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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23RD IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mary Elizabeth Wendt - Bronx County Coordinator of New York Public Library.

Ms. Wendt thanked Community Planning Board #11 for its past support for the community libraries. Ms. Wendt also announced that the Van Nest Branch Library has been reopened after its repainting. Finally, Ms. Wendt announced that the Bronx Budget Hearings will be held on May 12th at the Courthouse.

Bob Black asked that if the libraries have budget priorities for the next fiscal year, they should submit them to the Budget Committee of the Board.

b. Tony Rizzo - Chester Civic Association.

Mr. Rizzo stated that Jacobi Hospital's administration is not saying anything about the proposed A.I.D.S. clinic. He stated that Jacobi Hospital is going ahead without consulting the various community organizations.

Also, Mr. Rizzo stated that he received information that within 90 days all patients from Bronx Developmental Center will be transferred to group homes.

Ray Locascio stated that by 1990 all patients will be transferred from Bronx Developmental Center and the facility closed. Ray also said that Councilman Crispino's office would be looking into any alternative uses of the facility.

Mr. Rizzo also stated that because he has become an officer in another organization, he would be willing to step aside if someone wished to run against him for Second Vice Chairman.

Mr. Mager asked Mr. Rizzo if he would accept the nomination if his name is on the slate. Mr. Rizzo stated that if his name is on the slate he will accept, unless there is someone else who wanted to run against him. Then he will decline the nomination.

c. Mel Hirsch - Member of Medicaid Advisory Board.

Mr. Hirsch stated that a new outpatient clinic on Southern Boulevard

and White Plains Road had opened. It is a one-stop Home Care Program which provides medical reviews, field assessments and medical eligibility and re-certification. Also, Mr. Hirsch stated that a new program for non-medicaid covered people who need home care starts on July 1st. There is a meeting concerning this on May 4th at 2 P.M. on Kings-bridge Road.

Lee Mager introduced the new Board member, George Sottolano.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Bob Black, seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That the Minutes be accepted.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report

Lee Mager stated that the Board has acquired three additional offices. We are presently seeking a new lease for these rooms.

IV. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown stated that he gave testimony at an Adjudication Hearing at the Department of Consumer Affairs on the White Plains Road newsstand, on March 30th. The decision should come down within thirty days.

Tom Brown also stated that he attended a Finance Committee meeting of the City Council earlier in the day on the MN for the Board transferring \$5,300 from Personal Services to Other Than Personal Services (O.T.P.S.). We are awaiting the Council's approval in order to purchase the new scanner and duplicator which the Board previously approved.

Tom Brown stated that there are four street activity permit applications needing the Board's action.

Lee Mager stated that one applicant had unlicensed rides. He said that a warning should be given to all applicants to be sure that all licenses, i.e. temporary liquor, rides, etc. be obtained prior to the opening of the respective events.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, seconded by Dom Castore - That the four Street Activity Permit Applications appearing in the Agenda be approved.

Lew Goldstein registered a complaint against the Waters Place event. He received complaints last year that ambulances and E.M.S. vehicles were having difficulty getting through to Bronx State Hospital.

Tom Brown stated that we received a letter from the Director of Bronx State Hospital indicating his approval. Tom also stated that Police worked out a plan with Bronx State Hospital and the sponsor of the street activity last year, and will certainly do so again this year.

Motion carried.

19 Yes 0 No 2 Abstentions

Tom Brown stated that subsequent to the preparation of the Agenda, Morris Park Community Association had changed the date of its event to July 9 - July 19th, rather than August 13th - August 23rd. This information did not change anyone's vote.

V. Treasurer's Report

This report was handed out to Board members.

VI. Borough President's Report

Lee Mager asked Annette Marchitello to extend to new Borough President Fernando Ferrer the Board's congratulations and welcome.

The Board of Estimate approved April 9, 1987 - Office of the Mayor - Fiscal Year 1987 Capital Budget amendment in the amount of \$26,000,000 incorporating SE-87HW reconstruction of storm and sewers in connection with Highway Projects under the Department of Transportation. In Community District #11, Pelham Parkway is involved in this project.

The Board of Estimate approved on April 9, 1987 - Department of Transportation and Goodkind & O'Shea - Engineering Service contract for preliminary design services for street improvements in connection with HW-1 reconstruction of Esplanade, and HW710 for reconstruction of Pelham Parkway.

