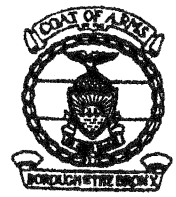




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Frank reported that all community board members were sent an updated listing of committee assignments. If anyone wishes to change their assignment they should speak to him this evening.

Frank stated that the community board would like to have a member regularly attend school board meetings and provide the board with reports. He stated that any member of the education committee or any other interested board member should see him this evening.

Robert Potter stated that he had been attending these meetings on his own and he was on their mailing list. He said that he would gladly attend these meetings as the board's representative.

Discussion took place on the date of the school board's meetings, and that it could conflict with the board meeting date. Bob stated that they have had several meeting date changes, and that at this time it does not seem to conflict.

Frank reported that he would be beginning a new addition to the board meetings. He stated that all items brought up at the meeting would be addressed at the start of the next meeting and that the board would be told how the issue was dealt with.

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

##### Zimmerman Playground

Thomas reported that the Parks Department has removed some benches from the Olinville Avenue side of Zimmerman Playground and repaired the benches on the Barker Avenue side.

Thomas reported that he had toured Bronx Park with Commissioner Castro and Mort Twersky. Tom reported that the 52nd Precinct and PEP are now paying more attention to Bronx Park and issuing summonses where necessary.

Thomas stated that Mort's group CAPP has cleaned the exterior of the park and painted the underpasses on Fordham Road and Kazimir-off Boulevard. He stated that CAPP will also begin patrols inside of Bronx Park.

Thomas reported that over the summer he received requests from 2 tenants associations, 1545 Rhinelander Avenue and the 2041-47 Holland Avenue Association for assistance. He stated that he is working with the tenants and property owners of 1545 Rhinelander Avenue and 2041-47 Holland Avenue on various problems in the buildings.

##### Operation Sparkle

Thomas reported that many groups have participated in the program, cleaning many areas in the district. He stated that on Saturday there will be a clean-up sponsored by WCBS beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Morris Park Avenue from 180th Street to Tenbroeck with the Morris Park Local Development Corporation, Morris Park Community Association and other community groups. Thomas stated that WCBS will have a concert in the park after the cleanup. He stated that

we are looking for additional people who want to help.

In addition, on October 15th, the Mayor is sponsoring New York Clean Sweep. Anyone interested in cleaning areas in district 11 should call the district office.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette submitted the following report to Harriet:

QUALITY OF LIFE

Borough President Ferrer announced the first recipient of the Quality of Life Award. Mr. Martin Gold, who monitors quality of life issues for his neighborhood and paints mail boxes which have been marred by unsightly graffiti, was cited for his "outstanding spirit of volunteerism contributing to the betterment of The Bronx."

The Quality of Life Task Force is an ongoing "Don't Dump On The Bronx/We Take Pride In Our Neighborhood" campaign work to beautify The Bronx and enhance the quality of life for all borough residents. Community groups, businesses and individuals interested in becoming more involved in keeping their borough beautiful can call the "Don't Dump on The Bronx" Hotline at (718) 590-3510.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY VOWS ACTION ON FACILITY CLEAN-UP

The TA will develop an on-going clean-up program of its nine Bronx facilities, it announced, after meeting with Borough President Ferrer and Borough Services Cabinet members. "TA sites are filthy with garbage and affect the health of Bronx residents, in addition to being unpleasant views that we do not welcome in The Bronx. Bronx residents want to see their neighborhoods clean and the example should begin with city and state agencies. "We hope to see the TA's clean-up of all their facilities progress quickly. We expect that their on-going program will be effective in maintaining the facilities the way they should be kept" said Ferrer.

LESS PAPERWORK COULD MEAN MORE BRICKS AND BUILDINGS

It will be quicker and easier to build homes and start business in The Bronx through "one stop permit shopping" available at the Department of Buildings. The report, presented by the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Buildings, Joel Miele, stated that the reduction of paperwork and quicker approval of permits will result in construction of more two-family dwellings as well as businesses.

