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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1994 IN

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Guest Speaker - Mr. Ken Kearns - NYC Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. Kearns spoke about two water conservation programs being offered by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Toilet Rebate Program and the Residential Water Survey Program.

Mr. Kearns stated that in the Toilet Rebate Program home owners and owners of apartment buildings or commercial building owners will receive up to \$240 per bathroom when they replace the old toilets and shower heads with water saving models.

Mr. Kearns stated that the Residential Water Survey Program provides homeowners with a follow up inspection. He stated that this program provides the possibility of saving up to 40% in water use.

Questions were asked by several board members. Mr. Kearns stated that he could be reached at (718) 595-6630.

II. Gallery Session

a. John Cummings

Mr. Cummings thanked the board for its help with regard to the commercial trucks that come down Seminole Avenue to make deliveries to the hospital. He stated that with the help of Thomas Lucania the hospital has reopened the Eastchester Road gate from 6 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Mr. Cummings spoke about another problem, and that was car accidents on Seminole and Narragansett Avenues. He stated that Seminole Avenue is the only street that runs south between Neill Avenue and Morris Park Avenue, and it is two ways. He stated that it is the only street that does not have a stop sign. Mr. Cummings asked for a 3 way Stop sign on Seminole and Narragansett Avenues.

Thomas spoke and stated that there is an existing study for 2 locations, one being Rhinelander and Seminole

Avenues, and the other being Tenbroeck and Rhinelander Avenues. He stated that the study at Rhinelander and Seminole is 6-8 months away from completion. Thomas asked Mr. Cummings for petitions if there is a request to make any street one-way. At that point we would request DOT to study the area.

### III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Joe Milone - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed unanimously.

### IV. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom introduced the new Board members:

Lorraine Cortez-Vazquez; Dexter Hendon; Silvio Mazzella; Mary Rogan and Mordachei Twersky. He also introduced the Youth members: Patrick Torney and Lori Motta as well as the Youth Advisory members: Laura Fischman and Andrew Udin.

Dom welcomed them and wished them luck on the board.

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

Thomas reported that Patrick Torney and Lori Motto are full board members, while Laura Fischman and Andrew Udin are Youth Advisory members and cannot vote. He stated that they will all sit on the Youth Committee.

Thomas reported that he had met with Bill Walsh to discuss the opening of the gate on Eastchester Road. Thomas stated that they are going to try it for 3 months and see if the traffic problem will be elevated and also to see that no cars are stolen. He stated that by September or October the hospital will evaluate this pilot project.

Thomas reported that the Department of Transportation recently completed the installation of the additional spot lights on Bronx Park East between Allerton Avenue and Pelham Parkway. He stated that this will provide more lights to the park and sidewalk area.

Thomas reported that at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road the Parks Department has completed the sidewalks between the north Service Road and the Main Road. He also stated that Van Nest Avenue and Bronxdale Avenue was milled and have been resurfaced.

### Operation Sparkle

Thomas reported that a number of groups have been going out on a regular basis and doing clean ups. He stated that property owners have helped clean up their gates and that letters have been sent to property owners regarding their buildings. Thomas stated that there has been very good cooperation from the people in the community. Mail boxes have been painted by volunteers from Allerton Avenue and Chester Civic Associations. He stated that we are waiting for more

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Thomas reported that the Morris Park Community Association, Chester Civic Association, Allerton Avenue Association, CAAP, Morris Park Local Development Corporation and other groups are working with residents in their areas to clean and paint the graffiti. He stated that the Transit Authority is supposed to get us paint for the underpasses.

Thomas reported that the Executive Committee would be meeting the second Monday in July.

VI Treasurer's Report - Alfred Locascio

Al reported that the Treasurer's Report had been distributed. He stated that he was ending his third year as Treasurer and could not run again as our by-laws stated that you can only hold a position for 3 consecutive years. He stated that he was proud that we have been able to spend the board's budget on much needed equipment.

VII. Borough President's Report - Ralph Lawrence

Ralph reported that Borough President Ferrer wishes all of the Board members a healthy, safe and relaxing summer. He also thanks the Board of Directors for their support on the Community, Borough Board and Service Cabinet meetings. This support enhances the Borough President's ability to bring quality services to the 1.2 million people in the Bronx.

Pursuant to Section 249(d) of the New York City Charter, there is an additional \$8.0 million Capital Budget Allocation Project funds for Bronx County for Fiscal Year 1995. This is due to the increase in the Executive Budget.

Van Cortlandt Park (\$107,000); Purchase & install boroughwide signage system for the Bronx (\$300,000); Partnership Housing Program new 3 family homes 477 units (\$1,648,000).

