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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION & CULTURE

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

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PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

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SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL
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YOUTH

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1988 IN

THE CAFETERIA OF ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

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

I. Gallery Session

A. Joanne DiNardo - resident of Yates Avenue

Ms. DiNardo spoke about the fact that parks in the area have been redone, e.g. St. Dominic's, Mace Avenue with new playgrounds and that Loretto Park was not. She stated that she had learned that \$450,000 had been spent on the ball fields and lights. She stated that this was so the 18-22 year olds could play ball at night. Ms. DiNardo said that nothing had been done for the small kids or the seniors. Ms. DiNardo asked where the \$450,000 came from, and whose idea it was to do the ball fields over and accomodate only one set group of people as opposed to doing just the ball fields and taking care of the playgrounds for the small kids and the Bocci Courts for the seniors. Ms. DiNardo complained about the fact that the 9 year olds are never able to use the fields. She stated that the older boys and young men tell them that they have a permit.

Dom gave the background of the ball fields and stated that when the scope was approved the playgrounds and Bocci Courts were in good condition. He stated that the work on these fields had been in progress for 2 years.

Tom Brown gave the background on Loretto Park and the lights. He explained why improvements were not done to the entire park because of vandalism in the park. He stated in 1977 the police had felt that it would be good to have security lighting over the park house. This would allow police to be able to see what was going on in the park without having to actually go into the park. He stated that this was altered to place lights on the field and to raise the fence on one of the fields to protect the playground. Tom said it took 10 years. He explained that before the Parks Dept. or the Board would approve the lights, petitions were received from residents in the surrounding areas stating that they did not object to the lights.

Dom stated that the Board would look into it and see what could be done.

Discussion took place on the fact that the 9 year olds are not being allowed to use the fields at any time, and as early as 1:00 P.M. on a Wednesday.

B. Larry Shriebman - President, Bronx Animal Rights Coalition

Mr. Shriebman stated that B.A.R.C. was organized a year ago in response to the deplorable reduction in animal services. He stated that the Bronx has been without an animal shelter since 1982. He stated that very recently, in September the Bronx got a van that sits on Southern Blvd. & 182nd Street. He stated that at best it is an ill-fated attempt to address a borough wide problem. Mr. Shriebman stated that last year due to the lack of City subsidized clinics, the City was forced to destroy 80,000 animals.

He stated that he was here tonight to ask the Board's endorsement and support for a permanent animal shelter in the Bronx.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Lewis Goldstein, Second by Bob Black - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report - Dom Castore

Dom reported that Stella Fernandez had resigned. He also reported that Lee Mager's wife had given birth to a boy today.

Dom thanked everyone for their cards and sympathy at his loss.

IV. District Manager's Report

Tom stated that he was glad to be back. He thanked the office staff and especially Tom Lucania for a job well done.

Tom reported that the District Service Cabinet will be on Tuesday. Tom stated that he had attended a Chester Civic Association meeting on Tuesday on HW-691.

Tom reported that he was working on the By-Laws and parliamentary procedures. He said that this would be sent to the Board members.

Tom stated that, in the next two months, we will be starting to work on Fiscal Year 1990. He said that the Budget Consultations will be held on the local level with the agencies. Tom said that on September 7th there will be Borough Consultations at Fordham Prep from 4 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.

Tom said that after speaking with Bob Black, Chairman of the Budget Committee, he had sent letters to the various groups that had supported a particular project, telling them what the current status was, based on the responses the Board had received from the agencies, and advising the groups that if they want to insure that it stays in the budget, that they lobby through the elected officials who are on the City Council and Board of Estimate, and will eventually vote on the Mayor's budget.

Tom stated that in the fall Community Board #11 will be holding a Public Hearing on the budget at which time church groups, school groups, community groups and merchants associations are notified in order to give them a chance to tell the Board what services the community needs.

V. Treasurer's Report - Raymond Locascio

Report attached.

