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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 1987 IN THE CAFETERIA OF

AGING IN AMERICA

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

I. Gallery Session

a. Rhoda Gogatz

Ms. Gogatz announced that the annual "Salute to Pelham Parkway" Festival will be held on September 20, 1987, from 12 Noon to sundown. She asked Community Board #11 for its continued support in obtaining police protection from both the 49th and 52nd Police Precincts. She also invited the Community Board to set up a table at the festival to dispense information on the Board's work.

b. Helen Frank

Ms. Frank stated that the Traffic Department had recently placed "No Parking Anytime" signs around the safety zone at Boston Road, Thwaites Place and Olinville Avenue. However, the next day some of the signs had already disappeared.

c. Mel Hirsch, Michael Micalizzi, Joseph Falardo, Gary Griffin, John Gemisnani, John Certese, Dr. Patel, Marie Donohue, and Leslie Chapman, Jr.

The above nine speakers spoke about the traffic conditions on Pelham Parkway and Williamsbridge Road, and Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road. The following are comments and suggestions that were made by the speakers:

1. Add additional spurs onto the Main Road of Pelham Parkway South from the Service Road between White Plains Road and Stillwell Avenue.
2. Allow left hand turn from Pelham Parkway Service Road onto Eastchester Road.
3. Make Lydig Avenue one-way between Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue.
4. Change the light sequencing at Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road.
5. Move on proposed additional parking for Police personnel behind precinct building.
6. Stillwell Avenue access to Pelham Parkway South Main Road.

7. Remove traffic light at Rhinelander Avenue and Eastchester Road.
8. Make Rhinelander Avenue one-way eastbound.
9. Instead of Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road being a 4-way light, make it a 3-way light.

Mr. Mager closed the Gallery Session and opened the Board meeting.

## II. Guest Speaker - Mr. Austin Harrold, Census Bureau, 1990 Census

Mr. Harrold gave a brief report on the importance of the 1990 Census, both on a national level but more importantly on a local level. He explained the different ways the census information is used to determine funding levels for different grants. He also stated that there was a wide-spread feeling that there was an undercount in the New York area in the 1980 Census. The Census Bureau is reaching out to community groups to get the word out to the people on the importance of the 1990 Census.

Dom Castore thanked Mr. Harrold for attending and emphasized that the Bronx is losing money for youth because the population was undercounted in 1980. Hopefully, a better job will be done in 1990, with everyone's cooperation.

## III. Minutes

Motion by Nick Cremonese, Seconded by Dom Castore - That the May Minutes be accepted as written.

Passed.

## IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Mager announced the resignation of Ms. Brenda Petri from the Community Planning Board. Mr. Mager also stated that the Mayor's Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at 7:30 P.M. at Aging In America.

There were two Street Activity permits:

- a. 2400 Hering Avenue Block Association for a block party on Hering Avenue between Waring and Mace Avenues on Saturday, July 25, (rain date Saturday, August 14) between 2 P.M. and 11 P.M. There have been no prior problems with this activity.

Motion by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Frank Muccioli - That Community Planning Board #11 recommends that this Street Activity Permit be granted.

Passed.

- b. The second application was from Connie Casatelli for a Block Party on July 4 on Fowler Avenue between Van Nest and Pierce Avenues, between 8:30 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. This is a new application. Joe Reda stated that he knew the people and saw no reason for it to be denied.

Motion by Joe Reda, Seconded by Dom Castore - That Community Planning Board #11 recommends that this Street Activity Permit be granted.

Passed.

## V. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown reported that the May District Service Cabinet minutes have been sent in the mail.

Also, District Budget Consultations have been held with the Parks Department and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Tom also reported that he attended a hearing at the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding the newsstand on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue. The licensee did not show up. Testimony was taken from the inspectors, the Merchants Association and the Community Planning Board, and the Department of Consumer Affairs will issue a decision within a month.

Tom also stated that the office has been busy with the mailing to people in the affected area, notifying them of tonight's public meeting on traffic conditions, and the recent Housing Committee meeting on the proposed 202 Housing by St. Dominic's Church.