The Board of Estimate approved on March 26, 1987 a contract between the City of New York, Department of Health and the Association for Drug Abuse, Prevention and Treatment, Inc. (A.D.A.P.T.) in the amount of \$176,635 for the period of February 15, 1987 through January 15, 1988. This contract provides funds for the comprehensive education of past and present intravenous users and their sexual partners, regarding the risks of such behavior to A.I.D.S. This effort will be undertaken in the Williamsburgh, Harlem and South Bronx section of New York City.

The Board of Estimate approved on March 26, 1987 a recommendation for the sealed bid sale of Block 4048, Lot 39, located on the southeast corner of Amethyst and Rhineland Avenues. The total assessed valuation of the parcel is \$3,100; the minimum or upset price of this parcel is \$500. The upset price has been fixed on the basis of an appraisal made by and for the Division of Real Property, and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Adjacent Homeowner's Program.

The Board of Estimate approved on March 26, 1987, a proposed agreement between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services and Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Kennedy C.E.R.C.) for the provision of mental health, mental retardation and alcoholism services during the period of July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Nominations Committee

Ruth Burko announced the slate for 1987 - 1988:

Treasurer	-	Ray Locascio
Secretary	-	Lewis Goldstein
2nd Vice Chairman	-	Anthony Rizzo
1st Vice Chairman	-	Lee Mager
Chairman	-	Dom Castore

Bob Black nominated Ray Locascio for 2nd Vice Chairman, but Mr. Locascio declined. Bill Liblick nominated Bob Black, seconded by Lee Mager. Mr. Black accepted. Dom Castore nominated Mike Prisco, seconded by Nick Cremonese. Mr. Prisco was not present. A letter will be sent asking if he accepts the nomination. Additional nominations will be taken at the May meeting. The Chairman of the Nominations Committee will send letters to those not present.

B. Economic Development

1. Mr. Mager stated that in addition to the two establishments on the Agenda, there were seven additional businesses that have indicated their intention of renewing their alcoholic beverage licenses, or are newly applying, since the Agenda was prepared. They are as follows:

Sizzler Family Steak House - 2375 East Tremont Avenue
Cuomo's Italian American Deli - 2143 Williamsbridge Road
Stage Coach Packing Company - 1109 Burke Avenue
Met Supermarkets - 1810 Williamsbridge Road
Domino Supermarkets - 1018 Morris Park Avenue and 1916 Williamsbridge Road
Lydig Food Corp. (Pioneer Food Store) - 751 Lydig Avenue
Martino Bros. Meat Market - 1903 Williamsbridge Road
R & N Mini-Grocery - 1001 Mace Avenue

There have been no complaints from the Police Department or the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission regarding these sites.

Motion by Bob Black, seconded by Dom Castore - That all applications be recommended for renewal.

Passed unanimously.

2. Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation Meeting.

Tom Lucania reported on a meeting which he attended of the B.O.E.D.C. The yearly report from the Corporation was distributed for comment by Committee members and B.O.E.D.C. Board members. Also, anyone wishing to submit some information for inclusion in the next report, may do so. If any Community Board member wishes to see the report, it is available in the Board office.

C. Highways

The owner of the Castle Hill Diner has requested that parking meters be placed in the back of the diner along Poplar Street in order to have a turnover of parking spots for diner patrons. Presently, there are no meters. There is unrestricted parking. Tom Brown stated that one reason for meters is to spur economic development. Currently, there are auto body shops along Poplar Street.

Lee Mager referred it to the Traffic Committee and the Economic Development Committee.

Ernest Odierna stated that he had two surveys of subway stations that needed to be filled out. Bob Black volunteered the Assistant District Manager's services, and he will do the surveys. They consist of the Gun Hill Road #5 station and the Bronx Park East #2 and 5.

Tom Brown reported that he had attended several meetings concerning the Panda Exhibit at the Bronx Zoo. The Zoo has been looking for additional parking spaces for the anticipated large crowds. One place they are considering for additional parking is a parcel along the north ramp of the Bronx River Parkway. Tom stated that it would be up to the Department of Parks or Highways to allow them to park on the grass.

Bob Black suggested using the Municipal Parking Lot on White Plains Road and run a shuttle bus to the Zoo. Tom Brown stated that residents of the area use this lot for parking on the weekends.

Ernie Odierna suggested the grass land on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway, near the train station. Tom Brown stated that the traffic would be slowed down in that area, and traffic congestion along White Plains Road would increase.

