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John Fratta,
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1995

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

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. Janice Walcott, President Allerton Coops Tenants
Association.

Ms. Walcott stated that she had attended a meeting
about Zimmerman Playground. She stated that the benches
have been removed. Ms. Walcott also said that he had a
petition requesting that the benches be replaced.

Dom spoke. He stated that the board needs to set up
a meeting and decide where the benches remain, and where
they are to be removed.

b. Nefatedia Thomas - Allerton Coops Tenants Associa-
tion

Ms. Thomas spoke about the benches around Zimmerman
Playground. She stated that the should be removed because
people are selling drugs there.

c. Thal Davis

Ms. Davis stated that she was speaking for the ten-
ants of the Pelham Parkway Houses. She stated that they
have recycling pick ups on Tuesdays and Fridays, but that
Sanitation leaves more on the sidewalks and gutters than
they pick up.

Ms. Davis asked that Parks leave benches going into
Comras Mall for the elderly and other to use.

d. Corey Barrium - Allerton Coops Tenants Associa-
tion

Mr. Barrium stated that he was a resident of the
Allerton Coops and he did not want the benches removed.

e. Adandejesus Quavez - Allerton Coops Tenants Asso-
ciation

Mr. Quavez stated that there is no Youth Center at

the Allerton Coops or at Parkside Houses. He stated that the benches are the only place that the youth can meet.

f. Sandra Thompson

Ms. Thompson spoke about the fact that there is no place for the youth to go.

Dom said that the board would look into getting the Park designed so that there is something for the youth to do there.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Ralph Lanzilli, Seconded by Pat Quaranta - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed.

III. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom announced that Susan Nolan's mother-in-law had passed away. He stated that the wake was yesterday and today, and that the funeral is on Friday.

Dom thank the staff for the wonderful job they did while the board was without a District Manager.

IV Borough President's Report - Ralph Lawrence

Ralph submitted the following report to Harriet:

KEEP THE BRONX "SAFE & SOUND"

What is AmeriCorps?

The AmeriCorps SAFE & SOUND initiative is a three year, multi-dimensional effort to reduce neighborhood and family violence in high need areas of New York City. In each community it targets, SAFE & SOUND builds a seamless web of public safety services through innovative collaborations of diverse community based organizations, city wide non-profit entities, and New York City government agencies. Working within this network, AmeriCorps participants mobilize individuals, families, and businesses to become agents for long lasting improvements in public safety. For further information, please call 1-718-665-8022.

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

On the evening of Wednesday, August 23, 1995 Board of Education action, while a true victory for the poorest of this city's children, provides temporary relief of recognized inequities in the distribution of Title I funding. Our congressional representatives must return equity in the months to come.

The restoration of some \$21 million in funds to children in The

Bronx, Manhattan and Queens, is particularly significant in light of the educational crisis created by the continuing budget assault on our children and our educational system. Approximately \$6.5 million was restored to The Bronx.

I am particularly proud of the leadership provided by Bronx representative Sandra Lerner, in encouraging Board members to rise above political considerations for the more important needs of all of this city's children. In doing so, a blatant injustice was overturned. Our children must no longer be held hostage to politics.

FERRER, QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL LAUNCHES PETITION DRIVE AGAINST FARE HIKES

Joined by outraged community residents and the Bronx Quality of Life Council, Borough President Fernando Ferrer launched a petition drive against the proposed MTA fare hikes at the White Plains Road/Pelham Parkway IRT subway line.

"This petition drive is to let the MTA board know that the riders of The Bronx believe that his fare increase, the largest in MTA history, is ill advised and ill timed, and comes with no increase in service and, in fact, comes with a reduction of services," said Ferrer.

"This drive will also let the board know about the outrage over the continued threats to the bus and subway passes to student riders. Even though they have saved this program for one more school year, there is still a long term threat."

James Vacca, Chairman of Ferrer's Quality of Life Council, led the petition. He added, "Nothing affects the quality of life more than the ability of people to go to work on a safe and well run train system that is affordable and right now what is happening is that the MTA is socking it to us.

