



COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX  
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &  
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION & CULTURE

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

LAND USE

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

PUBLIC SAFETY

SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

YOUTH

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1986

IN THE CAFETERIA OF ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

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

Mr. Mager thanked Father D'Argenio for allowing the Board to use St. Lucy's for its meeting. Father D'Argenio welcomed the Board to St. Lucy's.

I. Gallery Session

A. Jerry Skurnik - Coalition for New Yorker's Rights

Mr. Skurnik spoke about a proposed anti-smoking regulation. He stated that it would cause hardships to businesses which would be forced to pass the cost to their customers. He also stated that it was unfair to workers who smoke.

B. Mel Hirsch - Member of H.R.A. Advisory Board

Mr. Hirsch invited the Board to participate in its deliberations at 777 East 222nd Street. He read statistics of Medicaid cases, S.S.I., etc. Mr. Hirsch stated that there is no representative from Community Planning Board #11 at any of these meetings.

C. Dr. Karla Damus - Program Coordinator, P.R.O.P.P.

Dr. Damus explained that P.R.O.P.P. is the Program to Reduce Obstetrical Problems and Prematurity. She spoke about infant mortality in the Bronx due to low birth weight. Dr. Damus asked for Board members' input and stated that questionnaires were being handed out. She stated that these questionnaires are to be filled out and should remain anonymous. This will help P.R.O.P.P. in planning for the program in the Community Board's catchment area. She stated that they should be returned to the District Manager and she will pick them up.

D. Mr. Balzano - St. Gennaro of Loretto Park

Mr. Balzano spoke about the comfort station at Loretto Park. He stated there is a need for it to remain open on the weekends. Mr. Balzano spoke about the poor condition of the Bocci courts.

Mr. Mager welcomed P.O. Bill Miceli of the 49th Police Precinct, Oliver Civetta representing Councilman DeMarco, Paul Bruno representing

2. Resolution: That Community Planning Board #11 delegate to the Community Development and Budget Priorities Committee the responsibility of making the Community Board's response to the Service Program Priorities (Form 3) based on the responses submitted by Board members.

E. Other

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment

Assemblyman Eliot Engel and Matthew Cowit, Principal of Christopher Columbus High School.

II. Minutes

Correction

Mr. Locascio stated that the Youth Services Committee report had been completely left out of the June minutes. He stated that he had reported on the Summer Youth Employment Program and said there would be 7 Crew Chiefs hired, 3 from last year and 4 new ones. Mr. Locascio said he had also reported that the Youth Committee's last meeting before the summer would be held on June 23rd at Bronx House.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin and Seconded by Bill Liblick - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report - Lee Mager

A. Status of Mr. Jack Guberman's request that Community Planning Board #11 support his application to the New York Secretary of State that his license be expanded to allow him to sell 1, 2 and 3-family homes.

Mr. Mager stated that this item had been tabled at the June meeting pending more information. Mr. Mager stated that during the summer another broker who had a full license moved out of the area, and Mr. Guberman was granted a full license. Mr. Mager stated this was done without the Board being consulted. He stated that the Board had never received an answer to the letter sent to Mr. Seymour Abel, requesting more information. He stated that the office would send a letter to the New York Secretary of State expressing its displeasure at the manner in which Mr. Guberman was granted a full license while the Board was still considering its response to a prior request.

IV. District Manager's Report - Thomas J. Brown

Mr. Brown reported that the summer had been busy. He stated that work had begun on the Fiscal Year 1988 budget. Mr. Brown stated that letters had been sent to the various community groups, schools, etc., notifying them of a Public Hearing on the Budget to be held on Monday, September 29th at 8:00 P.M. in Christopher Columbus High School.

Mr. Brown stated that last Thursday, September 11th, he had attended a Budget Consultation with representatives of ten agencies. He stated four to five Board members had been in attendance during these consultations and that he had attended all of them. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator of Community Board #11, also attended.

Mr. Brown announced that there would be a Training Seminar on Small Home Improvements at 1 Police Plaza on Monday, September 29th from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Mr. Brown reported that there was a closing on the Coops. He stated that rehabilitation is proceeding. Mr. Brown stated that the Community Board should be proud of what it had done on it, and that it never gave up. He also thanked Ted Weinstein and his staff at the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Preservation Office of the Housing Preservation and Development Department.