Tom reported on developments in regard to the St. Lucy Feast. He stated that the permit that was issued stipulates that Bronxwood Avenue will not be closed. However, stands will be allowed on the sidewalk and in the parking lane on the west side of Bronxwood Avenue. Tom felt that the Board must develop guidelines for multi-day street festivals.

Finally, Tom reported that he has received a petition from residents along Bronxwood Avenue and Pelham Parkway North concerning young adults using the Pelham Parkway North Service Road for drag racing and loud music playing. Lee Mager added that he also received complaints from residents about people barbecuing along Pelham Parkway.

Frank Muccioli stated that there had been discussions between St. Lucy's Church and the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association regarding the St. Lucy Feast. Mr. Muccioli stated that through the offices of Mr. Lee Gounardes, Director of the Street Activity Permit Unit, a compromise was reached. Mr. Muccioli praised Mr. Gounardes for his concern for the community at large.

Motion by Frank Muccioli, Seconded by Ray Locascio - That Community Board #11 send a letter to Mayor Koch thanking Mr. Gounardes for his assistance and for his concern for Community Board #11.

Passed.

Mr. Muccioli also stated that complaints in regard to Pelham Parkway were also coming from Dr. Guarino of the Institute for Special Education.

## VI. Treasurer's Report - attached to Minutes.

## VII. Election of Officers

There was one contested position on this year's slate: The election for Second Vice Chairman - Emil Eisdorfer vs. Anthony Rizzo. Mr. Mager asked Blanche Rifkin and Ruth Burko, members of the Election Committee, to supervise the election.

Mr. Mager announced that the winner was Mr. Anthony Rizzo for the position of Second Vice Chairman.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A. Land Use

Lee Mager questioned the Land Use Committee on the need for a Public Hearing on Variance No. 223-55BZ. This is a renewal of an existing Variance for 5 years for a non-storage garage at 974 Sackett Avenue in an R-4 zoning district (non-conforming use).

Motion by Ken Gelnick, Seconded by Al Tartaglia - That Community Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on Variance No. 223-55BZ.

Passed.

Lee Mager also announced that we had received preliminary information on the extension of the Judith Lynn Home for Adults at 1800 Waring Avenue (Block 4410, Lot 21). The extension would allow the addition of 59 beds at the facility. Preliminary plans are available in the District Office.

### B. Economic Development

Fred Pocci announced that the following establishments have notified the Community Board of their intention to apply for renewals of their licenses to sell beer for off-premises consumption:

- a. Courtesy Food, Inc., d.b.a. Met Food at 2711 White Plains Road
- b. Salumeria Parmegiana and Delicatessen, Inc., at 788 Morris Park Avenue
- c. 645 Food Corporation at 777 Morris Park Avenue (Pioneer Supermarket)
- d. Frank's Delicatessen at 1531 Morris Park Avenue
- e. A. & A. Superette at 1701 Unionport Road
- f. John & Louie Deli at 660 Morris Park Avenue

The Community Board also received notification of an application for a new license to sell beer for off-premises consumption from:

- a. Adrian and Vilma Pinales, d.b.a. Ad-Vil Corporation (Imperial Farms at 2143 Barnes Avenue

Fred Pocci noted that an additional notification had been received after the Agenda was prepared. This is for a renewal of an on-premises consumption license for the following:

- a. Golden Eagle Restaurant at 975 Morris Park Avenue

There have been no complaints from the Police Department on any of these locations.

Motion by Robert Black, Seconded by Madeline Saltaformaggio - That Community Board #11 recommend approval of all the above license applications.

Passed.

### C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Lt. Hugo Carosi, of the 49th Police Precinct, stated that he has recommended the elimination of the traffic light at Rhinelander Avenue and Eastchester Road. He also stated that motorists are going northbound on Stillwell Avenue to Rhinelander Avenue, and then coming westbound along Rhinelander Avenue to beat traffic. He suggested making

Rhineland Avenue one-way eastbound. Also, he said motorists are using the parking lot at Aging In America to beat the light at Rhineland Avenue.

