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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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TRANSPORTATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1988, IN THE MARY, QUEEN

OF PEACE HALL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

I. Gallery Session

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

Mr. Hirsch announced that the H.R.A. office of Community Boards #11 and #12 on White Plains Road will remain open. He stated that there is an increase in activity there. He stated that Ms. Audrey Clark, Director of the Office of Family Services and the representative to Boards #11 and #12, is beginning a new Adolescent Teen Pregnancy Program for Boards #7 - #12. He stated that the Office of Special Family Services has two offices, one at 248 East Tremont Avenue and one at 1250 Arnow Avenue. He stated that the phone number for the East Tremont office is 960-4305/6001/5100. Mel stated that Gail Davenport is the Director of the office on Arnow Avenue. He said there will be ten new workers for the new program.

II. Minutes

Correction

Norman Engel stated that on Page 6 he had requested a green arrow on Waring Avenue and White Plains Road, not Allerton Avenue.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Madeline Saltaformaggio - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted.

III. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown reported that the Testimony he had given yesterday was distributed to the Board members. He stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been sent out yesterday.

Tom stated that he had some good news and some bad news. The good news was that the Board of Standards and Appeals has sustained Community

Board #11's recommendation that the service station (which also has a grocery store on the premises) at Pelham Parkway and Boston Road, not be allowed to sell or store beer. He stated that this is maintained in the Variance.

Tom stated that the bad news was that the site which the Board had recommended for a mini-branch library has been sold. He stated that he was waiting for official confirmation. Tom said that he had spoken with Councilman DeMarco, who said that he would like to see a video branch to service the community.

Lee Mager turned the meeting over to Dom Castore, Chairman, at 8:25 P.M.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Raymond Locascio

Attached.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette gave the following reports to the Secretary:

1. Borough President Ferrer has arranged for the designation of DeWitt Clinton High School as a borough magnet school devoted exclusively to health careers, in order to help prepare students to meet the increasing need for health care professionals which is so very acute in the Bronx.
2. Borough President Ferrer to lead the Bronx in Drug Free Day Campaign on June 10.
3. Borough President Ferrer outlines events for 22nd Annual Bronx Week - Parade along Grand Concourse. The theme of Bronx Week '88 is "Rediscover the Bronx: New York's Link with America". This event is being coordinated with the New York Urban Coalition, under the leadership of Arthur H. Barnes, President.

The programs are:

Health Fair on Monday, June 6; Economic Development bus tour on Tuesday, June 7; Continuing Education Fair on Wednesday, June 8; a Salute to the Arts on Thursday, June 9; a borough-wide Celebration of Community Pride on Friday, June 10; and a schedule of Sporting Events for Youth on Saturday, June 11; and a number of Family Concerts on the closing Sunday, June 12.

4. Borough President Ferrer's Statement on "Meeting the Growing Challenge of AIDS Crisis"

5. "Charting a Fresh Course: The Bronx Debuts Ranlee Map"

6. Go-Ahead Voted for 1,183-Unit Condo Development on East Bronx Site of Old Shorehaven Beach Club

7. A Message in Support of Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel

8. Announcement by Bronx Borough President Ferrer and business magnate Carl Icahn to create apartments for homeless families and emergency quarters for teenage mothers and abused children, on a Morrisania site.

9. Street Drug Effects on Arson, Amid Proposed Cuts in Fire Department Services Is Explored by Bronx Board.

10. Mayor Koch Embraces Ferrer Plan for Rehabilitation of 42 Vacant City-Owned Buildings Along Cross Bronx Expressway.

11. Israeli Consul General Moshe Yeager attended Bronx celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary and Jewish Heritage Week on Friday, April 22, in the Rotunda of Bronx County Building.

12. Notice from United States Department of Commerce seeking assistance in recruiting prospective field interviewer candidates for the U.S. Census Bureau.

13. Notice from Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation that they are looking for companies who are interested in a Job Training Partnership Act Title III grant.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services - Bill Liblick

Blanche Rifkin announced that Mr. Maddalena, the Director of Jacobi Hospital, has been called over to Bellevue Hospital to act as their temporary Director. She stated that he will only be at Jacobi Hospital one day a week. Blanche stated that this is only a temporary situation.