Mr. Brown reported that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been mailed out.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

As the report was lengthy, Ms. Marchitello handed it to the Secretary. Report is attached. Flyers on Crack Rally on Friday were distributed.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick

1. Request by former owner of Block 4515, Lot 62, a.k.a. 2700 Boston Road (intersection with Allerton Avenue) to have Community Planning Board #11 reverse its current position that the parcel should not be sold but be retained by the City for development as a gateway to the Allerton Avenue community.

Mr. Mager stated that the Board had received a request from Mr. Abraham Bernstein, attorney for the former owner, that this item be tabled tonight as he was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Mager gave the background on this parcel.

Discussion took place on what was going to happen to the parcel if it was returned to the former owner.

A Motion was made by Joe Milone and Seconded by Bob Black - That Community Board #11 table this item until the next meeting.

Amended to include that Mr. Bernstein and the Allerton Avenue Merchants Association be notified of the date it would appear before the Board.

Passed.

2. 825-86 BZ - 1703 Bronxdale Avenue - Application for a variance to permit construction and operation of an enlargement to an existing catering establishment in an R5 district.

Mr. Mager reported that the Board of Standards and Appeals had notified the Community Board of this request for a Variance. He stated that this is Maestro's Caterers.

B. Housing

1. 1753 Melville Street - Does the Community Board wish to change its current position that the structure be demolished in view of its possible inclusion in a new H.P.D. program which could result in its sale and restoration as a liveable habitat?

Mr. Mager gave some background of this house.

Mr. Ted Weinstein, of H.P.D. spoke. He stated that this was a 9 apt. dwelling, and the only vacant multiple dwelling in Community Board #11. Mr. Weinstein spoke about the fire that damaged the house and the City's effort to sell it under the \$1.00 sale. Mr. Weinstein also described another H.P.D. program which could result in the restoration of the building.

Discussion took place on this site and the possibilities of getting it rehabilitated.

A Motion was made by Dom Castore and Seconded by Anthony Rizzo - That Community Board #11 request that this building be demolished.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown reported that he had met with the new Director of N.I.D.C., Kristine Haag.

A Motion was made by Lewis Goldstein and Seconded that Community Planning Board #11 send a letter of support to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal supporting N.I.D.C.'s request for a renewal of its grant.

Passed with 2 abstentions. Arnie Eisen and Blanche Rifkin stated that they were abstaining because their respective organizations, Bronx Jewish Community Council and Bronx House are part of the N.I.D.C. consortium.

Mr. Brown reported that the Board had received a list of 200 properties in Community Board #11 on a preliminary In-Rem list. He noted that at this point it is quite easy for owners to remove their properties from the list.

Mr. Brown stated that several of the properties are not-for-profit groups like St. Lucy's, 4 or 5 Synagogues, Calvary Hospital, etc. He stated that in most cases someone had failed to renew the real property tax and/or water bill exemption. Mr. Brown stated that letters were sent to all of these.

Ms. Stella Fernandez asked about the status of 1705 Hunt Avenue which recently had a fire. Mr. Mager stated that the Community Board would look into it.

Mr. Mager introduced Ms. Peggy Braverman, Democratic District Leader and Mr. Oliver Civetta of the Conservative Party.

C. Youth/Youth Services - Raymond Locascio

Mr. Locascio reported that the next Youth Services Committee meeting would be held at Bronx House on Monday.

Ms. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator reported that the June Committee Minutes had been sent out attached to the Board's June Minutes.

Ms. Loeb reported that the summer Bus and Mobile programs had been very successful. She stated that the S.Y.E.P. had run very smoothly, and that the Committee would receive a full report on Monday.

Ms. Loeb reported that the Youth Bureau has begun its Request For Proposal process for F.Y. 1988 on Sept. 10th. She stated that the deadline is Oct. 27th and that R.F.P.'s must be picked up at the Youth Bureau in Brooklyn.

D. Health - William Liblick

Ms. Blanche Rifkin reported that she had attended a B.M.H.C. Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 10th. She stated that Mr. Menkes, the Executive Director, is doing a wonderful job. Ms. Rifkin reported that 25 more security guards had been hired. He stated that the Pelham Parkway gate is manned 24 hours a day and the Morris Park Avenue gate 18 hours a day.

