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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1988 IN
THE MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE LODGE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

No one spoke.

II. Guest Speaker - Harrison Goldin

Dom introduced Harrison J. Goldin, N.Y.C. Comptroller, this evenings guest speaker.

Comptroller Goldin spoke about the stock market melt down on October 19th. He stated that many predicted that there would be an abrupt deterioration in the national economy and that we would be sure to feel the effects of that in the city. He stated that Mayor Koch had placed a freeze on hiring. Comptroller Goldin stated that as of today we have seen no slow down in N.Y.C. economy. Revenues are coming in strong, in fact, higher than last year. Unemployment in the City last month was the lowest in 18 years. Economy seems to be running along well. Comptroller stated that nevertheless, the budget for F.Y. 1990 is uncertain. He stated that there is enough money in the budget to cover the expenses that the City had planned for this fiscal year (from July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988). However, we do not know if we will have enough money for additional services in F.Y. 1990.

QUESTIONS WERE ASKED OF THE COMPTROLLER BY SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS:

1. Dom Castore asked the Comptroller about his stand on the proposed homeless shelter in Community Board #10.

Comptroller Goldin stated that he was deeply upset with the way the City handled this issue. He stated that the community should have been informed of what was going on before hand and not after the fact. He stated that he is in favor of the site being used as a Veterans home. He further stated that Senator D'Amato has indicated that there is a chance that the site could be a veterans home. If Senator D'Amato is able to get this, the issue of a homeless shelter at this site would be mute. Comptroller Goldin stated that the city needs a veterans home because 1 out of 3 homeless men is a veteran, and that there is presently no facility for them.

Comptroller Goldin stated that he had spoken with Tony Rizzo today and that he is recovering.

2. Mike Prisco asked the Comptroller for his views on the Board of Estimate. If he was in favor of keeping the Board of Estimate as it is now, changing it or eliminating it?

Comptroller Goldin stated that we need to preserve and strengthen - not eliminate the few over ride mechanisms that we have. He stated that the Board of Estimate is one of them. He stated that the Board of Estimate is one of the forums through which individuals and community groups have access to elected public officials who are accountable to the electorate. Comptroller Goldin stated that we need an elected Board of Estimate. He stated that one of the proposed changes is for the City Council to take over the duties of the Board of Estimate. This would mean increasing the City Council from 35 to 60 members. Comptroller Goldin stated that we need to change the way the board votes and the way the Board of Estimate operates. It is not right to hold public hearings until the wee hours of the night, and then have to continue the next day. He stated that all testimony should end at a reasonable hour.

3. Bob Black asked about the Charter Revision. He stated that the last time there was a Charter Revision the boards were asked for their views on the Charter. He stated that every board had committees on the Charter. He stated that this time no one has asked the boards for its input.

Comptroller Goldin stated that large numbers of New Yorkers need to write to the Charter Revision and say that the Board of Estimate should not be eliminated.

4. Joe Reda asked about the Mayor's cutting of essential services such as police manpower and sanitation losing the clean team.

The Comptroller stated that he did not know why the Mayor was talking about tax increases. He stated that it would be bad on two grounds.

Firstly, New York has probably the highest tax structure in the western world and secondly he stated that he sees no necessity to increase taxes at this time.

5. Frank Muccioli asked about the bus garage and why our elected officials had gone against the community boards on this issue.

Comptroller Goldin said that he was not in favor of the bus garage going into the site selected. He stated that he has yet to see a community that welcomes a health facility, an O.T.B., etc. He stated that boards must be consulted and that they should provide alternate sites for these facilities. He also stated that he had an alternate site in the South Bronx for the bus depot.

6. Lew Goldstein asked about Intro 914 - Commercial Rent Control which the Mayor is against.

Comptroller Goldin spoke about the need for small businesses, shoe repair, locksmiths, etc. He spoke about zoning that would reserve certain areas for certain kinds of businesses. Such as butcher shops, locksmiths, shoe makers, etc.

7. Emil Eisdorfer asked how zoning could put limits on rents charged and how can we monitor it.

Comptroller Goldin stated that zoning that would reserve space for small business would preclude the landlords from being able to exploit these potential markets regardless of the use. This zoning would not allow landlords to rent space that was zoned for a particular small business to any fast food or franchise tenant no matter what that tenant is willing to pay.