Borough President Ferrer suggested that one-stop permits and inspections would alleviate having to go through a "multi-agency maze" to get permit approval. Commissioner Miele said that Ferrer's suggestion was taken into consideration and that legislation would be introduced as early as this Fall. "By cutting down on red tape, the department is able to cut the cost of construction by 10%," said Miele. "This will make New York and The Bronx more competitive with regions such as Westchester County and New Jersey."

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Simeon Goldstein  
- That Community Board #11 approve of this home pending the removal of the existing violations on the house.

The vote passed with 13 For, 9 Against and 2 Abstentions.

Those voting in favor were:

Ruth Burko, Priscilla Crowell, Harain Figueroa, Rhoda Gogatz, Simeon Goldstein, David Leavitt, Leslie McHenry, Lori Motta, Seymour Ostroga, Robert Potter, Blanche Rifkin, Mary Rogan, and Patrick Torney.

Those voting against were:

John Cifichiello, Kenneth Gelnick, Dexter Hendon, Ralph Lanzilli, Silvio Mazzella, Joseph Reda, Mark Shkreli, Mordechai Twersky and Linda White.

Frank Muccioli and Madeline Saltaformaggio abstained.

Blanche reported that there will be a Walk a Thon 5 mile walk on October 1st from 9-12 to benefit the East Bronx Hunger Program. She stated that anyone interested should call (718) 409-0538

B. Economic Development -Emil Eisdorfer/Simeon Goldstein

1. Alcohol Beverage Control License

a. Mr. Q's Gourmet Restaurant, Inc. - 2115-2117 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption.

Simeon stated that was a change in ownership and that there had been no problems at this location in the past.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Board that it has no objection to the granting of this license.

Passed with one abstention by Priscilla Crowell.

2. Report from committee on meeting held with Forest City Ratner Companies on their proposal to submit an application to the City Planning Commission to construct a Bradlees Department Store on East Gun Hill Road and Ely Avenue.

Report attached.

C. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick/James Gisondi

1. BSA 949-57BZ - An application by Pelhambridge Realities Inc. to obtain a ten-year extension of the term of their existing variance to operate a gasoline service station (Shell Oil Company) at 2100 Williamsbridge Road, corner of Lydig Avenue in an R3-2 zoning district.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFRONTED BY BRONXITES

Domestic violence, a widespread reality haunting many women, children and entire families, was confronted at Borough Hall by victims, community-based organizations, doctors, and legislators during a hearing convened by the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The hearing brought out heart wrenching testimony of a cycle of abuse within families where women and children are often the victims. The 3 1/2 hour forum also explored patterns of abuse toward women which indirectly results in emotional damage for children. Immigrant women, in particular, are frequent victims such they depend on their husband economically as well as for their residency in America.

The HOTLINE for Domestic Violence is 1-800-621-HOPE.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New York City Board of Education is undertaking the difficult task of reviewing community school district boundaries in order to comply with certain statutory mandates on redistricting. In this connection, it has established a "Redistricting Advisory Study Group." The Board of Education will review the Study Group's recommendations, hold public hearing, and issue a final plan for redistricting by February 1, 1995.

The Public Hearing for the Bronx is scheduled for: Wednesday, October 5, 1994 at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Christopher Columbus High School at 925 Astor Avenue.

Groups and individuals who wish to testify should address their request, in writing to the Redistricting Advisory Study Group, New York City Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street - Room 1114, Brooklyn, New York 11201 or by calling (718) 935-5700 or by faxing written request to (718) 935-5402. Request must specify the date and location for which speaking time is requested and must be received by the Office of Redistricting Advisory Study Group by the close of business Monday, October 3, 1994.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A. Health and Social Services - Blanche Comras Rifkin

1. Application by the Association for Children with Retarded Mental Development to establish an Individual Residential Alternative for five (5) developmentally disabled adults at 2421 Esplanade Avenue.

Thomas explained that information on this home is in the packet distributed earlier to community board members. He explained that the package includes all correspondence from ACRMD which the board requested, the Health and Social Services Committee report and a listing of existing facilities in community district 11. He also stated that a public hearing has been held on this at an earlier date.