Ralph submitted the following information to the Secretary:

a. Employment opportunities with the Postal Services in the Bronx and Manhattan. If more applications are needed, they are available at the carrier delivery stations in Manhattan and the Bronx.

b. Institute of Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Inc. Located at 215 East 161st Street (718) 590-4500. This organization also provides training in the techniques of Mediation and Conflict Resolution but the training facility may not be in the Bronx, but Manhattan.

c. "This Works" - Program and Ideas that serve New America.

1. A literacy assistance hotline.
2. Cultural help for foreign newcomers
3. Improving communication skills on the job
4. Locating missing relatives and more

#### VIII. Committee Reports

##### A. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick/James Gisondi

1. BSA 707-56BZ - 1500 Williamsbridge Road - Application by Leonard and Joseph Mallenson to extend the term of their variance for a gasoline service station located in a C2-2 district within an R4 zoning district for an additional period of (10) ten years.

Ken stated that there was a public hearing on this earlier and no one spoke against it.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz  
- That Community Board #11 approve the extension of this variance for an additional ten years.

Passed.

##### B. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John spoke about the tree pruning program. He stated that it takes 12-16 months for a tree to be pruned.

John reported that the Parks Committee had met on June 1st and discussed the money which was given by Councilwoman Eisland to the Parks Department for sidewalk repairs on Bronx Park East and Pelham Parkway. The board recommended to the Parks Department that sidewalk and curb replacement be done on Bronx Park East from Pelham Parkway to Allerton Avenue with this funding.

Thomas spoke about the mini pool at Matthews/Muliner Playground. He stated that the Morris Park Community Association had asked that this pool be closed. Thomas stated that they spoke with Commissioner Castro and he agreed. He stated that next summer they hoped to have a sprinkler system installed. Thomas stated that a letter would go out on this tomorrow. He also spoke about the early closing of Matthews/Muliner and Loretto Playgrounds on July 4th.

##### C. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer/Simeon Goldstein

###### 1. Alcohol Beverage Control License Renewals

a. Van Nest Bowling Alley - 1756 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption

b. Best Way Beer and Soda Distributors, Inc. - 1640 Bronxdale Avenue for off-premises consumption

Simeon stated that he had checked with board members who live near these two sites and the Police Department, they had no problems with them.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, Seconded by Alfred Locascio - That Community Board #11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Board that it has no objection to the granting of these renewal licenses.

Passed.

D. Housing - Frank Muccioli

1. Public Hearing regarding Non-Solicitation order on July 21st

Frank reported that there would be a public hearing on Thursday, July 21st at 7:30 P.M. in the Knights of Columbus, Mary Queen of Peace Hall at 1919 Williamsbridge Road. He stated that all residents and community associations are requested to provide testimony both written and verbal at the hearing on incidents of solicitation by real estate brokers. Frank stated that it is imperative that this information be presented at the hearing, as this will be the final opportunity for the community to comment of this order of priority to the Secretary of State deciding whether or not to issue the Non-Solicitation Order to Community District #11.

Frank stated that the board has prepared sample letters that are available for anyone who wants one.

A Motion was made by Pat Quaranta, Seconded by James Gisondi - That Community Board #11 place an ad in the newspapers telling the community what is being done and request that any solicitations be sent to the board office.

Passed.

Frank reported that the board has received a letter from ACRMD indicating that they will be applying to place a group home in the area. He stated that it is on Esplanade Avenue. However, there was an error in the letter and the agency will be sending us a corrected letter.

E. Health and Social Services - Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that she had been invited to a Health Expo on July 20th at Roberto Clemente State Park. Blanche also spoke about the Spring Fair at Bronx Psychiatric Center on June 29th.

Blanche also reported that she had received information from the Governor's office on Alzheimer's Disease. She stated that information is available by calling (800) 621-0379.

Blanche reported that the little park for the AIDS children at BMHC will be open soon. She stated that it is on the side of Van Etten Hospital.

F. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the school yard at P.S. 89 is going to be renovated this fiscal year.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ralph Lanzilli

Ralph reported that the cleanliness of Community Board #11 has dropped off to 74%. He stated that previously it was 98%.

Ralph reported that Deputy Commissioner John Doherty gave out \$7,300 for a teens to clean up awareness competition awards. Those who won were P.S. 175 in Queens, J.H.S. 126 in Brooklyn, John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx and I.S. 187 in Manhattan.

Ralph reported that he had also received a revised notice on poster and sign placements.

Ralph thanked the board for their prayers and cards while he was in the hospital.

Thomas reported that the Hazardous Waste pick up day is on June 18th at BMHC at the Eastchester Road entrance. He stated that anything that cannot be put out with your normal garbage should be brought here e.g. paint can, aerosol cans.

Tom stated that they are recycling the paint into a neutral color and it will be available to community groups.

H. Youth Services - Richard Mancuso

Rich welcomed the new youth members. He stated that the committee would be meeting on Monday at 7:30 P.M. at Bronx House.