Several Board members stated that this was not the case, and Ms. Rifkin said that she would bring this up at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Ms. Rifkin reported that more nurses were being hired, and that they would be coming from Manila.

Ms. Rifkin spoke about the Morris Park Kiwanis Club, and the help it gave to an A.I.D.S. patient. She stated that the woman is dying and the Club paid the air fare for her 4 children so that she could see them once more before she died.

Ms. Rifkin's report is attached.

E. Education - Ruth Burko

Ms. Burko reported that the Happy Medium is in its 4th season. She stated that there is going to be a free acting workshop and asked anyone interested to call her.

F. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Mr. Reda reported that the next meeting of the 49th Precinct Council would be held on Oct. 7th at 8:00 P.M. in the Knights of Columbus.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Reda asked about the letter that the Board sent to Police Commissioner Ward in May asking for more man power. He stated that the Board has not received a response as yet.

A Motion was made by Dom Castore and Seconded by Eli Goldsmith that Community Board #11 send a letter to Inspector McKenna asking where the men the Board had been promised were.

Mr. Goldsmith asked that the letter be sent certified mail.

Passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Bill Ricevuto stated that he had met with Captain DiGregorio and discussed the traffic problem on Eastchester Road between Pelham Parkway and Morris Park Avenue. He reported that an accident had occurred last week and that it took the ambulance 45 minutes to get there.

Discussion took place on having an officer stationed there at rush hours.

A Motion was made by Bill Ricevuto and Seconded by Emilian Eisdorfer that Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Traffic, the Police and the elected officials asking that a police officer be stationed at Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road to regulate the traffic.

IX. Committee Reports Continued

G. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Robert Black

Mr. Black reported that a Budget Public Hearing would be held on Monday, September 29th at 8:00 P.M. at Columbus High School.

Mr. Mager stated that it is a mandated meeting.

H. Employee Relations - Lee Mager

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. and returned at 9:39 P.M.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio and Seconded by Bill Ricevuto that

Community Board #11 give the District Manager a 7% raise.

Passed with 1 opposed.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio and Seconded - That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

Mrs. Brenda Petri, at the close of the meeting, gave the Board documentation which indicated that the United Workers Cooperatives (Allerton Coops) was Landmarked on August 13, 1986 and was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on September 11, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis H. Goldstein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lewis H. Goldstein, Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1986 AT ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

PRESENT

Robert Black	(6)	Eli Goldsmith	(6)
Ruth Burko	(4)	Lewis H. Goldstein	(3)
Dominic Castore	(0)	William Liblick	(1)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Raymond Locascio	(4)
Anthony Del Gaudio	(3)	Lee Mager	(3)
Arnold Eisen	(4)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(2)*	Brenda Petri	(0)
Norman Engel	(2)	Michael Prisco	(6)
Michael Fanelli	(1)*	Joseph Reda	(3)
Stella Fernandez	(7)	William Ricevuto	(4)
Anthony Funigiello	(5)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(6)	Anthony Rizzo	(4)
Irene Gertel	(3)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)

ABSENT

Renee Biller	(9)	Leslie McHenry	(7)
Nicholas Cremonese	(5)	Frank Muccioli	(6)
Gloria DiGianni	(10)	Jay Ira Nadler	(4)*
Rabbi Israel Greenberg	(9)	Ernest Odierna	(5)
Lillian Holtzman	(8)	Abraham Pereira	(11)
Abraham Kleinman	(8)	Fredric Pocci	(3)
Charles Lefkowitz	(9)	Alfred Tartaglia	(6)
Murray Lewinter	(10)	Vincent Zarccone	(7)
Celia Lewis	(9)	Steve Zarkin	(6)
Steve Lovitch	(7)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Paul Bruno - Representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS AND GUESTS

Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office  
P. O. William Miceli - 49th Police Precinct  
Mel Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board 11/12  
Linda Loeb - Community Board #11 Youth Coordinator  
Harriet Lasky - Community Board #11 Secretary  
Thomas J. Brown - Community Board #11 District Manager

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses denote absences since September 19, 1985  
\* Indicate absences beginning January, 1986.