Tom Brown also stated that he has sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection in regard to several sewer projects that will be going on in the Pelham Parkway South area. Included among these projects is Lydig Avenue and Bolton Street, where there will be an increase in traffic due to the Panda exhibit. We are looking to have a coordination meeting in order to make sure the projects do not overlap and that there is better coordination between agencies.

Tom Brown reported that he received notification from the Mayor's Traffic Construction Coordinating Council of the long-awaited demolition of the bridges over AMTRAK at Lurting and Haight Avenues and Van Buren Street. The Board approved these demolitions several years ago and now they are ready to start work. There may be some traffic congestion when the cranes are brought in to remove the bridges.

D. Housing Committee

See report attached.

Motion by Bob Black, seconded by Lewis Goldstein - That letters be sent to Councilmembers Jerry Crispino and Michael DeMarco in support of the renewal of the Community Consultant Contract with the Jewish Community Council, and requesting additional funding for Community Consultant Program, City-wide.

Passed unanimously.

E. Land Use

Lee Mager announced the receipt of an application for a variance to operate a gasoline service station at 1982 Bronxdale Avenue (Getty).

Motion by Bob Black, seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That this matter be referred to the Land Use Committee to determine whether or not there should be a Public Hearing.

Tom Brown stated that the Board of Standards and Appeals had a Public Hearing on Maestro's. The Hearing will continue on May 5th. Tom reminded the Board that it voted to recommend approval providing capacity was not increased. Board of Standards and Appeals had serious questions on the plan. Maestro's is supposed to send to the Board the additional information Board of Standards and Appeals has requested. Tom explained that the problem is how well the Buildings Department can enforce the regulations as most events take place at night. Variances generally allow the uses permitted for a zoning district. Therefore there may be no legal way of enforcing the restriction on capacity.

F. Education

Ruth Burko thanked Maude Hayman and Ms. Wendt for their kindness and hospitality at a recent library reception.

Ms. Burko then read a letter regarding the proposed Morris Park Mini-Library.

G. Health

Blanche Rifkin stated that there will be an update on the A.I.D.S. Clinic at the next Advisory Council of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center meeting, and she will be able to provide the Board with more information at the next meeting.

She also announced that a new neonatal unit was opened recently at Jacobi Hospital.

Finally, she announced that an Ad Hoc Committee for a new Director of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center has been formed. Resumes have been received and interviews will begin shortly.

Tom Brown asked Blanche what could possibly be done about the condition of the elevators in the Nurses Residence. Blanche said that she would speak with Jean Richardson.

H. Parks

John Cifichiello stated that a letter was received from a community resident living next to the Matthews/Muliner Playground concerning benches that were going to be placed adjacent to her home. She did not want them close to her property, because she felt that youths would hang out on the benches and disturb her and her neighbors. The Board appealed to George Sahr, Bronx Borough Commissioner and he has directed the contractor to change the plans and not place the benches near her building. Also, John announced a Clean-Up the Parks Day on May 2nd. Volunteers will pick up cans and garbage in city parks.

Ernie Odierna asked Tom Brown if there has been any progress on the Kazimiroff Blvd. Reconstruction Project. He stated that the last he heard, there was a problem with the Parks Dept. not wanting trees cut down.

Tom Brown stated that two weeks after the Board meeting the New York State Budget was approved. Tom said it would be more pertinent to send a letter to elected officials, the Parks Department and State Transportation after the budget was approved. Mr. Odierna suggested that when writing to the Parks Dept., we invite Commissioner Stern to come and see the area in question first hand. Also, we should prepare statistics on the number of accidents on the road which have occurred since the project was conceived.

Dom Castore asked if the present conditions along the Sheridan Expressway Bridge is to be a life-time condition.

Annette Marchitello stated that she would look into the project schedule and report back to us.

I. Youth - report attached

Ray Locascio reported that the Youth Services Planning Committee recommends that the Community Planning Board #11 hire Mr. Leonard Rochester as the Project Director for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Motion by Bob Black, seconded by Lewis Goldstein-that Leonard Rochester be hired as Director of the 1987 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Ray also announced that the Youth Services Committee will meet on Monday, April 27th at Bronx House.

Linda Loeb reported that the Grantmakers application submitted jointly by Community Planning Board #11 and the Bronx Council on the Arts has been sent to New York Community Trust, and we are awaiting the approval. Ray Locascio thanked the Board for its support in keeping the Summer Youth Employment Program in our community.

J. Public Safety

Abe Pereira complimented the 49th Police Precinct on the coverage of the synagogues and churches during the Passover/Easter holidays.