VI. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette submitted the following items to the Secretary:

1. Borough President's statement asking Metro-North to reconsider Bronx station shut-down and service cutbacks

2. Statement by Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer regarding present and future minority representation on the City Council

3. Borough President's proposed Borough Transportation improvements

4. Borough President's statement on Growing Challenge of AIDS Crisis

5. Borough President Ferrer gets go-ahead for New Housing Court - First phase of Bronx Expansion

6. Borough President's statement on keeping Engine 41

7. Borough President Ferrer urges Cross-Bronx Housing Plan

8. Spotlight Documentary on March 20.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer

1. Liquor Licenses

Renewal for on-premises consumption of beer and wine

a. 2197 White Plains Road, a.k.a. Rainbow Restaurant

Emil stated that the police have had no problems with this site.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 recommend to the New York State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control that this renewal be approved.

Passed unanimously.

2. New applications for off-premises consumption of beer

a. 675 Allerton Avenue, a.k.a. Sandy's Luncheonette

b. 718 Allerton Avenue

Tom stated that these were new applications and as such the police have nothing to say.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 recommend to the New York State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control that these applications be approved.

Passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Amendment to Newsstand Legislation

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Raymond Locascio - That Community Board #11 send a letter stating that Community Boards should have a say as to where newsstands go in their districts, and that all applications come before the Boards before they are approved.

A great deal of discussion took place about the problems the Board has had with the way the City has placed newsstands without notifying the Boards first.

Dom asked Emil to discuss this with his committee and then bring it back to the Board for a vote.

Emil announced that there will be an Economic Development Committee meeting on April 27th at 7:30 P.M. at Bronx House. He stated that Cecil Joseph, President of Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, will be there. He stated that everyone is invited.

B. Street Activity Permits

1. Application by St. Lucy's Church to close west side of Bronxwood Avenue between Mace and Waring Avenues from Thursday, June 16th through Sunday, June 26th, between 6 P.M. and 11:30 P.M. for a street festival and religious ceremony.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 recommend to the Street Activity Permit Office that this Street Permit for St. Lucy's be approved.

Amended by Frank Muccioli to include that 10 police officers be stationed every night as long as the festival is on.

P.O. Strafella said that the police would ask for 1 sergeant and 10 police officers.

It was suggested that Lee Gounardes be contacted, as he helped provide the police coverage last year.

2. Application by 2000 Hering Avenue Block Association to close Hering Avenue from Pelham Parkway South to Lydig Avenue on July 3rd, with a rain date of July 4th, for a community picnic.

Tom stated that this event has been held for several years with no problems.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Ruth Burko - That Community Board #11 recommend to the Street Activity Permit Office that this Street Activity Permit be approved.

Passed.

C. Health and Social Services - William Liblick

Application by the Agency for Child Development of Human Resources Administration to renew its lease of 2547 East Tremont Avenue (Westchester United Methodist Church) for continued use as a Day Care Center under contract with the Agency for Child Development.

Discussion took place on this.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Raymond Locascio - That Community Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on this item.

Passed.

Tom said that Lee Mager, Co-Chairman of Land Use Committee had recommended that a letter be sent to the Agency for Child Development asking for something stronger than just an application for a lease renewal; that they send us an affirmative statement that they want to continue with their contract with the church for the operation of the Day Care Center. Tom stated that no answer has been received from A.C.D. as yet.

Nursing Shortage

Blanche Rifkin reported that there is a nursing shortage at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center as well as at other hospitals. She said that Mr. Maddalena is working very hard to try and get more nurses from Puerto Rico and other foreign countries.

D. Housing - Frank Muccioli

1. Request for support for the Morris Park Local Development Corporation on its application to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for a Community Consultant Contract.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, Second by Lewis Goldstein and Bob Black - That Community Planning Board #11 request that H.P.D. approve this application.

Passed.

2. 1945 - 1980 Unionport Road

Frank reported that the problems at 1945 - 1980 Unionport Road have been taken care of, thanks to Community Board action.

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Fred Pocci

Fred reported that he had attended a meeting on Tuesday at the Chester Civic Association on HW 691. He stated that Massad Associates had presented its preliminary recommendations for the project. Fred stated that he believed that it has included all the Highway Committee recommendations in their plans. He said he is waiting for the Preliminary Design Investigation report, which should come within the next two months.