Summer Bus Program

Rich reported that the Department of Youth Services summer bus program begins in July. Agencies still interested should contact Rich, and depending on the availability they will be assigned. Rich also stated that two summer baseball clinics with the Yankees and Mets will take place.

Rich reported that the contracts have been extended for the Morris Park Community Association, Aging in America, Summer Program at NIDC. He stated that we have 1 play street, at Barker Avenue adjacent to Zimmerman Playground.

Rich reported that there will programs at the Eastchester Community Center as well as the Public Library. Rich wished everyone a good summer.

I. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

The following crime statistics for May were distributed:

	1993	1994	% Change
Robbery	49	63	28.5 (up)
Burglary	109	124	13.8 (up)
G.L.A.	154	177	14.9 (up)
Murder	1	2	---
Rape	2	2	---

	Year-To-Date		
Robbery	300	329	9.7 (up)
Burglary	535	532	.5 (down)
G.L.A.	771	799	3.6 (up)
Murder	5	10	---
Rape	13	15	---

	Arrests		
Robbery	20	35	
Burglary	8	18	
G.L.A.	7	17	
Total Felonies	320	426	33.1 (up)
Total Complaints	1293	1409	8.9 (up)

Joe stated that the 49th Precinct Council Breakfast is going to held at Maestro's on June 17, 1994.

Joe asked anyone who wants to be on the mailing list for the Precinct Council to please call the board office.

Joe stated that there is going to be a new structure for police patrols beginning July 1st in the 49th Precinct. There will be 10 police officers under the command of a sergeant in each sector with the sergeant being responsible for all conditions in that particular sector.

#### J. Nominations - Ralph Lanzilli

As the slate of officers running was unopposed, the Secretary cast one vote in acclamation for the following:

Chairman	- Frank Muccioli
First Vice Chairman	- Dominic Castore
Second Vice Chairman	- Alfred Locascio
Secretary	- Lewis Goldstein
Treasurer	- James Gisondi

Passed.

Ralph thanked his committee for their help in preparing the slate of officers.

#### K. Other


Simeon spoke about the continuing problems with postal service in the Bronx.

James Gisondi brought some copies of posters being put up

regarding white supremacy. He asked Tom to contact the police regarding these posters.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Gisondi,  
Secretary



ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 16, 1994

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(4) <b>(4)</b>	Alfred Locascio	(4) <b>(5)</b>
Dominic Castore	(4) <b>(1)</b>	Silvio Mazzella	(0) <b>(0)</b>
John Cifichiello	(1) <b>(1)</b>	Leslie McHenry	(2) <b>(3)</b>
Priscilla Crowell	(3) <b>(0)</b>	Joseph Milone	(2) <b>(3)</b>
Anthony DelGaudio	(4) <b>(3)</b>	Lori Motta	(0) <b>(0)</b>
Patrick Dolan	(3) <b>(3)</b>	Frank Muccioli	(2) <b>(4)</b>
Mauro Fanelli	(2) <b>(1)</b>	Robert Potter	(4) <b>(4)</b>
Kenneth Gelnick	(4) <b>(5)</b>	Pat Guaranta	(3) <b>(6)</b>
James Gisondi	(5) <b>(4)</b>	Joseph Reda	(6) <b>(2)</b>
Rhoda Gogatz	(4) <b>(5)</b>	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(5) <b>(1)</b>
Lewis Goldstein	(2) <b>(1)</b>	Mary Rogan	(0) <b>(0)</b>
Simeon Goldstein	(1) <b>(1)</b>	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0) <b>(2)</b>
Ralph Lanzilli	(4) <b>(1)</b>	Mark Shkreli	(1) <b>(1)</b>
Gerald Launer	(4) <b>(2)</b>	Patrick Torney	(0) <b>(0)</b>
David Leavitt	(1) <b>(1)</b>	Andrew Udin	(0) <b>(0)</b>

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(8) <b>(8)</b>	William Ricevuto	(2) <b>(2)</b>
Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez	(1) <b>(0)</b>	Scott Roveto	(6) <b>(1)</b>
Emil Eisdorfer	(3) <b>(4)</b>	Robert Torres	(6) <b>(5)</b>
Harain Figueroa	(2) <b>(1)</b>	Linda White	(5) <b>(1)</b>
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2) <b>(5)</b>	Lisa Winters	(5) <b>(6)</b>
Dexter Hendon	(1) <b>(0)</b>	Laura Fischman	(1) <b>(0)</b>

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Daniel Simmons - representing Assemblyman George Friedman  
Marie Terrasi - representing Assemblyman George Friedman

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary  
Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator  
Jodie Lancellotti, Community Coordinator  
Joseph Carofano, Bronx DA's Office  
Ralph Lawrence - Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office

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

