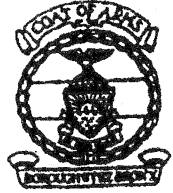




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Frank Muccioli,  
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 Borough President

Thomas Lucania,  
 District Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1995

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

COMMITTEES

- Community Development & Budget Priorities
- Economic Development
- Education & Culture
- Health & Social Services
- Highways, Traffic & Transportation
- Housing
- Land Use
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Public Safety
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- Youth Services Planning

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Frank Muccioli, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Helen Brandt

Ms. Brandt spoke about the pigeons and rodents under the trestle at Lydig and Bogart Avenues. She stated that she had reported this to the Department of Health. Ms. Brandt stated that people are leaving garbage under the trestle which is attracting the pigeons and rats. She stated that Sanitation needs to clean the trestle area.

Thomas reported that the new lighting under the trestle at Lydig and Bogart Avenues which was requested by the tenants of the area will be installed shortly. He stated that he will speak to Sanitation about removing the garbage.

Thomas reported that the TA has a new liquid repellent, and that he has requested that they treat the beams of the trestle with this repellent.

b. Alison Gran - President, Westchester Square Merchants Association

Mrs. Gran stated that she was here to urge the community board to support her organization's request to the police department to maintain the task force that was organized by the department to address the Westchester Square areas concerns, even after the proposed redistricting occurs. She presented the Chairman with a letter and petition from her members to Chief Pinero urging that this task force remain in effect.

c. Mabel Ostroga

Mrs. Ostroga spoke about cars going the wrong way on one-way streets. She also spoke about cars that go through red lights on Hering and Morris Park Avenue.

d. Gloria Mangual - Pelham Parkway Houses Tenants Association  
Treasurer

Ms. Mangual asked why Pelham Parkway Houses does not have a community center or a day care center?

Thomas stated that he had spoken with Ms. Herma Williams who told him that she was setting up a meeting with the Housing Authority to address these questions. Thomas said that the board is more then willing to sit down with the Tenants Association and the Housing Authority and discuss what is needed for this project.

## II. Presentation of plaque to the 49th Precinct

Frank asked all the board member to take part in the presentation.

Thomas explained that this plaque was being given to the 49th Precinct in recognition of their efforts in seizing a van full of explosives during Operation Losing Proposition.

Thomas stated that on behalf of Community Board #11 and its residents we thank the officers involved in this operation. He stated that the following officers were involved: Captain Richard Romaine, Det. Betsy Hernandez, Lt. J. Quinn, Lt. Thomas Clesse, Sgt. Al Zalinsky, Det. Carlos Valdespino and P.O. Josh Huber.

Captain Romaine stated that on behalf of the members of the 49th Precinct, those who took part in the operation and all the other members of the 49th Precinct he sincerely thanked the board for the plaque. Captain Romaine stated that Community Board #11 is very quick to express its gratitude and that it makes their job more worthwhile.

## III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Anthony DelGaudio - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed.

## IV. Chairman's Report - Frank Muccioli

Frank introduced the following representatives of elected officials: Helen Korman, representing Councilman Michael DeMarco; Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator; Barry Goldberg, Bronx DA's office; Annette Marchitello, Borough President's office.

Frank announced that Dr. Mary Acker's husband passed away. He stated that the board sent a Mass card and we received a thank you from Dr. Acker. Frank asked those board members who were not at last month's meeting and did not have an opportunity to contribute to the Sunshine Fund to please donate \$5.00 for the purchase of cards. He stated that Harriet has the envelope.

Frank reported that due to the Jewish holidays the March and April board meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

## 1. Formation of Quality of Life Committee

Frank stated that he felt that the forming of this committee has been long overdue. He further stated that the precinct and the Borough President's office have Quality of Live Committees. Frank stated that Thomas would give more information on this in his report.

## IV. District Manager's Report - Thomas Lucania

### 1. Follow up on issues raised at January community board meeting

Thomas stated that at last month's meeting Mrs. Ostroga had spoken about owners not cleaning up after their dogs. He stated that he had spoken with Sanitation Enforcement about going to that area during the hours given. He stated that he was also asking for Curb Your Dog signs.

Thomas stated that Ms. Brandt had spoke about problems with night service on the #5 train. He stated that he had sent a letter to Mr. Hoffman of the TA questioning the night service and the R55 cars that are used on the #4 line. Thomas stated that the TA said that at this time all of the R55 cars are stored in the Jerome Rail Road yard along with the parts for repairs. He stated that no written reply has been received as yet.