Fred announced that the Transportation Committee would be meeting on May 9th in the District Office. He stated that all Board members are welcome to attend. He said they would be meeting with Richard Simon from the Department of Transportation to discuss traffic safety issues in the community, and to discuss ongoing formation of a Traffic Safety Committee to coordinate these problems with D.O.T.

Fred suggested that a Traffic Safety Committee become a sub-committee of the Highways Committee.

Fred reported that there would be a meeting with the consultant for the Boston Road Project HW 203, on Monday, May 16th, at 8 P.M. in the District Office. All members are welcome to attend. The Parks and Economic Development Committees should be there.

Fred reported that the first meeting of the City Agency Community Board Seminar is with D.O.T. on Monday, April 25th, at 6 P.M. in the Board of Estimate chambers. All members are invited, as well as the community. Please let the District Office know if you plan to attend.

Fred reported that the Board had received a letter from the Governor's office regarding Kazimiroff Boulevard, stating that it is not in the 5-year plan, and that the State is recommending to the City of New York that the City D.O.T. take temporary safety

measures recommended by the State for the short term, until funding is available. Fred said that the Board is going to send a letter to Commissioner Sandler's office requesting that D.O.T. do so. Fred said it was suggested that the Board send letters to all our elected State officials asking that funds be provided for Kazimiroff Boulevard, if the budget is passed.

Tom stated that the article regarding the State budget was incorrectly read, and the budget was passed without the bond issue, so there is no money unless taxes are raised.

Tom said that a letter had been sent to Commissioner Sandler and copies to Councilmember Eisland, Chair of the Transportation Committee, and to Councilman Crispino, who represents the area in which Kazimiroff Boulevard is located, as well as to Borough President Ferrer.

Fred announced that he had received a copy of a letter from Councilman Crispino to Chester Civic Association confirming that the stop sign at Kingsland Avenue has been relocated to make it more visible, and that the signalization on the street surface will be replaced. He stated that he felt the Board should still pursue getting 4-way stop signs.

Fred announced that the Eastchester Road - Pelham Parkway computerization will be completed soon. He said that the New York Telephone Company will be transferring lines to be made available to D.O.T. at the end of this week or early next week, to make signalization possible.

Tom said it is on the Cabinet Agenda. He also added that it will take D.O.T. one additional week to create programs for signalization. Tom said they are presently studying traffic problems at the intersection.

Tom said he was also going to raise the fact that the light at Lydig Avenue and Williamsbridge Road is green at Lydig Avenue westbound for 23 seconds.

Fred reported that the Board office was notified that the Sheridan Expressway entrance is scheduled to be opened in August, 1988.

Norman Engel reported that there is a need for a green arrow in order to make a left-hand turn at Allerton Avenue and Boston Road. He elaborated on the problems of trying to make a turn now.

Parking Facility for Westchester Square

Fred reported that the Board had received a letter from Deputy Commissioner of D.O.T. regarding a request for parking at Westchester Square. He stated that the Deputy Commissioner would be more than happy to study the feasibility of construction of a lot on a viable site. Fred said that a site had been suggested to him, which is right behind a row of stores past the elevator section. He said he would be preparing a letter to D.O.T. requesting that it consider this site for a parking facility.

Ruth asked about the Urban Park that was mentioned in the letter she received on the Highways meeting. Fred said that this is not currently supported by the Board.

Questions were asked about the #5 bus which ends at the Esplanade.

Fred stated that he had attended a meeting with Board #10 and MaBSTOA about three months ago at which both Boards recommended that this bus end at Pelham Bay. He said we have had no response from the M.T.A.

Tom mentioned Karl Striker, a member of Board #12 who works for MaBSTOA, and stated that Karl had told him that the Board's letter arrived after they did the "picks".

F. Nominations Committee

As Michael Prisco was not present, Blanche Rifkin gave the slate of the Nominations Committee.

Chairman - Dominic Castore

First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager

Second Vice Chairman - Bob Black

Treasurer - Tony DelGaudio

Secretary - Jeffrey Klein

Blanche stated that nominations could be made from the floor tonight and again in May, but the person nominated in May must be present or have indicated in writing his/her willingness to run. Elections will be held in June.