"This is just the latest in a series of MTA promises that have been broken, said Ferrer. This project is over 18 months delayed and two years delayed in terms of completion, affecting businesses, traffic flow, and some businesses even entertain going out of business because of this uncompleted project," said Ferrer.

The Borough President has assigned this staff to major subway stations in The Bronx to gather signatures against this increase.

The MTA Public Hearing is to be held at Fordham University, Keating Hall, 441 East Fordham Road on Wednesday, September 13, 1995 at 6:00 P.M. The Borough President is urging the public to attend the MTA Public Hearing on this issue.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF A NEW ANTI-CORRUPTION SCHOOL BOARD LAW:

I applaud the passage of the new anti-corruption measure toughening laws against local school board members found guilty of malfeasance.

By barring school board officials from serving again for three years after being removed from office for corrupt practices, we are sending a message that business as usual will no longer be tolerated in New York State public school districts. State Senator Pedro Espada is to be saluted for his role in helping bring about reform as the leading proponent of the new law.

It also will close a long standing loop hole that allowed New York City districts to be exempted from the state's old law which allowed school boards to bar removed members for one year. The new Espada measure places all of the state's school districts under equal scrutiny and extends punishment to three years.

In addition, a three year sanction will be imposed against school board officials convicted of a crime directly related to their duties.

This is a step forward for school reform and for accountability in the governance of our public schools.

FERRER URGES CITY TO CLEAN UP FOR KIDS

Aiming to improve the quality of life for the borough's children, Borough President Fernando Ferrer formally asked the City's parks and Sanitation Commissioners to formulate an action plan addressing the worsening condition of parks, playgrounds and streets in The Bronx.

Despite general improvements in many of the parks and playgrounds, there remain many more in "deplorable condition", according to local Community Board members who participated in a Children's Quality of Life Report conducted by the Borough President's office.

Ferrer showed his commitment to maintaining parks areas earlier this year in his Capital Program for Fiscal Year'96. In that plan he allocated 28.7% of the \$17,592,000 total to the restoration of several park facilities in The Bronx. The Borough President's office is the single biggest funder of Bronx capital projects in parks with an allocation of over \$5 million.

"The condition of parks and streets is a key quality of life issue," Ferrer stressed. "I have urged Commissioner Doherty and Commissioner Stern to investigate the problems that still exist in The Bronx and to provide a plan of action for each area. Together, we can make a difference in the quality of life in our communities."

SUMMER FESTIVAL FILLING THE BRONX WITH MUSIC

A Summer of Festival of Music, The Bronx summer concert series, sponsored by Borough President Fernando Ferrer in cooperation with The Bronx Park Department is going strong in a neighborhood near you, with musical entertainment as diverse as the people who live in our boroughs.

From now through the end of September, the borough wide series offers a varied selection of performers and styles at locations throughout The Bronx.

"These concerts are my way of thanking Bronx residents for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year," said Ferrer. "I hope everyone will enjoy an outgoing with friends and family to the sounds of some great talent."

V. District Manager's Report - John Fratta

John thanked the staff for all their help since he came on board.

John reported that Monday was the Borough Board Budget Consultations. He stated that we met with many agencies. John stated that Fire Department representative informed him that the city is going to remove 95% of Community Board #11's fire alarm boxes. This amounts to 25 boxes in a highly uses area. He stated that he objected to this removal.

John reported that there will be a public hearing on September 25th on Home Depot at 25 Reade Street at 10 A.M.

John reported that \$1,000,000 was taken out of the budget for Zimmerman Playground. He stated that the plans are being revised. He stated that the board needs to resolved the issue of the benches.

John reported that Arnow Avenue going north to Gun Hill Road was made one way tree weeks ago. He stated that he will be having a meeting at 4:00 P.M. on September 27th to resolve this.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development -Emil Eisdorfer/Simeon Goldstein

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Jose Manuel Inc. - 767 Astor Avenue for off-premises beer license (NEW)

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

Passed.

b. Bourbon Street - 1680 Stillwell Avenue for on-premises consumption (NEW)

Simeon stated that he went to this site and was told that they were selling liquor without a license.

