



COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD # 11, THE BRONX

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1993

IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by
Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mort Twersky

Mr. Twersky stated that he is a life long resident of
Pelham Parkway and lives on Bronx Park East and Pelham
Parkway North. He stated that he was here tonight to
speak about mail boxes being broken into, neighbors being
clubbed outside of banks after cashing checks, Bronx Park
benches being shatter to pieces before our eyes. Mr.
Twersky stated that the gates on the park have not been
replaced since last fall, there is graffiti on the 2 area
libraries and on store fronts.

Mr. Twersky stated that he is forming a group called
CAPP - Citizens Concerned About Pelham Parkway and that he
also wants to revive the Bronx Park East Neighborhood
Patrol which began 5 years ago and petered out. Mr.
Twersky stated that within 2 weeks he would know if they
will have a car to patrol. He stated that they will have
an anti graffiti strike force to combat grattiti. Mr.
Twersky stated that with the help of the board they will
be able to take on the job of keeping the libraries and
storefronts and other sites in the neighborhood graffiti
free. He stated that he looked forward to working with
the board.

Dom commended Mr. Twersky for his aggressiveness and
stated that he should get together with the other leaders
on the board who could help him in getting started.

b. Thal Davis

Mrs. Davis stated that she was very disturbed by the
Parks Department's proposal to place a public toilet on
Pelham Parkway. She stated that it is not needed there.
Mrs. Davis said that Parks and Sanitation should clean up
all the areas.

Several board members asked questions about where
this public toilet would be. It was stated that it would

be on the west side of Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road.

Mrs. Davis stated that residents of Pelham Parkway can use the toilets in the restaurants that they frequent and don't need this.

c. Joseph Shapiro

Mr. Shapiro stated that he lives on Fish Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues near P.S. 97. He spoke about the graffiti, kids drinking and breaking bottles in the schoolyard. Mr. Shapiro stated that they need additional police patrols. He stated that he was meeting with Det. Valdespino and Capt. Romaine tomorrow.

Several board members asked questions on whether the gates were locked. Mr. Shapiro stated that they were not because the school is afraid that the kids would cut the gates to get in. He also stated that the schoolyard were just repainted and are now covered with graffiti.

Annette Marchitello told Mr. Shapiro that Borough President Ferrer has targeted \$1 million for schoolyard security from his capital budget for the purchase of security lighting and fencing. She stated that P.S. 97 was specifically targeted.

Dom told Mr. Shapiro to speak with Joe Reda.

d. John Cummings

Mr. Cummings stated that last month he had come before the board to ask for problems with clients of the methadone clinic and traffic problems in and around the Morris Park portion of the hospital. He thanked the board for some of the actions that have taken place. Mr. Cummings stated that Thomas Lucania reached out to him.

Mr. Cummings stated that at the last meeting it was suggested that he video tape what was going on in the neighborhood and particularly in front of his house. He stated that he had spoken about the littering, hanging out of people in front of his house, double parking of cars and trucks. Mr. Cummings stated that the driver of the oil truck now parks at the fire hydrant in front of the school next door or in the bus stop in front of Tepper's Pharmacy. The driver of the Parks Department truck just drives up to the front of the clinic. Mr. Cummings stated that he has tapes of the littering, loitering and possible drug dealings in front of his house. He stated that he has several hours of tape that he will cut down and submit to the board. Mr. Cummings stated that he understands that the traffic issues will take some time to be solved.

It was brought to the board's attention that the methadone clinic is run by Einstein and that they have private guards.

Mr. Cummings stated that Mr. Gouldman of the clinic has also reached out to him.

Dom said that a meeting will be set up with Blanche Rifkin, Joe Reda, Thomas Lucania, himself and BMHC and Einstein personnel.

e. Mary Jackson - New York Public Library

Ms. Jackson reported that the Allerton branch library will be open 6 days a week beginning Monday, November 1st. She stated that the Van Nest and Eastchester branches are already open 6 days a week.

f. Christine Penalver

Ms. Penalver spoke about the locking of the gates around the Allerton Coops. She stated that there is supposed to be a guard to escort residents to their homes, but when you call they never answer.

Thomas stated that last month several people spoke at the board meeting on this. He stated that he had spoken to Donna Fischer, Ted Weinstein, and the Buildings Department. Thomas stated that he is trying to find out the legality of the chaining of the gates on the Bronx Park East side of the Coops. Thomas stated that he is trying to get a legal opinion from the Buildings Department on this. He asked Ms. Penalver if there was a key lock cylinder on the gates on the Bronx Park East side, if this would be helpful. Ms. Penalver said that it would.

Thomas stated that what he is trying to do is get a legal stand point on the chaining of the gates which prevents access on the Bronx Park East side until 7 in the morning.

