	
Anthony DelGaudio	(2)	Celia Lewis (4)
Thomas Denaro	(9)	Leslie McHenry (5	
Gloria DiGianni	(5)	Sal Napolitano (9	
Stella Fernandez	(3)	Joseph Reda (4	

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

John Farrel - Rep. Hon. Michael DeMarco

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Board #11
P. O. James Strafella - 49th Police Precinct
John Lavin - Bronx Office of City Planning
Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office

GUESTS

George McDonald - Transit Workers Union

*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences since September 1984