Thomas reported that several months ago Community Board #11 recommended 5 applications to the Mayor's Office on the Stop the Violence application. He stated that 4 of the 5 were approved. They are: Allerton Business Association; Morris Park Association; N.I.D.C. and the Van Nest Community Association. Thomas stated that the Allerton Avenue Association was not approved because their application was strictly for equipment.

Thomas reported that the board took a \$14,000 budget reduction on January 1st. He stated that on July 1 we will take a \$28,000 reduction. Thomas stated that this reduction necessitated the laying off of one staff person and the cancellation of our cleaning contract. Thomas stated that we will be cutting down our mailing list and possibly canceling our micro fiche contract. He stated that hopefully this will save the remaining 3 staff members.

Thomas stated that the committee chairs need to designate a member to take the minutes at their meetings, especially for the Youth Committee as we do not know how long Rich will be on staff.

Thomas said that we need to reach out to the northern most section of the community. He stated that in April he hoped to set up an evening meeting in a public facility in that area to take complaints along with board members, police and other agencies.

Thomas spoke about the Quality of Life Committee. He stated that this committee will work with community associations who want to do clean ups in their area. He stated that this committee would address locations where there are habitual problems such as graffiti-

ti, underage liquor and drug sales. Thomas said that each association should have a representative on this committee. He then asked anyone who is interested in being on this committee to contact him.

Frank stated that he wanted to have the youth of the community on this committee.

James Gisondi stated his objections to a new committee being formed without it being discussed by the Executive Committee or coming before the entire board. James expressed his concern that some of the issues are in the purview of existing committees and he did not want another committee responsibilities usurped. He asked that this issue be further discussed before the board votes on it.

A great deal of discussion took place on this committee.

This issue was tabled until the March Executive Committee meeting.

### III. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette gave the following report to Harriet:

#### 1. FERRER: BUDGET DUMPS BIGGER SANIT BURDEN ON BRONX

Borough President Fernando Ferrer said that the Mayor's projected \$34 million budget reduction to the Department of Sanitation jeopardizes its modest improvement of cleaner streets this past year in The Bronx, according to a departmental report issued last week at the Borough Services Cabinet meeting.

School Special collection has lost \$877,000 reducing refuse collections at schools from 5 to 2 or 3 times per week,

Punzi said the areas to be hardest hit by the cuts also include Housing Authority Special Collection, which lost \$431,000 for supplemental building collections. Funding for discretionary Borough Superintendent cleaning activities will be eliminated by a \$2.2 million cut in services.

Bronx Sanitation also accounted for 3,277 lot cleaning FY'94.

But the Department of Sanitation recognized that it alone was not responsible for lot cleanings throughout the borough. The "Don't Dump on The Bronx" campaign, created by Ferrer in March of 1994, accounted for over 200 lot and street cleanings. As a borough wide anti-litter effort involving hundreds of community organizations, the grass-roots initiative involved borough businesses and city agencies in hand-on participation to address quality of life issues in The Bronx.

"We would like to take all the credit for the increase in ratings over the past two years, but we know that we received plenty of held for the Community Boards and the Borough President's office," said Punzi. "I would like to predict that for FY'95 the rating will increase again but with the additional budget cuts this agency is facing, street cleaning programs will be affected."

## 2. EXHIBIT

Borough President Fernando Ferrer and Housing Commissioner Deborah Wright unveiled a dramatic photography exhibit of the housing revival taking place in The Bronx by Housing Preservation and Development photographer Lawrence Racioppo. Entitled "HPD Rebuilds The Bronx: A Work in Progress", the collection depicts stages of the construction and renovation in diverse Bronx Neighborhoods with dramatic before-and-after refurbishment, new construction and portraits of masons, steel workers, carpenters, electricians and roofers tying in the human element. Exhibition of large black-and-white and color photos is sponsored by Borough President Ferrer, HPD and the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Exhibition can be seen at the Satellite Gallery, Bronx County Building, room 301 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## 3. GRAFFITI

The City Council's public safety committee holds a hearing tomorrow on proposals to require property owners to remove graffiti from their buildings or be subject to a fine. One measure, sponsored by Councilwoman Una Clarke, D-Brooklyn, would give owners 30 days to remove the graffiti after the issuance of a warning. A second proposal introduced at the request of Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, would require graffiti to be erased no more than 10 days after a warning.

## 4. BRONX WEEK AT THE CIRCUS

The 125th Anniversary addition of Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey circus is extending a special tribute to The Bronx borough patrons of the greatest show on earth with a very special outreach program. During the week of April 3-7, 1995 special discount coupons of \$8.50 will be issued to encourage and help all the families of The Bronx to experience this show. More information will be forthcoming.

