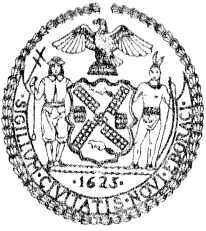


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THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 1985
IN THE CAFETERIA OF ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Mr. Dominic Castore, First Vice Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Mr. Phil Derric - Chester Civic Association

Mr. Derric requested information on the construction at Pelham Parkway North service road between Stillwell Avenue and Eastchester Road.

Mr. Robert Black, Chairman of the Community Development and Budget Priorities Committee, said that this construction has already been funded.

B. Dr. Richard Bolstad - Chester Civic Association

Dr. Bolstad repeated the question posed by Mr. Derric, and also asked if curbs would be constructed. Mr. Black informed him that whatever construction was done might result in an assessment to homeowners in that area.

C. Mr. Kevin Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds stated that large commercial vehicles are constantly being parked on Bogart Avenue, between Pierce and Van Nest Avenues, on Pierce Avenue between Fowler and Bogart Avenues, and on Bronxdale Avenue between Van Nest, Pierce and Sackett Avenues, creating problems for homeowners on these residential streets. Also, in making their complaints, the Police Department is asking for the names of the complainants, and Mr. Reynolds did not think this should be necessary or justified.

Mr. Reynolds also spoke about Riteway Cab Company parking their taxis on the sidewalk at Bronxdale Avenue, between Sackett and Pierce Avenues. This creates hazardous conditions for people walking there, due to the obstruction and the grease from these cars.

II. Minutes

The minutes could not be voted upon, since there was no quorum.

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

There was no District Manager's Report due to the illness of Mr. Brown.

IV. Chairman's Report - Mr. Lee Mager

There was no Chairman's report due to the absence of Mr. Mager.

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

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved a contract between the Department for the Aging and the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged, Inc. - Homecare. This will provide multi-services such as meals delivered at home, home care, transportation, legal aid, etc. The total of this contract was \$155,808.

The Board of Estimate has approved a contract with the Bronx Council on the Arts to provide individual dance, vocal and dramatic instruction, creative writing and puppetry workshops, and music composition. This totals \$24,000.

The sale at public auction of two parcels in Community District #11 has been approved by the Board of Estimate, Ms. Marchitello stated. These are located on the Southwest corner of Van Nest Avenue and Melville Street, and on the north side of Adams Street, 141 feet east of Van Nest Avenue.

Ms. Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate had approved, through the effort of Bronx Borough President Stanley Simon, the resolution withdrawing the authority granted in connection with the selection of a site for the Gun Hill Bus Depot.

The Board of Estimate has approved an agreement between the New York City Youth Bureau and the Morris Park Community Association for the operation of various youth programs. This totals \$15,000 for the period from October 1, 1985 to April 30, 1986.

Finally, Ms. Marchitello stated, the Board of Estimate has approved an amendment to a contract with the Burke Avenue Organization for Neighborhood Assistance, which extends the terms and modifies the program's budget.

This contract will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program, and will provide for the performance of certain commercial revitalization services in the Bronx.

VI. Committee Reports

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

Ms. Burko stated that \$300,000 had been allocated for a mini-library in the Morris Park Area. She had spoken to Mr. Leonard Piccoli, the Executive Director of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, about the possibility of having it on the grounds at Jacobi Hospital, an idea which met with the approval of Councilman Michael DeMarco. However, some Board members expressed their opinion that the hospital setting for a library would not be an ideal one.

Ms. Burko requested that Community Board #11 members suggest sites for this mini-library.

Mr. Castore suggested sending letters to the Van Nest Blocks Association and the Morris Park Community Association asking for their suggestions for a site, and their replies should be sent to the Board office.

Ms. Blanche Rifkin stated that a bill had been introduced to the City Council to name the property, adjacent to Comras Mall at Bronx Park East and Lydig Avenue, the Ben Abrams Playground.

B. Economic Development - Ms. Brenda Petri, Chairperson

Ms. Petri stated that she had contacted the merchants associations in the area to meet with her committee prior to the Board meeting on November 21st.

Ms. Petri also reported that the Public Development Corporation has funds to revitalize the Allerton Avenue and Morris Park Avenue areas. Representatives from this organization have been invited to attend the November 21st meeting.

Ms. Petri stated that Mr. Pat Farenga, President of the Allerton Avenue Merchants Association, had called her about the small parcel of land on Allerton Avenue and Boston Road (across from White Castle). He would like to see that lot cemented, and a mini-park established with benches and a monument in honor of Daniel Allerton.

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

Since Mr. Liblick was absent, Ms. Blanche Rifkin, a member of the Health and Social Services Committee and a representative to the Advisory Board of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, gave the report. She stated that at the October 2nd meeting with the B.M.H.C. Advisory Board, a Fall/Winter Blood Drive was being conducted. Incentives for donating blood, such as theater tickets, etc. were being offered.

Ms. Rifkin also spoke about Tel-Hospital, a free health information service available at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. By dialing 409-2811, information can be obtained on many illnesses including cancer, heart disease, diabetes, alcohol and drug abuse, etc.

Mr. Dominic Castore spoke about a day-care center for children who are afflicted with A.I.D.S. This center would be located in a wing of Van Etten Hospital, and would accommodate children from 3 months to 7 years of age. The City Council has allocated \$400,000. for this center.

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

Ms. Brown stated that she would like the Community Board's approval, which is due in thirty days, on the recommendation for extensive construction at Zimmerman Playground. The work to be done there includes removing fences, repainting, new play equipment, lockers, reconstruction of a handball wall, replacement of all exterior doors, new furniture, carpeting the children's playroom, electrical work, new basketball area, architectural work, etc.