8. John Cifichiello asked about the Charter Revision Commission. He stated that there has been no publicity coming out to the general public and that it will appear as a referendum on election day. He asked the Comptroller about his stand on the Board of Estimate as to one man one vote.

Comptroller Goldin spoke about the present voting structure of the Board of Estimate. The U.S. Supreme Court has said that, except for the U.S. Senate, every elected body in America must adhere to the principle of one man, one vote.

The Comptroller stated that the voting structure of the Board of Estimate has to be changed. He stated that we should still have the five Borough Presidents and the three City wide elected officials, the Mayor, the City Council President and the Comptroller. They should be kept so that the public can continue to have access to the highest ranking City officials.

9. Helen Frank asked why, if there is enough money in the budget to cover services through June 30th, is the city cutting police and sanitation.

The Comptroller stated that the City can afford these services for this fiscal year, however, we still do not know about F.Y. '90.

10. Rabbi Fuchs stated that there is a problem with drug addiction and crack. He spoke about a crack den in the area, and asked what the solution is.

The Comptroller stated that we need more law enforcement and that we need constant education of children at earlier ages in school about the dangers of drugs. He stated that there are not enough drug treatment centers. The Comptroller offered help with the crack den and stated that while the police do a fine job, there are not enough of them to handle all the problems.

11. Dr. Mary Acker asked about the proposal to protect small businesses.

The Comptroller stated that there are no franchise butcher shops, locksmiths, etc. He stated that it is not difficult to deal with the proper zoning regulations.

The Comptroller thanked the Board for its courtesy and hospitality.

III. Minutes

Correction - Mel Hirsch called the board office to state that his name was omitted from the list of guests who attended the last Board meeting.

A Motion was made by Bill Ricevuto, Second by Helen Frank - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Passed unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report - Dom Castore

Dom announced that Tom Brown was home from the hospital. He also announced that Tony Rizzo was home from the hospital after suffering a mild stroke. Dom stated that Ruth Burko broke her leg and was recuperating in Florida, and that Abe Pereira was in Sloan Kettering.

Dom announced that the following officers could not run for the office they now hold: Ray Locascio cannot run for Treasurer and Lew Goldstein cannot run for Secretary. He stated that they can run for any other office. He stated that the Boards by-laws preclude a person being in the same office for more than 3 years running.

Dom stated that the Nominations Committee would submit its slate of officers at the April meeting. At that time nominations can be made from the floor. He stated that nominations will also be accepted at the May meeting, but that the person nominated must either be present, or have indicated in writing their willingness to run.

Dom named the following people to the Nominating Committee:

Mike Prisco, Chairman, Blanche Rifkin and Tony DelGaudio.

Dom announced that the Committee Assignments had been handed out tonight.

Bob Black indicated that there was a change in the phone number listed on the Committee listings for him.

Dom announced that letters were sent to 6 Board members in regard to their absences.

Tom Lucania announced that present tonight were: Harrison J. Goldin, Comptroller, P.O. James Strafella of the 49th Precinct, Annette Marchitello of Borough President Ferrer's Office, Efran Alvarado of the Bronx D.A.'s office who will be representing the D.A.'s office at Board meetings, P.O. Lillian Hirsch of the Bronx Borough Command, Helen Korman representing Councilman Michael DeMarco and Rosanna Greco representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel.

V. District Manager's Report - Thomas Lucania, Assistant District Manager

Tom reported that the Mod needed to purchase the computer was prepared and sent to O.M.B. He also stated that the proposed 1989 Community Board #11 budget had been sent to all Board members. Tom stated that the Treasurer's Report was attached. He also said that the District Service Cabinet Minutes from February had been sent out.

Street Activity Permit Applications

Tom stated that there were 2 Street Activity Permit Applications:

1. Waters Place between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue from 7/27 - 8/6 from 7:00 P.M. - 11:30 P.M. and 8/7 from 11:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M.

Bob Black asked if there had been any problems last year.

P.O. Strafella spoke. He stated that some arrests were made for gambling. He stated that the Police Department has to look into it before making a recommendation.

A Motion was made by Joe Reda, Second by Madeline Saltaformaggio - That Community Board #11 recommend that the Street Activity Permit Office approve this Application.

2. Astor Avenue between Bronxwood and Colden Avenues on May 2nd - U.S. Army Recruitment Van.

Tom stated that the Institute for Special Education has no problems with it as long as the van is not on their side of the street.