Frank Muccioli said that the people not only want long-term solutions, they want short-term answers. He suggested stationing a traffic cop at the intersection of Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road. Bob Black stated that traffic cops are used in Manhattan along the F.D.R. Drive to move traffic.

Motion by Frank Muccioli, Seconded by Lee Mager - That the Community Board send a letter to the appropriate authorities demanding three police officers to control traffic at Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway South.

Passed.

Tom Brown reported on some additional items related to traffic. It appears that a traffic light on the Service Road of Pelham Parkway South in front of Jacobi Hospital will be turned down. Also, the idea of the #12 bus coming off the Main Road to make its charges and discharges did not meet with much enthusiasm from the M.T.A. Finally, Tom reported that the Adopt-a-Station program is under way again. This program provides community organizations with money to spruce up neighborhood subway stations. Tom suggested that any groups which consider applying should not choose the White Plains Road #2 Station at Pelham Parkway or the Dyre Avenue #5 Station at Gun Hill Road, since both are designated for capital improvements in the near future.

Ernie Odierna mentioned that the community should tell the Mayor at the Town Hall meeting about the traffic conditions on Eastchester Road.

Joe Apuzzo from Emergency Medical Service stated that E.M.S. would support any measures to alleviate traffic congestion on Eastchester Road.

#### D. Housing

Frank Muccioli stated that the Housing Committee had met with St. Dominic's Church and its consultants at the request of the Community Board, concerning the proposed 202 Housing for senior citizens. (Report Attached).

Motion by Frank Muccioli, Seconded by Lew Goldstein - That Community Board #11 communicate to the Department of Housing and Urban Development its recommendation that the 202 Housing application by St. Dominic's Church for the site of the former P.S. 34 be approved, and that in the event that H.U.D. does not approve said application, the Housing Committee continue its study of possible uses for the site with a view to recommending one of the other options listed on the last page of the attachment.

Passed.

#### E. Education and Culture

Ruth Burko reported that she, together with Allerton Branch Librarian Stella Shang and Assistant District Manager Tom Lucania, visited a possible site for the Morris Park Mini-branch Library. The site is presently owned by the Morris Park Jewish Center, at 1811 Hone Avenue. The building, which can be expanded to two floors, is in excellent condition. Although presently there is no air conditioning, the electrical system can handle it. The asking price of the building is \$425,000, but the price is negotiable if the library would be the tenant. The Center would also consider a long-term lease with the library.

Motion by Ruth Burko, Seconded by several - That Community Board #11 submit to the New York Public Library for its consideration and approval the site at 1811 Hone Avenue for the Morris Park Mini-branch Library.

Passed.

Ruth also announced two events at the Eastchester Library:

- a. A lecture on Crime Prevention at 2 P.M. on June 23rd
- b. A movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" on June 30th

Lewis Goldstein announced that a new School District Superintendent for Community School Board #11 has been selected. The new Superintendent is Mr. Frank Arricale. He is looking forward to working closely with the Community Planning Board.

Tom Brown announced that for the second year in a row P.S. 105 has been named a finalist in "Team-up to Clean-up New York".

#### F. Public Safety

Joe Reda stated that there are still traffic problems around the Parking Violations Bureau around the Williamsbridge Road Courthouse.

Mr. Reda also stated that he thought it was a disgrace that weeds are growing out of control in front of the 49th Precinct.

Tom Brown stated that the Board voted on a budget priority for Fiscal Year 1988 for maintenance of the exterior of the precinct. It is possible that there is money for this project in the new budget.

Tony Rizzo stated that for the last two weeks there have been problems on Mace Avenue and Eastchester Road. The problems concern open hydrants, vandalism, large groups of youths congregating, and double parked cars.

#### G. Youth (Report Attached)

Motion by Ray Locascio, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That Michael Maloney be hired as a Crew Chief for the 1987 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Passed.

Linda Loeb announced that she has recently completed arrangements for the Summer Bus program and the Summer Mobile Vehicles schedules for community groups in the district. Linda also reported that there are plans by the Department of Parks and Recreation to hire additional recreational personnel and place them in area parks this summer. Presently, in District #11, Loretto Park would be the recipient of a summer worker.