Annette announced that Borough President Ferrer along with NYNEX, Hostos Community College Center for the Arts & Culture and the Bronx Council on the Arts presents an African American Heritage month beginning 2/27 at 8:00 P.M. at Hostos Community College.

Annette announced that Community Board renewal applications have not been received from Mark Shkreli; Scott Roveto; Joseph Reda; Ralph Lanzilli and James Gisondi.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A. Economic Development

#### 1. Alcohol Beverage Control License Renewals

a. El Meson Del Caribe Restaurant - 2712 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption

b. Zoo Terrace Buffet - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption

Thomas reported that he had spoken with the police and that they have had no problems with either location.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Alfred Locascio  
- That Community Board #11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau that it has no objection to the issuing of these liquor license renewals.

2. Report on committee meeting held on February 15th.

Report attached

3. Joint Economic Development and Land Use Committee

James reported that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30 P.M. at Bronx House. He stated that the committee will be meeting to discuss the proposal to construct a shopping center on East Gun Hill Road and Ely Avenue.

Rhoda thanked Thomas Lucania as well as the Co-Chair and members of the Economic Development Committee for the meeting which was set up with the merchants on Pelham Parkway North. She stated that even though there was a small turnout of store owners, there seems to be a tremendous response among the merchants who want to get started. She stated that they are already starting a petition drive to get the entrance to the #2 train on White Plains Road opened.

#### B. Health and Social Services

1. Scheduling of public hearing on an application by People Live-In Center to operate an Individual Residential Alternative at 1815 White Plains Road for 10 developmentally disabled adults.

Thomas reported that the Health and Social Services Committee will meet with the sponsors of the application on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 P.M. in the Morris Park Community Center. He also stated that a public hearing is scheduled for mid March prior to but not at the board meeting. He stated that no vote will be taken at the public hearing.

Pat Quaranta asked about the Bronxdale Pool and rumors that St. Barnabas Hospital is interested in it.

Thomas stated that the board has not heard anything from St. Barnabas since a letter was sent to them by the board. He also stated that the Buildings Department has not granted any permits nor have any been filed. Thomas stated that they have not refiled for the one that was denied in October.

Frank reminded the board members that all public hearings are mandatory meetings and the Chair requests attendance at all public hearings.

#### C. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported on a meeting she attended of the Coalition of Public Libraries on January 10th. She stated that Borough President

Ferrer and Councilwoman June Eisland were present at this meeting. Ruth stated that there will be a 33% reduction in library funding for FY'96. She stated that a newsletter for Bronx Library Supporters was proposed and will be investigated as will more public relations efforts. Ruth stated that the next meeting is set for March 14th.

Frank reported that Rabbi Fuchs was not present tonight as his mother is ill. He stated that the board wished her a speedy recovery.

D. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John reported that he had a letter sent to the board approving the preliminary design and reconstruction of Zimmerman Playground for \$2,354,000. John stated that this has been a capital budget item for 8 years.

Thomas reported that this project is set for June. He stated that this project is going to be done due to the board, Borough President Fernando Ferrer, Councilwoman June Eisland and Commissioner Castro.

E. Community Development and Budget Priorities - James Gisondi

James reported that OMB's board's responses to board priorities is being prepared by the staff and will be available at the March meeting. He stated that we will be discussing the budget at the March meeting. Anyone having questions can contact him or Thomas Lucania.

F. Public Safety - Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that the crime statistics for February had been distributed. They are as follows:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>% change</u>
Robbery	82	55	32.9 Down
Burglary	101	71	29.7 Down
G.L.A.	153	131	14.3 Down
Murder	0	0	
Rape	3	1	

	<u>Arrests</u>		
Robbery	14	14	
Burglary	6	5	
G.L.A.	4	9	
Murder	N/A	0	
Rape	N/A	0	
Total Felonies	339	347	2.3 Up
Total Complaints	1220	557	54.3 Down

Thomas reported that this weekend the Special Operation Division of the police department staked out one location which had just been painted on Saturday. He stated that they stayed there Saturday

and Sunday but did not catch anyone. Thomas stated that we have the cooperation of the Special Operation Division so that when we do a cleaning and we have specific locations that we want the police department to monitor they will be able to do this as they have a 35 person squad that sits at these locations waiting for graffiti artists. Thomas said to let him know when a group is doing a clean up.

Thomas reported that the police are doing another Underage Operation within the next two weeks. He stated that names of those stores which do not proof the underage buyers will be printed in the Bronx Times Reporter. Thomas reported that within the next couple of months we will have access to the State Liquor Authority computer system through our computer system if the office, and we will be able to check on these locations to see if they have violations.