B. Health and Social Services/Land Use - William Liblick/Lee Mager

1. C860953PLX - Application submitted by the Agency for Child Development, Human Resources Administration, to renew its lease of 2547 East Tremont Avenue (Westchester United Methodist Church) for its continued use as a Day Care Center under contract with the Agency for Child Development.

Lee stated that there is no recommendation from either committee.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 recommend that this application to renew its lease be granted.

Carried unanimously.

2. Street Activity Permits

a. Lurting Avenue and Poplar Street, between Williamsbridge Road and East Tremont Avenue, on Saturday, June 25 (rain date June 26) between 8 A.M. and 11:30 P.M.

Tom stated that they have had this event for a few years, but that last year it was held on Poplar as well as Lurting Avenue. Tom gave the background and stated that they will not block the entrance to the Williamsbridge Inn. He said he had received a letter from the Williamsbridge Inn stating that they are not against it.

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

Carried.

3. O.T.B. - Lee Mager

Lee reported that the Board had received a request for input from the Borough

President to put a new Off-Track Betting establishment in the center of Westchester Square. Lee stated that the Board had received notice of this from the Borough President's office that the New York City O.T.B. Corporation is seeking approval to consolidate the branches at 119 Westchester Square and 3442 East Tremont Avenue into a commercial building at 1436-1438 Williamsbridge Road. Lee stated this would be a 15-year lease with O.T.B. retaining the right to cancel after 5 years. Lee said that the Borough President has requested the Board's comments. He further stated that this is also a concern of Boards #9 and #10, and he suggested that a joint public meeting be held with all three Boards.

A Motion was made by Lee Mager, Second by Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 hold a joint public meeting with Boards #9 and #10 on the proposed O.T.B. office.

Passed.

C. Nominations - Michael Prisco

Mike thanked Blanche Rifkin for taking over for him at last month's meeting.

He stated that the Nominations Committee slate included:

Chairman - Dom Castore; First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager; Second Vice Chairman - Bob Black; Treasurer - Tony Del Gaudio; and Secretary - Jeffrey Klein.

Mike stated that nominations were also taken from the floor last month and they included:

First Vice Chairman - Lewis Goldstein and Bob Black

Mike asked if there were any other nominations for Chairman, but there were none.

A Motion was made by Eli Goldsmith, Second by Raymond Locascio - That nominations for Chairman be closed.

Mike asked if there were any other nominations for First Vice Chairman, and there were none.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio, Second by Helen Frank - That nominations for First Vice Chairman be closed.

Mike asked Bob Black which of the two positions for which he was nominated he would prefer to run for. Bob stated that he declined the nomination for Second Vice Chairman.

Lewis Goldstein stated that he declined the nomination as First Vice Chairman.

Raymond Locascio nominated Fred Pocci for Second Vice Chairman, Second by Frank Muccioli.

Tony Rizzo thanked everyone for their cards and calls.

Richard Padro nominated Lewis Goldstein for Second Vice Chairman, Second by Emil Eisdorfer.

Mike asked if there were any other nominations for Treasurer. There were none.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio, Second by Helen Frank - That nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Lee Mager nominated Raymond Locascio for Secretary, Second by Joe Reda.

Mike stated that Dom Castore was running unopposed for Chairman, and Tony DelGaudio was running unopposed for Treasurer.

A Motion was made by Lee Mager, Second by Tony Rizzo - That the Secretary at the next meeting be empowered to cast one vote for the Chairman and the Treasurer.

Passed.

A Motion was made by Lee Mager, Second by Tony Rizzo - That nominations be closed.

Passed.

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Fred Pocci

Fred reported that the Transit Authority has announced that the #5 bus will terminate at Pelham Bay Station as of June 19.

Fred reported that two meetings were held on HW-203 - one on Friday at the Bronx Zoo, and one on Monday. He stated that the result of the meeting at Bronx Zoo was that the Department of Transportation could not give us a reason for eliminating the portion of the project from the entrance to the Zoo at Bronx Park East. He said that Assistant Commissioner Spranger had promised that they would take a good hard look at it and let us know if there was any way they could include it back in the project.