Nominations were made from the floor as follows:

Richard Padro nominated Lewis Goldstein for First Vice Chairman, Second by Bill Ricevuto.

Bill Ricevuto nominated Bob Black for First Vice Chairman, Second by Ruth Burko.

Discussion took place on the fact that Bob Black had been nominated for two offices. It was stated that he must decide at the May meeting which office he wishes to run for.

G. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that a letter had been sent to the Executive Director of School Buildings of the Board of Education, seeking clarification of Board of Education policy and procedures with respect to on-going Capital Projects this year and prior years. Ruth stated that the Executive Director was apprised that Community Board #11 is very much aware that the Charter spells out very plainly that the Community Board must assist in the planning of individual Capital Projects, and therefore we are entitled to know what is happening. Ruth said that we requested they let us know specifically the items that have been included in the budget, and we sent a copy of the list of items.

H. Youth/Youth Services - Raymond Locascio/Linda Loeb

Ray stated that the minutes of the Youth Services Planning Committee have been distributed (attached). He stated that the next committee meeting would be Monday, April 25th at Bronx House at 7:45 P.M.

Linda handed out flyers on the New York Youth Symphony to be held on May 15th, and Bronx Youth Day to be held on May 18th. She stated that Bronx Youth Day was for school groups and it would be held during the day.

Linda reported she had attended a meeting held at the Borough President's office on planning the borough-wide Drug Free Day. Linda stated that this was brought up at the Executive Committee meeting as to how to go about planning for such a day. Linda said the Executive Committee felt it was a good idea and she should handle it. Linda stated she had contacted Board #10 to see if there can be a joint effort between Boards #10 and #11 in the summertime, outside, possibly at Orchard Beach on a weekend. Linda stated that there will be a meeting at the Borough President's office next week to continue the planning.

I. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Bob Black

Bob reported that the Budget Consultations would be held on September 17th. He urged all the Chairpersons to attend the consultations, or have someone from their committee there.

Bob reported that he had received a letter from Larry Prospect of the Pelham Parkway Merchants Association asking that an additional parking level of parking be made at the parking lot on White Plains Road for Fiscal Year 1989. Bob stated that it was too late for Fiscal Year 1989.

Charter Revision

Bob stated that he has been getting letters from other boards who have set up a Charter Revision Committee. Bob said that he has not called a meeting because it is unclear until the judge makes a decision what we can and cannot do in the City of New York.

J. Public Safety - Joe Reda

Bill Ricevuto asked why Eastchester Road and not Williamsbridge Road was computerized. He spoke about the traffic problems and the increase in traffic with the new malls.

Tom spoke on this. A great deal of discussion took place on the removal of a police officer who was stationed on Williamsbridge Road.

Blanche spoke about a West Side Moving Company truck that parks overnight every night blocking a crosswalk and a hydrant. She said that they get ticketed every day.

K. Other

A Motion was made by Lewis Goldstein and Seconded - That Community Board #11 support the endeavor of B.A.R.C. in its attempts to obtain a permanent animal shelter in the Bronx, and that Community Board #11 supports the goals of B.A.R.C. in its concerns for the plight of all animals.

Passed

L. Employee Relations

1. Consideration of request by Assistant District Manager for 2% merit increase

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:05 P.M. and returned at 10:08 P.M.

A Motion was made and Seconded - That Community Board #11 grant the Assistant District Manager the 2% merit increase he requested.

Passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein (LB)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 21, 1988

PRESENT

Robert Black	(2)	Lewis Goldstein	(2)
Ruth Burko	(3)	Jeffrey Klein	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Raymond Locascio	(3)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Pat Manfredonia	(1)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Anthony DelGaudio	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(0)	Richard Padro	(1)
Norman Engel	(5)	Fred Poggi	(3)
Helen Frank	(0)	William Ricevuto	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Eli Goldsmith	(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(1)	Abraham Pereira	(3)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	Michael Prisco	(4)
Abraham Kleinman	(7)	Pat Quaranta	(1)
William Liblick	(5)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Steve Lovitch	(8)	Anthony Rizzo	(2)
Lee Mager	(5)	George Sottolano	(8)
Leslie McHenry	(5)	Kenneth Thompson	(2)
Jay Ira Nadler	(6)	Vincent Zarcone	(6)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lillian Holtzman - Representing Assemblyman George Friedman