A discussion took place on the licensing of grocery stores to sell beer and wine and why they don't all come before the board for a vote. Harriet stated that if a place does not notify us that they are apply for or renewing their license we have no way of knowing when it expires. She stated that once we can get into the SLA computer we can keep a log and know when licenses are due to expire.

#### G. Sanitation

Leslie McHenry asked about the dumping program.

Thomas explained that Sanitation has a program where neighbors can report a dumper and make money. He stated that if you see someone dumping you take down their license number and sign an affidavit and then you have to appear in court. Thomas stated that you get 1/2 of the fine. He also stated that you do not always have to appear in court, if the dumper pleads guilty..

Thomas stated that he had Alternate Side Parking schedule calendars available tonight.

#### H. Youth Services - Linda White/Richard Mancuso

Linda reported that the committee is working on the FY'96 RFPs. She stated that it is 60 pages long and due at the board by March 12th. They are due at the Department of Youth Services on April 12th.

Linda reported that the Department of Youth has set up training session on how to rate the proposals. She stated that there was one tonight, but that no one could attend. She said that the next is on March 6th. Linda stated that they only want 3 people to rate the proposals along with Rich if he is still here. Linda said that they are 3 year proposals, and if you don't submit now you will not get any funding later. She told all those who had proposals before to apply.

Linda reported that DYS is going to downsize from 150 to 7 staff members. She stated that DYS will not be in existence by September or at the latest December, but be part of Parks of another



agency. Linda stated that the community board will have to do the work.

Linda reported that the committee will be meeting on February 27th at 7:30 P.M. at Bronx House.

I. Housing - Leslie McHenry

Leslie reported that there will not be a meeting in February. She stated that as Chairperson of the Housing Committee she was invited to the installation of officers of the Tenants Association of the Pelham Parkway Houses on February 1st.

Leslie reported that Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein sits on an Assembly sub-committee on public housing. This committee will be of assistance to our board in its work.

IX. Old Business

Al Locascio thanked the board and the staff for their help in getting the area of Gun Hill Road and Allerton Avenue named Raymond Locascio Square along with Councilman Michael DeMarco. He stated that it should come up at the City Council soon. Al stated that he hopes to have the dedication coincide with the Astor Little League Parade which takes place on a Saturday in April.

Rhoda Gogatz asked about the status of the elevator and escalators on Pelham Parkway South and White Plains Road.

Thomas stated that the telephone company is completing the installation of the fiber optic cables and should be finished by March 10th. The project is slated for completion by August 1st.

X. New Business

Rhoda asked if the board could set up a speakers bureau made up of planning board member to go to organizations and introduce them to the board and bring back their needs to the board.

Frank said that would take this under consideration.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

*Lewis Goldstein* <sup>®</sup>  
Lewis Goldstein,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 1995

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(3)(4)	David Leavitt	(3)(4)
John Cifichiello	(0)(1)	Alfred Locascio	(5)(4)
Priscilla Crowell	(1)(3)	Silvio Mazzella	(0)(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(3)(4)	Leslie McHenry	(1)(2)
Emil Eisdorfer	(5)(3)	Lori Motta	(2)(0)
Mauro Fanelli	(4)(1)	Frank Muccioli	(0)(2)
Harain Figueroa	(1)(1)	Seymour Ostroga	(0)(4)
Laura Fishman	(2)(1)	Patrick Quaranta	(4)(6)
James Gisondi	(4)(1)	William Ricevuto	(4)(2)
Rhoda Gogatz	(0)(5)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(0)
Lewis Goldstein	(2)(2)	Mark Shkreli	(0)(0)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)(1)	Mordechai Twersky	(1)(0)
Dexter Hendon	(2)(1)	Linda White	(1)(5)
Gerald Launer	(5)(4)		

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(8)(8)	Joseph Reda	(5)(2)
Dominic Castore	(6)(4)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)(5)
Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez	(5)(1)	Mary Rogan	(4)(0)
Patrick Dolan	(3)(4)	Scott Roveto	(7)(6)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(4)(2)	Patrick Torney	(3)(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)(4)	Robert Torres	(6)(6)
Ralph Lanzilli	(5)(4)	Andrew Udin	(6)(0)
Joseph Milone	(7)(2)	Lisa Winters	(5)(5)
Rober Potter	(3)(4)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager

Harriet Lasky, Secretary

Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator

Annette Marchitello, Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office

Barry Goldberg, Bronx DA's Office

\*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from September 1994  
Numbers in **BOLD** denotes absences from September 1993-June 1994