Thomas stated that he had spoke with Ms. Walcott, and that he had sent her a letter.

g. Alan Jesus Quavez

Mr. Quavez stated that he also lives in the Coops and was here to talk about the gates. He stated that what the owners want to do is chain both sides of the Coops. Mr. Quavez stated that the Bronx Park East side is not chained, just locked. He stated that the owners are making the residents prisoners in their own homes. Mr. Quavez stated that he must walk through an alleyway if he comes from Bronx Park East to get to the back. This is where there are shootings and muggings. Mr. Quavez stated that they owners should have consulted with the residents. He also stated that security is only there to protect the property and not the tenants.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Robert Potter, seconded by Lewis Goldstein
- That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom reported that Mary Healy is resigning from the board and relocating to Florida and a new job.

Dom reported that the Screening Committee for the Community Associate position will consist of: Ralph Lanzilli, Tony DelGaudio, Ruth Burko and Joe Milone. He stated that we will advertise for the position in early November.

Dom reported that the board has hired Margaret Guglielmo as our new Office Aide. He stated that her paper work is being processed, and she should start work in mid-November.

IV. District Manager's Report - Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that the Board minutes went out late this month. He stated that included with next month's minutes will be the listing of board members and their addresses, an updated committee assignment list and the list of phone numbers provided by the Borough President last month.

Thomas thanked David Leavitt, Lisa Winters and Bob Potter for their work with the Community Development Agency. He stated that Bob and David volunteered at the last moment to review the applications submitted to C.D.A. and that the notice of awards will be coming in a few weeks. He stated that he was grateful for their assistance.

Thomas reminded those board members who were not at the public hearing as well as those who have not submitted their Form 3 that they are needed by Monday. He stated that board must submit its budget by Friday.

Construction Items

Thomas reported that the demolition of pedestrian bridges over Amtrak in the Van Nest community should take 12 months. He stated that they will be removing the bridges over Melville, Taylor and Garfield Street.

Thomas reported that the reconstruction of the sidewalk area adjacent to the 180th street station has begun. He stated that they are also working on the retaining wall on the station.

Thomas reported that construction is starting at White Plains Road and Bronx Park East for new sewer and water main.

Thomas reported that within the next month the board member would be receiving a status report of all the Capital projects which presently exist.

Conflict of Interest

Thomas reported that the board members had received an advisory

opinion from the Conflict of Interest Board in regard to board members at community board meetings on any issue. Thomas stated that tonight, if you are a city employee whose agency has an item on the Capital or Expense Budget you cannot vote on that budget (e.g., if you work for Highways you could not vote on Capital or Expense Budgets as there is a Highway item on both). Instead the board member will abstain with cause. Also if your spouse, child, parent or sibling works for a city agency whose item is in the budget you can not vote on that budget as you have a conflict of interest.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

Dom asked anyone who wanted to change their committee to please contact Thomas.

V. Treasurer's Report - Alfred Locascio

Al stated that we are waiting for some updated salary figures. He stated that there will be a report next month.

VI. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette reported that money was allocated for schoolyard security in Community Board #11 for P.S. 105, J.H.S. 135, P.S. 97, P.S. 89 for security fencing and lighting. She stated that it is scheduled to begin this month and continue until July 1994.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer/Simeon Goldstein

1. Alcohol Beverage Control License Renewal

a. Gran Cafe - 1050 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption

Simeon stated that he had spoken to Pat Quaranta who lives in that area and that Pat had said that there were no problems with this location.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, seconded by Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 notify the State Liquor Authority that it has no objections to the renewal of this license.

Passed.

B. Health and Social Services - Blanche Comras Rifkin

1. Proposal by the Federation, Employment and Guidance Services to operate a group home for (4) four developmentally disabled adults at 2102 Bronx Park East. F.E.G.S. would be leasing a 5 1/2 room apartment in the building.

Blanche reported that a public hearing had been held on this earlier tonight, and that there were no objections.

A Motion was made by Blanche Comras Rifkin, seconded by Gerald Launer That Community Board #11 approve the establishment of a group home for 4 developmentally disabled adults at 2102 Bronx Park East, apartment 3B.

The Motion was passed unanimously with 26 members present by: Dr. Mary Acker, Ruth Burko, Dominic Castore, John Cifichiello, Priscilla Crowell, Emil Eisdorfer, Mauro Fanelli, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, James Gisondi, Lewis Goldstein, Simeon Goldstein, Mary Healy, Gerald Launer, David Leavitt, Alfred Locascio, Leslie McHenry, Joseph Milone, Robert Potter, Pat Quaranta, Joseph Reda, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Scott Roveto, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli Linda White and Lisa Winters.

Blanche spoke about the new hyperbaric chamber at BMHC. She stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 26th at 10:30 A.M. She stated that there will be a reception afterwards and everyone is invited.