Mr. Robert Black stated that out of 49 Capital Budget items presented, we have gotten 35 funded. He stated that the Board should go ahead with the approval, since this was in the budget last year.

Mr. Dominic Castore said that the Executive Committee should be polled on this question.

Ms. Brenda Petri stated that she would like to see an area of the basketball court used as an ice-skating rink in the wintertime. There was some discussion on this. Ms. Brown said that the drainage problem at Zimmerman Playground is to be corrected. Finally, she reported that money has been allocated for construction of tennis courts at Trojan Field.

E. Youth Services - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

Ms. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator, stated that at the September Youth Services Committee meeting, the committee received a full report of the 1985 Summer Youth Employment Program, details of which will be included in forthcoming minutes.

Ms. Loeb also stated that the deadline for submission of the Youth Bureau's F.Y.'87 Request for Proposals has just passed. The committee will review these submissions at their next meeting.

F. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Mr. Robert Black, Chairperson

Mr. Black explained the F.Y. 1987 Budget Priority list, which had been prepared by his committee, and how they had arrived at the order in which they were listed. The list includes items which are already funded, but are still being submitted in order to apply pressure for their implementation.

There was one added written request, from Mr. Joseph Reda, for a mobile digital computer terminal car, to be added to Police Department purchases.

He explained that this year, in submitting Expense Budget items, the order of priority was 1- Housing, 2- Police, 3- Schools, and 4- Parks and Playgrounds. Mr. Black suggested rearranging the Expense Budget list to conform to these priorities. Also, since there was no quorum, he suggested submitting the list to the Office of Management and Budget as assembled this evening, as the final date of submission is November 1st.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown made a Motion to submit the F.Y. 1987 Budget Recommendations as presented by the committee, seconded by Ms. Brenda Petri.

Mr. Black then discussed the Form #3, which in the past had been submitted to the Board by Board members. Mr. Black, as Chairman of the Budget Committee, read his recommendations in the order which he and his committee have judged the needs of this community. Mr. Anthony Funigiello questioned the purpose of this form. Mr. Black stated that however this form is written up, the order of priorities is Housing, Police, Schools and Parks. The basic services of the Police Department, Fire Department, Sanitation Department have to be provided, but the Board's requests are for additional items to be added, as needed, to the basic services.

Ms. Annette Marchitello stated that she did not see any request for a Weed Whacker for the Sanitation Department to combat the weed problem. She has received many complaints, especially around 801 Neill Avenue, and from people passing areas near train stations. The Sanitation Department has cleared tall weeds when it has received complaints, but its one weed cutter has broken down.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown stated that the Sanitation Department should ask for specific equipment, since we do not know their particular needs. The Parks Department has offered this information to the Board, but Sanitation has not.

Mr. Black pointed out that one of the requests on our Budget Priority list is for heavy duty sanitation equipment, and it is up to the Sanitation Department to purchase the equipment it needs.

Mr. Castore suggested writing to Superintendent Oliva, of the Sanitation Department, to stress the need for a weed cutter.

Ms. Susan Nolan mentioned that Ms. Barbara Williams, of the Sanitation Department, had presented a list of equipment that department needs, and this list was forwarded to Mr. Black.

VII. New Business

Ms. Brenda Petri discussed the problem of graffiti on the walls of P.S. 96 which is extremely bad, especially for young children who cannot help seeing it when they line up in the schoolyard. She asked Mr. Black if these walls could be repainted. Mr. Black stated that in some areas youngsters who have been identified defacing property have been kept after school to clean up and repaint the graffiti.

Officer Richard DiVico, of the 49th Precinct, stated that a few arrests have been made, but it is difficult to catch these youngsters in the act, which is necessary for an arrest to be made.

Mr. Black reiterated that it is most effective to have the youngsters stay after school to repaint the walls they defaced.

Mr. Castore reminded the attending Board members to sign a "Get Well" card being sent to Mr. Tom Brown, the District Manager, who is ill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Petri, Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 1985

PRESENT

Robert Black	(0)	Irene Gertel	(0)
Elizabeth Brown	(1)	Joseph Milone	(0)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Brenda Petri	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Fredric Pocci	(0)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
Anthony Funigiello	(1)		

ABSENT

Renee Biller	(2)	Raymond Locascio	(1)
Nicholas Cremonese	(1)	Steve Lovitch	(2)
Thomas Denaro	(2)	Lee Mager	(1)
Gloria DiGianni	(2)	Leslie McHenry	(2)
Arnold Eisen	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
Norman Engel	(2)	Salvatore Napolitano	(2)
Stella Fernandez	(2)	Ernest Odierna	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(1)	Abraham Pereira	(2)
Eli Goldsmith	(2)	Michael Prisco	(2)
Lewis Goldstein	(1)	Charles Re	(2)
Rabbi Israel Greenberg	(2)	Joseph Reda	(1)
Lillian Holtzman	(1)	William Ricevuto	(2)
Abraham Kleinman	(2)	Anthony Rizzo	(1)
Charles Lefkowitz	(2)	Alfred Tartaglia	(2)
Murray Lewinter	(2)	Henry Yuspeh	(1)
Celia Lewis	(2)	Vincent Zarcone	(1)
William Liblick	(1)	Steve Zarkin	(1)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ronnie Albert - Representing Assemblyman John Dearie

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President Simon's Office
P.O. Richard DiVico - 49th Police Precinct Community Affairs
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Board #11
Estelle Kapp - Secretary, Community Board #11
Susan Nolan - Secretary, Community Board #11

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses denote absences since September 19, 1985.