Fred elaborated as to why it was not included. He said that a letter was being prepared to go to Commissioner Spranger thanking him for his consideration. He stated that hopefully there are no reasons to exclude it, and that it will be back in the HW-203 project. See report attached.

Fred stated that the most significant thing was that at Boston Road from Pelham Parkway to Williamsbridge Road the Con Ed gas mains are made of cast iron (substandard today) built in 1913. Fred said that Con Ed has no plans to do anything about these gas mains which are buried three feet deep, and will be disturbed during the construction. Fred stated that the committee recommends to the Board that a letter be sent to Con Ed from the Chairman, expressing our concern and sense of urgency that we feel regarding the situation.

Amended by Bob Black to include that this work be done during the period of construction.

E. Housing - Frank Muccioli

1. Anti-Warehousing Bills - Attached.

Frank stated that he would like letters to be sent to Senator John Daly, Chairman of the Senate Housing Committee, to support the Ohrenstein-Gottfried Bill which protects the occupant no matter what the relationship is. A letter should also be sent to Governor Cuomo. Frank elaborated on these bills.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, Second by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board #11 send letters to our elected officials asking them to support S.7730/A.6583.

Passed with 1 abstention.

Frank spoke about the Right to Counsel, Plain Language and "Clean Hands" Code Enforcement Proposal. Frank said there are five parts to this bill.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, Second by - That Community Board #11 support this bill.

Lee spoke on this and asked for input from Legal Aid, Legal Services and Housing Tenant Court.

Tom spoke about the backlog of legal aid which is such that it can handle litigation only one hour a week.

Annette Marchitello said it is on Tuesdays, all morning.

Lee discussed the bills.

Dom suggested that Frank and Lee meet to discuss these bills and table it until the June meeting.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, Second by Bob Black - That Community Board #11 send a letter to Senator John Daly urging passage of the Anti-Warehousing Coalition Bill.

Passed.

F. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer

Emil reported that there was a meeting of his committee and Cecil Joseph, President of Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, on April 27. He stated that it was a very informative meeting, but he was disappointed that not many of his committee members were there. He stated that if you are on a committee you should attend the meetings.

Emil stated that B.O.E.D.C. has put out a booklet on Education and Training, which is available on request.

Emil stated that the Draft on Newsstands was distributed tonight. He said he will work on it and have a report next month.

G. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Bob Black

Bob told all Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members to reach out to the community and get budget recommendations.

H. Parks and Recreation - John Cifichiello

John reported that he had attended a dedication yesterday in Van Cortlandt Park of the Mario Merola Grove where eight pine trees were planted. John stated that of the forty people there, he represented Community Board #11.

I. Public Safety - Joe Reda

Joe introduced Efran Alvarado, First Deputy District Attorney, who is a member of the community and has been a crime fighter for many years. He stated that P.O. Strafella is retiring and P.O. Carlos Valdespino will be the new Community Relations liaison.

Joe said that crime is very serious, and police manpower is down. He stated that everyone is getting more police, except us. He said a letter should be sent to Commissioner Ward.

A Motion was made by Joseph Reda, Second by Frank Muccioli - That Community Board #11 send letters requesting more police.

Frank suggested that the Board have a demonstration.

Richard Padro spoke about the quick action he had received from the 49th Precinct on a problem at Astor and Holland Avenues.

Dom suggested that Joe meet with Councilman DeMarco and Councilman Crispino's representatives and explain the problems to them, then if they can't help us then we can demonstrate.

Joe reported that the 49th Precinct has a new Captain, Captain John Hudson. He stated that Captain DiGregorio has retired.

Joe reported that there would be a 49th Precinct Council meeting on June 7th in the Knights of Columbus at 8:00 P.M.

Joe reported that the new Borough Commander is Assistant Chief Richard Dillon.

Efran Alvarado spoke. He stated that the elected officials should be contacted about the need for more police. He stated that anything he could do, to please contact him.

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

Ray reported that due to the Jewish Holiday, the May meeting was cancelled.