Joe Milone asked about the group home at 1208 Pelham Parkway South. He stated that they just started construction and he asked for a status report.

Thomas stated that they had to wait for their Department of Building permits. He stated that they have received them within the last 6 months and have been working on the house. He stated that they expect to be ready for occupancy by the end of this year or start of 1994.

Joe asked about the Advisory Board for this home. Thomas stated that normally an Advisory Board is formed when the home is opened. He stated that if there was any volunteers for this or any of the other group homes to let him know and he would relay this information to the home.

C. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

1. Proposal by the Parks Department to install toilet at White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway.

A Motion was made by John Cifichiello, seconded by Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 go along with the Parks Department recommendations.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

The Motion was defeated with 5 for and 22 against.

Those voting in favor of the Motion were: John Cifichiello, Emil Eisdorfer, Lewis Goldstein, Simeon Goldstein and Mary Healy.

Those voting against the Motion were: Dr. Mary Acker, Ruth Burko, Dominic Castore, Priscilla Crowell, Mauro Fanelli, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, James Gisondi, Gerald Launer, David Leavitt, Alfred

Locascio, Leslie McHenry, Joseph Milone, Robert Potter, Pat Quaranta, Joseph Reda, William Ricevuto, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Scott Roveto, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli, Linda White and Lisa Winters.

A Motion was made by Scott Roveto, seconded by Lisa Winters - That if in the future an area is deemed needing a public toilet, such as a park that does not have one, that the board be able to recommend such a site.

Passed.

D. Community Development and Budget Priorities - James Gisondi

James reported that the board had held a public hearing on the FY'95 Capital and Expense Budget last Monday evening. He stated that we would be voting on the Capital and Expense Budget separately.

A Motion was made by James Gisondi, seconded by Joseph Milone - That Community Board #11 accept the Capital Budget Recommendations as prepared by the Budget Committee.

The Motion passed.

Those voting in favor of the Motion were: Dr. Mary Acker, Ruth Burko, Dominic Castore, John Cifichiello, Priscilla Crowell, Emil Eisdorfer, Mauro Fanelli, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, James Gisondi, Mary Healy, Gerald Launer, Alfred Locascio, Joseph Milone, Robert Potter, William Ricevuto, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli and Lisa Winters.

Those abstaining with cause were: Lewis Goldstein, Simeon Goldstein, David Leavitt, Leslie McHenry, Pat Quaranta, Joseph Reda, Scott Roveto and Linda White.

A Motion was made by James Gisondi, seconded by Lewis Goldstein and Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 accept the Expense Budget Recommendations as prepared by the Budget Committee.

The Motion passed.

Those voting in favor of the Motion were: Dr. Mary Acker, Ruth Burko, Dominic Castore, John Cifichiello, Emil Eisdorfer, Mauro Fanelli, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, James Gisondi, Lewis Goldstein, Simeon Goldstein, David Leavitt, Alfred Locascio, Joseph Milone, Robert Potter, Joseph Reda, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Madeleine Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli, Linda White and Lisa Winters.

Those abstaining with cause were: Priscilla Crowell, Gerald Launer, Pat Quaranta, and Scott Roveto.

E. Land Use - James Gisondi

1. 930097PPX - In the matter of an application by the Department of General Services to dispose by public auction the following 2 parcels of property in District #11:

a. Block 4271, Lot 52 - Vacant land (25 X 100) on the east side of Lurting Avenue 375 feet south of Neill Avenue. Property is zoned R3-2.

b. Block 4020, Lot 41 - Vacant land (12 X 100) on the west side of Wallace Avenue 236 feet south of Pelham Parkway. Property is zoned R7-1.

A Motion was made by James Gisondi, seconded by Robert Potter That Community Board #11 recommend the sale of these properties in our district through public auction.

Passed.

F. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs reported that the board had received a letter about Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard. He read a part of the letter and stated that it did not answer our requests. Rabbi Fuchs asked that a follow up be done at each meeting on all items that are brought up. Joe Milone also asked that a follow up be done.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that this letter came from Mr. Tripaldi who will be looking into the accident data at this location.

Rabbi Fuchs spoke to Councilman DeMarco about the Traffic Enforcement Agents who are now back in our area in force.

G. Housing - Priscilla Crowell

Priscilla stated that she had attended a Public Housing Task Force meeting. She stated that they meet once a month at the Borough President's office. Priscilla stated that they discussed maintenance, exterior safety and personnel. She said that they meet the third Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

H. Youth Services - Richard Mancuso

Rich reported that the next Youth Services Planning Committee meeting would be on Monday, October 25th at Bronx House.

Rich reported that they are trying to get an After School Program started at P.S. 105. He also said that they are looking for an alternate site for the program at P.S. 83. Rich stated that he is still monitoring the truancy problem at Columbus.