Ken reported that a public hearing was held on this earlier this evening, and that there were no speakers. The community board has received no complaints on this site.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Robert Potter - That Community Board #11 approve the ten-year extension of this variance at 2100 Williamsbridge Road.

Unanimously passed.

D. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Thomas Lucania

1. Schedule for FY'96 Capital and Expense budget process

Thomas reported that the Fiscal 1996 budget process has begun. He stated that all board members were sent agendas for the Borough Budget Consultations to be held on September 29th. Thomas stated that a public hearing on the budget will be held, but that the date has not been set as yet. He stated that sometime after the public hearing the committee will meet to establish the budget priorities for FY'96 and that the board would vote on the priorities at the October 20th meeting.

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Thomas Lucania

1. Schedule of FY'95 street resurfacing program

Thomas reported that the board had not as yet received the schedule of FY'95 resurfacing. He stated that he hoped to have it by the next meeting.

Thomas reported that the Boston Road reconstruction project has begun. Test pits have been completed in the north section of the project. The sewer and water main work will begin at the city line and work south. Thomas stated that the transportation committee will set up a meeting with the project manager, the contractor and with the property owners within the confines of the area which will be effected by the construction. He stated that it will take 2 years to complete and effect the businesses on Boston Road if not properly coordinated.

F. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John reported that the Parks Committee had met with Commissioner Castro regarding the FY'96 budget priorities. He stated that Mort Twersky was also at this meeting. John stated that many issues concerning playgrounds in district 11 were discussed. He stated that Commissioner Castro will work with the District Manager and monitor issues which were brought up.

Frank introduced Assistant District Attorney Barry Goldberg, Officer Michael Milmore from the Anti Crime Unit and Lt. James Byrnes from the 49th Precinct.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ralph Lanzilli

Ralph reported that the Sanitation Action Center telephones will not be answered by live operators on Saturday nights, Sunday and holidays. The telephone number is (212) 219-8090.

Ralph reported that the cleanliness of Community Board #11 for August was 81% for sidewalks and 82% for street cleaning.

Ralph reported that Saturday, October 15th is New York Clean Sweep where community residents will be cleaning up parks, schools, vacant lots, streets and highways. The rain date is Sunday, October 16th.

Thomas said that in the clean up there are at least 3 locations in our area: Allerton and Wilson Avenue; the trestle at Sackett Avenue between Williamsbridge Road and Paulding Avenue and one other trestle. Thomas stated that anyone or any group interested in participating can call the number on the flyer. He stated that they will provide the materials and that everyone participating will receive a New York Clean Sweep T-shirt.

H. Youth Services - Linda White/Richard Mancuso

Rich reported that the summer was very busy. There were many programs going on in the community including 2 baseball clinics with the Yankees and the Mets.

Rich reported that budget restorations secured the Youth Coordinator positions, but that the Department of Youth Services informed the board that the After School programs at MS 144 and MS 135 were not funded. He stated that this is being investigated as many agencies in the city previously were not. Rich stated that the new Commissioner at DYS is Alfred Curtis, and that he is looking into the situation.

Rich reported that the Morris Park Community Association will operate and After School and Evening program at P.S. 83. He stated that the program will also expand to P.S. 105 and P.S. 108. He also reported that NIDC will also operate and After School and Evening program at P.S. 89 and P.S. 96.

Rich reported that he was meeting with Pathways for Youth about their running a program at M.S. 144 in the evening. Rich reported that the Stop the Violence Grant applications are due in the community board office of October 14th. He also reported that on Monday he would be meeting with Frank Melia, Principal of Columbus High School on the GED program and security issues.

Rich reported that the next YSPC meeting will be on Monday, October 24th at Bronx House. He also reported that plans are being discussed for a Family Pride Day and another Youth Recognition Evening.



K. Other

Blanche reported that September is Bronx Diabetics month. She stated that speakers are available by calling 1 800 DIABETICS.

IX. Old Business

Jodie reported that the Borough President had done a study and found that most people did not know what a community board was. She stated that she has prepared a packet which contains the following information:

1. Introduction to Community Board #11
2. District Map
3. Complaint Forms

She stated that this was being sent to the libraries, community associations, religious organizations and senior centers.