Linda reported that yesterday was Bronx Youth Day at the Kingsbridge Armory. She stated that it was very successful, for the most part. Linda stated that over a thousand youths from elementary, junior high, high school and religious schools were there. She stated that it was very informative and entertaining. Linda stated that the event was shown on Channel 7 Newsreel last evening.

Linda spoke about the Drug Free Day. She stated that she had attended several meetings, one of which she had attended today. Linda said that the rally will be on June 9th, not June 10th in Macomb's Park. (Rally location subsequently changed to Van Cortlandt Park). She stated that any youth groups, tenants organizations, block associations, etc. who wished to participate could do so.

Linda reported that anti-drug events would be going on throughout the Borough during the next couple of months. Linda stated that Community Board #10 and Community Board #11 are planning a joint event on July 16th at Orchard Beach to highlight Not In My Neighborhood You Don't. Linda stated that anyone wishing to help with the July 16th Anti-Drug Rally is welcome.

VII. Old Business

Joe Reda asked about the lights on Eastchester Road.

Thomas said that the telephone lines were being turned over to traffic the first or second week of May. He said that he would check into it.

Joe asked about the flooding conditions on Pelham Parkway.

Tom Brown said that it has to wait until the Pelham Parkway reconstruction project is underway as the drainage problem needs a capital project.

VIII. New Business

Frank spoke about a meeting that the Allerton Avenue Home & Tenants Association had with Ann Danisi of the Pelham Parkway Projects about the telephone booth in front of the project on Astor Avenue. He stated that they want the phone removed. Frank said that the neighborhood kids are using it to make drug buys. He stated that Captain DiGregorio was able to have the telephone company fix the phone so that no incoming calls can come in.

A great deal of discussion took place on whether or not the phone is needed by the people of the projects.

Tom said that he would like petitions from the residents of the project. He stated that the phone is used by visitors to the project to let tenants know they are coming up as the projects do not have intercoms, only buzzers.

P.O. Torres spoke about the phone and problems getting a phone tap.

Discussion took place on the phone and Frank said that he would get petitions to the Board.

Joe Reda asked that the Board office call the Borough President and state that Community Board #11 wants an Anti-Crime car and more police. He said that they should speak to the Chief or the Zone Commander. Joe said that they should be tried twice a day. Joe stated that letters should be sent to our elected officials and the Borough President stating that we need more police. He stated that we need to put the pressure on.

Tom stated that in his testimony, which he had given yesterday, he asked for more police.

Norman Engel stated that Astor Avenue, between Cruger and Holland Avenue is saturated with stores. He stated that drivers are double parking on both sides of Astor Avenue and no cars can get through. He stated that they should be ticketed.

Norman stated that on the south side of Astor Avenue, there is a grocery store that parks its delivery van there all day. He said that something should be done about it.

Tom asked Norman to get him the plate number.

Rabbi Fuchs complained about the cancellation of the 49th Precinct Council meetings.

Helen Frank asked why the Precinct meetings were cancelled.

As there was no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Lewis Goldstein (TB)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MAY 19, 1988

PRESENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(1)	Pat Manfredonia	(1)
Robert Black	(2)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Richard Padro	(1)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Fredric Pocci	(3)
Anthony DelGaudio	(1)	Pat Quaranta	(1)
Emil Eisdorfer	(0)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Norman Engel	(5)	Williaam Ricevuto	(1)
Helen Frank	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Anthony Rizzo	(2)
Eli Goldsmith	(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(2)	Kenneth Thompson	(2)
Jeffrey Klein	(0)	Vincent Zarcone	(6)
Raymond Locascio	(3)		
Lee Mager	(5)		

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(4)	Jay Ira Nadler	(7)
Kenneth Gelnick	(5)	Abraham Pereira	(8)
William Liblick	(6)	George Sottolano	(9)
Leslie McHenry	(7)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Rose Gang - Representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

Efrain Alvarado - Bronx District Attorney's Office
Manuel Lagares - City Planning
Sandy Rifkin - H.R.A./O.C.A.
Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator , Community Board #11
Thomas Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11
Thomas Lucania - Assistant District Manager, Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Board #11

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