Lisa Winters asked if there were any programs for young girls. She stated that she sits on the Commission on the Status of Women, and that one of their committees is youth/young girls. Lisa stated

that they sent out a questionnaire to all the community boards asking what kinds of service are available for young girls in your district. Lisa said that they said that they had not received an answer from us as yet.

Rich stated that he had just received the questionnaire and would be filling it out as soon as possible. He also stated that the programs available are not specifically for girls, but for boys and girls. He stated that an Arts and Crafts program will begin in November.

Leslie stated that most programs are geared more towards young males because of the problems with youth hanging out and causing problems.

I. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the board had met Ms. Mary Jackson, board liaison from the library earlier this evening. She reported that Ms. Jackson had given her a brochure which she felt the board members would find interesting. She stated that Ms. Jackson would be sending copies to the office and they will be sent to the board members. Ruth stated that this brochure lists events available for children.

Ruth reported that P.S. 83 will be closed until the end of the year while work is being done. She stated that the children are going to school in Co-op City and Mercy College. Ruth also stated that while the asbestos is being removed they will be doing some needed plumbing work.

Thomas stated that in the packet handed out tonight was a listing of the libraries and their hours.

J. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe read the crime statistics for September.

	1993	1992	% Change
Robbery	49	57	14 Down
Burglary	102	105	2.8 Down
Grand Larceny Auto	170	192	13.7 Down
Arrests			
Robbery	11	29	
Burglary	4	19	
Grand Larceny Auto	3	14	
Felonies	325		
Complaints	1300		

Joe reported that there had been some break ins at St. Lucy's. He stated that they have arrested the thief.

Joe spoke about the car jacking that has occurred at Pelham Gardens.

Joe reported that the 49th Precinct is still etching your VIN number on your car windows to help prevent auto thefts. He stated that it is only being done on Saturdays in front of the Institute of Special Education on Pelham Parkway between Williamsbridge Road and Bronxwood Avenue from 12 A.M. to 5 P.M. He stated that they are still looking for an indoor site, and asked anyone who knows of one to please contact the board office.

VIII. Old Business

1. Proposal by Borough President Fernando Ferrer to block all incoming phone calls to pay phones throughout the borough.

Thomas reported that he checked into the questions that were raised at the last meeting on this issue. He stated that this would only effect those pay phone located on street corners. He also stated that they are working on a computer system so that in case of an emergency the operator can connect an incoming call to that phone.

A Motion was made by Pat Quaranta, seconded by Al Locascio - That Community Board #11 support Borough President Ferrer's proposal to block all incoming phone calls to pay phones throughout the borough.

Annette stated that this is done outside of New York City.

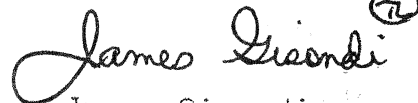
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

Joe reported that some insurance companies are giving a 5% discount on your comprehensive if you have the VIN etched on your car windows.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



James Gisondi,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 1993

PRESENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(2)(8)	David Leavitt	(1)(1)
Ruth Burko	(2)(4)	Alfred Locascio	(2)(5)
Dominic Castore	(1)(1)	Leslie McHenry	(1)(3)
John Cifichiello	(0)(0)	Joseph Milone	(1)(2)
Priscilla Crowell	(1)(0)	Robert Potter	(1)(2)
Emil Eisdorfer	(1)(4)	Pat Quaranta	(1)(6)
Mauro Fanelli	(1)(3)	Joseph Reda	(2)(2)
Harain Figueroa	(0)(1)	William Ricevuto	(0)(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)(5)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)(1)
James Gisondi	(0)(4)	Scott Roveto	(1)(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(1)(3)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(2)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)(1)	Mark Shkreli	(1)(1)
Mary Healy	(1)(3)	Linda White	(1)(1)
Gerald Launer	(1)(2)	Lisa Winters	(1)(6)

ABSENT

Lory Alcala	(2)(5)	Ralph Lanzilli	(2)(1)
Robert Black	(3)(8)	William Liblick	(3)(5)
Anthony DelGaudio	(2)(3)	George Medici	(2)(5)
Patrick Dolan	(2)(3)	Frank Muccioli	(2)(4)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)(5)	Seymour Ostroga	(2)(1)
Rhoda Gogatz	(1)(4)	Robert Torres	(1)(5)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Joseph A. Carofono - Assistant D.A.

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager - Community Board #11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board #11

Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator - Community Board #11

Annette Marchitello - Representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer

P.O. Clifford - 49th Precinct

P.O. James - 49th Precinct

GUESTS:

Thal Davis

Mary Jackson - New York Public Library

*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from September 1993 meeting including Public Hearing of October 14

Numbers in **BOLD** denotes absences from September 1992-June 1993