A Motion was made by John Cifichiello, Second by Madeline Saltaformaggio - That Community Board #11 recommend to S.A.P.O. that this Application be approved.

Frank Muccioli asked for a police officer to be stationed there that day. P.O. Strafella said that it would be taken care of.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Raymond Locascio

Report attached.

VII. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette reported that the Borough President was announcing a free small businessman's tax workshop for Bronx businesses to be held in the Bronx County building in the Rotunda conducted by the B.O.E.D.C. She stated that it will be held on March 24th at 1:00 P.M. Annette said that representatives from the I.R.S. and the N.Y.S. Dept. of Taxation will be there. Annette stated that the topics to be covered are "How the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will affect Small Business" and "Which Tax Forms, Deductions and Credits relate to individual businesses".

Annette reported that the Borough President announced that candidates from both major parties have accepted an invitation by Borough President Fernando Ferrer and Fordham University President Father Joseph O'Hare to debate urban issues at the Bronx Campus of Fordham University. She stated that there will be two debates scheduled, on March 28th for the Democratic Presidential candidates and on April 4th for the Republican Presidential candidates. Annette stated that both will be held in the Fordham University gym.

Annette announced that the following items were submitted to the secretary for the record:

Borough President Ferrer's statement at Public Hearing on relocating police academy to the Bronx and Borough President Ferrer takes hospital fight to Albany.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer

1. Liquor License Renewals

Off-Premises Consumption

a. N.T.J. Liquors - 1304 East Gun Hill Road

b. A.W. Wine and Liquors - 1382 East Gun Hill Road

Emil stated that the police had reported that there had been no problems with these sites.

He stated that the Board had received a liquor license renewal from the Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption. Emil stated that copies of this were distributed tonight as it had been received after the Agenda was prepared. He stated that there was no problem with the Zoo.

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer and seconded - That Community Board #11 recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority that these liquor license renewals be granted

Passed

New application for on-premises consumption

a. Bronxdale Diner d.b.a. Castle Hill Diner - 1506 Bronxdale Avenue

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer and seconded - That Community Board #11 recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority that this application for a liquor license be granted.

Passed

B. Housing - Frank Muccioli

1. Update on proposed Mace/Bouck Condominiums

Frank announced that the condominiums as originally designed will not be built. He stated that the community had met with the developer, and that the new blueprints indicate there will be 24 two-family homes and 1 three-family home. He stated that there will be a total of 25 homes.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, Second by Lew Goldstein - That a letter of support in favor of the new plans be sent to the Bronx Building Department.

Passed with 1 abstention by Fred Pocci.

C. Youth and Youth Services - Raymond Locascio/Linda Loeb

Linda announced that the time frame for approving and submitting an application for the Grantmakers Summer Program for Youth is such that it will be needed before the Board meets again. She asked the Board to authorize the Youth Committee to make any decisions with regard to the proposals.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Lew Goldstein - Resolved: That Community Board #11 authorize the Youth Committee to make any decisions with regard to the proposal submission process of the Grantmakers Application.

D. Public Safety - Joe Reda

Joe announced that Dom Castore, Thomas Lucania, Linda Loeb, as well as himself, had attended a meeting of the Bias/Clergy Intervention Council.

Dom stated that of the eleven people there, seven were Board members.

Joe asked anyone seeing a potential bias incident to contact the 49th Precinct, either P.O. James Strafella or P.O. Isabel Torres, at 409-7515.

Joe reported that the new Commanding Officer of the 49th Precinct is Captain John J. Hudson. Joe said that he comes from the narcotics unit.

Joe spoke about the cuts in police manpower. He also told people to be aware of pickpockets in supermarkets.

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Fred Pocci

Fred reported that the Board had received a response from the M.T.A. on its request to move the bus stop at Allerton Avenue and Williamsbridge Road. Fred stated that the M.T.A. said the bus stop is in the safest place. He said he will discuss this at either his Committee meeting or the Executive Committee meeting to see if the Board wants to follow up on this.

Fred announced that the Board had received preliminary designs for the Boston Road reconstruction contract. He stated that a meeting will be set up with the consultant on issues which the community is concerned about.

Fred announced that the Department of Transportation Project HWX-514 for reconstruction of streets in Pelham Gardens, including Wilson, Lodovick, Gunther, Wickham, Delanoy, Vance, Demeyer, Bruner and Ely Avenues, is scheduled to start in June of 1988.