VIII. New Business

Blanche Rifkin stated that Bronx House had been robbed recently. She stated that Bronx House felt that kids had hid in building until closing. They did some damage, however Bronx House has taken extra security precautions.

Bill Liblick announced that on May 7th the Bronx Council on the Arts fundraiser is being held at the Big Apple Circus. Tickets are \$10.

Emil Eisdorfer stated that he received proposed legislation by Senator Velella and Assemblyman Nadler in the mail. The legislation would require a 2/3 vote of City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate to approve resolutions that are rejected by a Community Planning Board.

Bob Black then gave some additional background on the proposed bill.

Motion by Dom Castore, seconded by Bill Liblick that action on proposed legislation be tabled until May meeting.

Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 23, 1987

PRESENT

Robert Black	(2)	William Liblick	(2)
Ruth Burko	(3)	Raymond Locascio	(0)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Lee Mager	(2)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Ernest Odierna	(1)
Anthony DelGaudio	(3)	Abraham Pereira	(5)
Emil Eisdorfer	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Anthony Rizzo	(1)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)
Lewis Goldstein	(3)	George Sottolano	(0)
Abraham Kleinman	(6)	Alfred Tartaglia	(5)

ABSENT

Norman Engel	(3)	Jay Nadler	(7)
Michael Fanelli	(5)	Brenda Petri	(3)
Stella Fernandez	(3)	Fredric Pocci	(2)
Eli Goldsmith	(3)	Michael Prisco	(4)
Steve Lovitch	(6)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Leslie McHenry	(4)	William Ricevuto	(6)
Frank Muccioli	(5)	Vincent Zarcone	(5)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rosanna Greco - representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Marcia Bookman - representing Assemblyman John Dearie
Manuel Lagares - Bronx Office of City Planning
Annette Marchitello - Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office
Thomas J. Brown - Community Board #11 District Manager
Thomas Lucania - Community Board #11 Assistant District Manager
Linda Loeb - Community Board #11 Youth Coordinator

GUESTS

Mel Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board 11/12

NOTE: Number in parentheses denote absences since September 18th meeting including Public Hearing of September 29th. There was no January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 4/23/87

	<u>CURRENT AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDED 4/11/87</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
District Manager	35,550	23,861	10,529	1,160
Assistant District Manager	20,583 ^{1.}	-0-	7,500	13,083 ^{2.}
Office Associate	10,293	6,948	3,345	-0-
Office Associate	15,439	9,766	5,673	-0-
Principal Administrative Associate	19,976	13,699	6,277	-0-
Amount to be Scheduled	885	-0-	-0-	885
Salary Adjustments	1,504	-0-	-0-	1,504
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	104,230	54,274	33,324	16,632
 <u>OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
General Supplies/Materials	2,606	1,718	143	745
General Supplies/Materials (Storehouse)	314	281	-0-	33
General Equipment (Purchase)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Office Equipment	2,150	399	1,395 ^{3.}	356
General Contractual Services	1,800	1,205	560 ^{4.}	35
Postage	800	-0-	-0-	800
Telephone and Other Communications	2,766	1,636	1,130 ^{5.}	-0-
Office Services	4,317	3,682	666 ^{3.}	-31
Local Travel	52	-0-	-0-	52
Rental of Miscellaneous Equipment	300	165	-0-	135
Space Rental	1,575	1,050	525 ^{4.}	-0-
Fixed Charges	500	-0-	500	-0-
<u>TOTAL O.T.P.S.</u>	17,180	10,136	4,919	2,125 ^{6.}
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	121,410	64,410	38,243	18,757

1. Although the Community Board approved \$22,500 for this position, O.M.B. calculated a portion of District Manager's salary increase against this budget line, rather than transferring it all from Amount to be Scheduled. An additional \$817 was transferred to Other Than Personal Services. In any event, there are adequate funds to pay Assistant District Manager at annual rate of \$22,500 throughout remainder of Fiscal Year 1987.

2. A Mayoral Number (MN) is pending City Council approval which will transfer \$5,320 to Other Than Personal Services.

3. Goods or services have been ordered or received, but have either not been paid or have not yet been deducted from computer print-out.

4. Contracted, but not paid in entirety.

5. Telephone bills are paid against this line by the Department of General Services on a very sporadic basis. Because of payment method, it is close to impossible to transfer any surplus. It must be assumed that no balance will be available by the end of the fiscal year.

6. This amount will increase as a consequence of pending MN - see Note 2.