Rosanna Greco - Representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office

Julius DiFiore - Representing Bronx District Attorney's Office

P.O. James Strafella - Community Affairs, 49th Precinct

Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Planning Board #11

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 - 4/6/88

<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>CURRENT AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDED (2/5/88)</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
District Manager	35,550	19,425	17,345 ¹ .	- 1,220 ² .
Assistant District Manager	23,648	12,922	10,726	-0-
Office Associate	10,834	5,698	5,136	-0-
Office Associate	16,251	8,547	7,704	-0-
Principal Administrative Associate	19,976	8,166	12,884 ³ .	- 1,074 ² .
Amount to be Scheduled	<u>3,544².</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,544⁴.</u>
<u>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	109,803	54,758	53,795	1,250
<u>OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
General Supplies/Materials	2,876	1,261	-0-	1,618
General Supplies/Materials (Storehouse)	864	549	-0-	315
Office Equipment	500 ⁶ .	65	3,088 ⁷ .	435
General Contractual Services	3,126	1,515	485 ⁵ .	1,126
Postage	1,200	-0-	1,200	-0-
Telephone and Other Communications	2,766	-0-	2,766 ⁸ .	-0-
Office Services	3,500	2,965	-0- ⁵ .	535
Rental of Miscellaneous Equipment	200	124	-0- ⁵ .	76
Space Rental	1,575	1,131	444	-0-
Fixed Charges	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL O.T.P.S.</u>	17,707	8,010	8,583	3,705
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	127,510	62,768	62,378	4,955

1. Includes Merit Increase granted District Manager
2. Short-fall to come from Amount to be Scheduled line
3. Includes contractual increase
4. To be used for deficiencies on District Manager and Principal Administrative Associate lines
5. Goods or services have been ordered or received, but have either not been paid or have not yet been deducted from computer print-out.
6. Mayoral Number is pending which will increase this line so that Board may purchase a computer.
7. Includes cost of computer
8. 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 4/25/88

<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>CURRENT AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDED (3/4/88)</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
District Manager	35,550	22,145	14,625 ^{1.}	- 1,220 ^{2.}
Assistant District Manager	23,648	14,731	9,035 ^{1.}	- 118 ^{2.}
Office Associate	10,834	6,526	4,308	-0-
Office Associate	16,251	9,790	6,461	-0-
Principal Administrative Associate	21,050	10,179	10,871	-0-
Salary Adjustments	1,225	-0-	-0-	1,225 ^{3.}
Amount to be Scheduled	<u>1,245</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,245^{3.}</u>
 <u>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	 109,803	 63,371	 45,300	 1,132
 <u>OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES</u>				
General Supplies/Materials	2,876	1,211	-0-	1,665
General Supplies/Materials (Storehouse)	864	549	-0-	315
Office Equipment	500	65	3,088 ^{4.}	- 2,653 ^{5.}
General Contractual Services	3,126	1,613	420 ^{6.}	1,093
Postage	1,700	-0-	-0-	1,700
Telephone and Other Communications	2,766	1,129	1,637 ^{7.}	-0-
Office Services	3,500	2,966	-0- ^{6.}	534
Rental of Miscellaneous Equipment	200	84	41	75
Space Rental	1,575	1,181	394 ^{6.}	-0-
Fixed Charges	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-0-</u>
 <u>TOTAL O.T.P.S.</u>	 17,707	 8,798	 6,180	 2,729
 <u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	 127,510	 72,169	 51,480	 3,861

1. Includes Merit Increases granted District Manager and Assistant District Manager
2. Projected deficits to be met from projected surpluses in Salary Adjustments and Amount to be Scheduled
3. Projected surpluses to be used to meet projected deficits for District Manager and Assistant District Manager
4. Includes cost of computer
5. Projected deficit to be met by projected surpluses on other O.T.P.S. lines. (Mayoral Number is pending which will transfer necessary amount)
6. Goods or services have been ordered or received, but have either not been paid or have not yet been deducted from computer print out
7. 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.