Fred reported that he had received a letter from Richard Simon of the Department of Traffic stating that they are trying to get together with Community Boards and set up Traffic Safety Boards, preferably with the Boards' standing Traffic Committees. The purpose of these Boards is to develop safety education programs in schools, precincts, etc., where safety education is required. Examples are: sites with high traffic volume or high accident rates. He stated that a meeting will be set up with Mr. Simon.

Eli Goldsmith announced that he has learned that before any traffic control can be put in or changed, the Traffic Department must make a complete study of the area.

IX. Old Business

Joe Reda asked if there had been any progress on the computerization of traffic controls at Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway. Tom Lucania stated that he will contact the Department of Transportation.

Lew Goldstein announced that Ira Alexander, a former Board member, was in the hospital in very serious condition.

Tom spoke about a request from the New York Public Library to support an ad to be taken out in New York newspapers requesting support for Public Library services.

A Motion was made and Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 sign the letter of support for the library.

Passed.

X. New Business

Bob Black asked that a Charter Revision Committee be named. He suggested the following Board members to the Chairman for his approval: Pat Quaranta, Fred Pocci, Lew Goldstein, Ray Locascio, Frank Muccioli, and Bob Black. He also asked that Tony Rizzo be placed on the Committee. Dom said that when Tony returns he can be a member of the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Lewis Goldstein in cursive script, with a circled 'L' or similar mark at the end.

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MARCH 17, 1988

PRESENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(0)	Jeffrey Klein	(0)
Robert Black	(2)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Fred Pocci	(2)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Michael Prisco	(3)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Pat Quaranta	(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(1)	Joseph Reda	(1)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(0)	William Ricevuto	(1)
Helen Frank	(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Kenneth Thompson	(1)
Eli Goldsmith	(1)	Vincent Zarcone	(5)
Lewis Goldstein	(2)		

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(3)	Pat Manfredonia	(1)
Norman Engel	(5)	Leslie McHenry	(5)
Stella Fernandez	(7)	Joseph Milone	(5)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Jay Ira Nadler	(5)
Abraham Kleinman	(6)	Richard Padro	(1)
William Liblick	(4)	Abraham Pereira	(6)
Raymond Locascio	(3)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Steve Lovitch	(7)	Anthony Rizzo	(1)
Lee Mager	(4)	George Sottolano	(7)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hon. Harrison J. Goldin, Comptroller
Eric Barr - Comptroller's Office
Rosanna Greco - Representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office
Efrain Alvarado - Representing Bronx District Attorney's Office
P.O. Lili-Elyn Hirsch - Bronx Community Affairs
P.O. James Strafella - Community Affairs, 49th Precinct
Thomas Lucania - Assistant District Manager, Community Planning Board #11
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11

NOTE: Number in parentheses denotes absences starting with September 17, 1987 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/2/88

	<u>CURRENT AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDED (2/5/88)</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
District Manager	35,550	19,425	16,124	-0-
Assistant District Manager	23,648	12,922	10,724	-0-
Office Associate	10,834	5,698	5,136	-0-
Office Associate	16,251	8,547	7,704 ^{1.}	-0-
Principal Administrative Associate	19,976 ^{2.}	8,166	12,884 ^{1.}	- 1,074
Amount to be Scheduled	<u>3,544^{2.}</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,544</u>
<u>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	109,803	54,759	52,574	2,470
<u>OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
General Supplies/Materials	2,876	1,194	-0-	1,682
General Supplies/Materials Storehouse	864	426	124 ^{3.}	314
Office Equipment	500	65	-0-	435
General Contractual Services	3,126	1,309	635 ^{3.}	1,182
Postage	1,700	-0-	-0-	1,700
Telephone and other Communications	2,766	-0-	2,766 ^{4.}	-0-
Office Services	3,500	2,509	260 ^{3.}	731
Rental of Miscellaneous Equipment	200	83	82 ^{3.}	35
Space Rental	1,575	735	840 ^{3.}	-0-
Fixed Charges	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL O.T.P.S.</u>	17,707	6,321	5,307	6,079
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	127,510	61,080	57,881	8,549

1. This amount includes the 5% contractual increase, retroactive to July 1, 1987 covering the Principal Administrative Assistant.
2. This amount includes \$2,299 which has been added to the budget to cover the increase, as well as \$1,245 which has been allocated for a merit increase for the District Manager.
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. 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.