Silvio Mazzella suggested that they also be sent to the schools. Thomas stated that he would discuss this with Jodie, and that it might be feasible,

Tom also stated that any resident of Community Board #11 who wishes to be placed on our mailing list to receive our monthly meeting notices meeting notices should contact the district office.

Rhoda spoke about the stores on the north side of the parkway, and stated that it is becoming very dirty and needs attention. Tom stated that he will refer that to the Economic Development Committee.

Mort spoke about the possibility of the board meetings being televised by Bronx Net.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lewis Goldstein* 

Lewis Goldstein,  
Secretary

I. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported on the Capital budget the School Board indicated that the District Office would like to move from P.S. 121. She stated that this will free up space for 24 class rooms and relieve the overcrowding.

Ruth also stated that the school district would like to construct a garden on the roof of P.S. 89.

J. Housing - Leslie McHenry

Leslie reported that she had seen many cars being parked in the street at 1106 Adee Avenue, and suspected that illegal repairs were going on. She stated that she will monitor the house. Leslie also reported that she would be meeting with representatives of all 3 housing development.

K. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe spoke about the prostitution sweep. He stated that those who are caught will be arrested and have their cars confiscated. Joe also spoke about the police investigation of stores who are selling liquor to minors.

Rhoda spoke about a petition she had with 325 signatures of employees and visitors who come to Morningside House. She spoke about the series of car thefts at Morningside. She stated that they need more police in the area.

Joe stated that the crime statistics for July had been distributed. They were:

	1993	1994	% Change
Robbery	50	74	48.0 (up)
Burglary	119	111	5.1 (down)
G.L.A.	154	192	24.6 (up)
Murder	2	3	---
Rape	6	7	---

Year-To-Date

Robbery	397	459	15.6 (up)
Burglary	774	758	2.0 (down)
G.L.A.	983	1144	16.3 (up)
Murder	7	18	157.1 (up)
Rape	23	24	---

Arrests

Robbery	6	23	
Burglary	8	3	
G.L.A.	3	14	
Total Felonies	331	287	13.3 (down)
Total Complaints	1278	1429	11.7 (up)

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1994

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(1)(4)	Leslie McHenry	(0)(2)
John Cifichiello	(0)(1)	Lori Motta	(0)(0)
Priscilla Crowell	(0)(3)	Frank Muccioli	(0)(2)
Patrick Dolan	(0)(3)	Seymour Ostroga	(0)(4)
Laura Fishman	(2)(1)	Robert Potter	(2)(6)
Harain Figueroa	(1)(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)(5)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)(4)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(0)
Rhoda Gogatz	(0)(4)	Mark Shkreli	(0)(1)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)(1)	Patrick Torney	(0)(0)
Dexter Hendon	(1)(1)	Mark Shkreli	(0)(1)
Ralph Lanzilli	(0)(4)	Mordechai Twersky	(0)(1)
David Leavitt	(1)(1)	Linda White	(1)(5)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)(0)		

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(3)(8)	Alfred Locascio	(3)(4)
Dominic Castore	(2)(4)	Joseph Milone	(2)(2)
Lorraine Cortez-Vasquez	(3)(1)	Pat Quaranta	(2)(3)
Anthony DelGaudio	(3)(4)	William Ricevuto	(3)(2)
Emil Eisdorfer	(2)(3)	Mary Rogan	(2)(0)
Mario Fanelli	(2)(2)	Scott Roveto	(3)(6)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(3)(2)	Robert Torres	(3)(6)
James Gisondi	(3)(5)	Lisa Winters	(3)(5)
Lewis Goldstein	(2)(2)	Andrew Udin	(3)(0)
Gerald Launer	(3)(4)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Barry Goldberg - Assistant D.A.

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager - Community Board #11  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board #11  
Jodie Lancelliotti - Community Associate  
Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator - Community Board #11  
Annette Marchitello - Representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer

\*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from September 1994 meeting including Public Hearing of September 1 and September 22

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