#### IX. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello announced that Borough President Ferrer will be sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on July 9th at Aging In America. This will be a joint Community Board #10 and #11 Town Hall meeting.

#### X. Old Business

Tony Rizzo thanked the Board members for re-electing him Second Vice Chairman. Tony also encouraged all members of the Board to run for the various officer positions.

Lee reminded the Board that the officers, as a result of the evening's elections, are:

Chairman - Dom Castore  
First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager  
Second Vice Chairman - Anthony Rizzo  
Secretary - Lewis Goldstein  
Treasurer - Raymond Locascio

Eli Goldsmith mentioned that a public safety situation exists on Olinville Avenue between Thwaites Place and Waring Avenue (P.S. 96). There is loud radio playing until all hours of the morning. Each summer the situation is the same.

Bill Ricevuto reported that his wife was recently mugged on Rhineland Avenue just off Williamsbridge Road. He again demanded that a cop be placed on Williamsbridge Road south of Pelham Parkway. He stated that there are many cops along Allerton Avenue and Westchester Square, and he wanted to know why a cop could not be spared for this area.

Frank Muccioli emphasized that the reason there are many cops on Allerton Avenue is that the area has been declared a bias area, and the cops assigned to the area are not 49th Precinct police officers but officers from the Neighborhood Stabilization Unit (N.S.U.). He stressed that the 49th Precinct is undermanned and that the Board should demand an increase in personnel.

XI. New Business

Bob Black stated that the Board should take up Rhoda Gogatz's invitation to set up a table at the "Salute to Pelham Parkway" celebration. He asked the Executive Board to consider it over the summer.

Motion by Joe Reda, Seconded by Dom Castore - To send a letter to the Mayor asking for additional police officers for the 49th Precinct.

Passed.

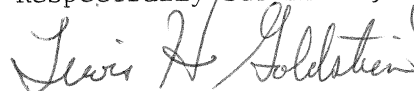
Tom Brown announced that Rabbi Fuchs' wife gave birth to a baby boy.

Tom Brown asked Frank Muccioli to speak about the A.I.D.S. Hospice program at Beth Abraham Hospital. He stated that the program came to Mr. Muccioli's attention in a recent article in the New York Times.

Mr. Muccioli stated that in speaking with Mr. William Frohlich, Executive Director of Beth Abraham Hospital, he learned that the hospice is for the chronically ill and those who are not expected to live. The hospice is caring for the mental and emotional needs of the A.I.D.S. patients and their families. There is no treatment of A.I.D.S. patients at the hospital. Mr. Frohlich has extended to the Board or any member of the community an invitation to visit the hospice.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lewis Goldstein,  
Secretary

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ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 18, 1987

PRESENT

Robert Black	(3)	Lee Mager	(2)
Ruth Burko	(3)	Frank Muccioli	(5)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Ernie Odierna	(1)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Abraham Pereira	(5)
Emil Eisdorfer	(0)	Fredric Pocci	(3)
Stella Fernandez	(4)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	William Ricevuto	(6)
Eli Goldsmith	(3)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Lewis Goldstein	(3)	Anthony Rizzo	(1)
Abraham Kleinman	(7)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)
William Liblick	(2)	Alfred Tartaglia	(6)
Raymond Locascio	(0)		

ABSENT

John Cifichiello	(1)	Leslie McHenry	(5)
Anthony DelGaudio	(4)	Joseph Milone	(4)
Norman Engel	(4)	Jay Ira Nadler	(9)
Michael Fanelli	(6)	Michael Prisco	(5)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2)	George Sottolano	(2)
Steve Lovitch	(7)	Vincent Zarcone	(6)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Dominic Esposito - representing Senator Abraham Bernstein  
Rosanna Greco - representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel  
Robert Black - representing Senator Guy Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office  
Mel Hirsch - Co-Chairman of H.R.A. Advisory Board  
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11  
Thomas Lucania - Assistant District Manager, Community Board #11  
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Board #11  
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Board #11

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