Joseph Thompson stated that he had gone to the site, and that there was a sign posted saying closed until further notice.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board #11 take no action on this site at this time.

Passed.

B. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John reported that flags are being stolen from the Parks. He also stated that the Parks Department is using people on Welfare to work in the parks. He stated that they work 20 hours a week. John stated that some are being put on regular staff.

1. Recommendation by Parks Committee on Plans for Zimmerman Reconstruction

John spoke about the meeting that the board had on the reconstruction of Zimmerman Playground. He stated that 40 people were at that meeting, and that they asked that the benches be removed. Tonight the tenants want the benches put back. John stated that thus was a two hour meeting.

Dom suggested that another meeting be set up and a presentation be made at the October meeting.

C. Youth - Linda White

Linda reported that the board sent in its recommendations for youth money, and that the Department of Youth Services changed all our funding recommendations and scores. She stated that the board was opposed to they funding of Music Outreach as its program goes on during school hours. She stated that they were funded in all boroughs.

Aging in America received \$5,000
N.I.D.C. received \$8,625
Bronx Council On The Arts received \$10,000
Morris Park Community Association was defunded
PAL was not recommended and received no funds

Linda reported that the board received a letter restoring \$17,485 in funding. She stated that the directions were not clear. She stated that we are going to split the money and give MPCA \$11,110 Aging in America \$5,00 and NIDC \$5,000.

D. Housing - Leslie McHenry

Leslie stated that the Committee did not meet in September.

Leslie reported that the board had received an invitation to a Mortgage Home Fair on Tuesday.

Leslie reported that she was concerned about the conditions in the housing authority projects. She spoke about Pelham Parkway Houses, where there were two feuding families. She stated that an innocent person was killed. Leslie stated that she would be meeting with representatives from all three housing projects.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ralph Lanzilli

Ralph reported on the Pelham Bay Land fill.

Ralph reported that Borough President Ferrer wants to put up signs that say "Don't Dump In The Bronx".

Dom spoke about recycling as it pertains to holidays. He stated that if your recycling day falls on a holiday you should put it out the next day.

F. Health and Social Services - Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that on November 1st the Fire Department and EMS will merge.

Blanche reported that several years ago Bronx Developmental closed down. She stated that they are now bringing children back there.

Blanche reported that on Thursday, September 28th there will be a reception at the Jack Weiler Hospital from 3-5 P.M. in honor of the new MIR facility.

Blanche reported that Westchester Square Hospital is not affiliated with Montefiore Hospital.

G. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth spoke about Liberty North High School which is located at Mercy College. She stated that it is a high school for new arrivals who do not speak English. She stated that the principal will come to the October meeting to talk about the school.

H. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Silvio Mazzella

Silvio stated that the budget meeting at Fordham University on September 18th was attended by John Fratta, Dom Castore, Linda White and Mary Rogan. He thanked them for attending.

I. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the escalator on White Plains Road. He stated that it is an eyesore.

Rabbi Fuchs

He also stated that there will not be a fare increase on the private buses.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that the Department of Transportation is looking to put parking meters in Community Board #11. He also asked why the meters in front of Jacobi Hospital are in effect until 10:00 P.M.

J. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe reported that there were 3 murders this year, 1 at Loretto Park, 1 at Pelham Parkway Houses and 1 at Side Streets.

Crime Statistics for August 1995.

	1994	1995	%Change
Robbery	58	47	Down 19
Burglary	104	106	Up 18
Grand Larceny Auto	181	139	Down 28.7
Murder	20	1	Down 95
Rape	26	16	Down 38.5

YEAR-TO-DATE

Robbery	517	382	Down 26
Burglary	862	699	Down 19.6
Grand Larceny Auto	1325	956	Down 28.7
Murder	20	1	Down 95
Rape	26	16	Down 38.5

ARRESTS

Robbery	26	16	Down 38.5
Burglary	5	10	Up 50
Grand Larceny Auto	22	9	Down 59.1
Murder	1	0	Down 100
Rape	2	0	Down 200

Total Felonies	465	445	Down 4.4
Total Complaints	2913	1205	Down 58.6

K. Other

Dom stated that the board was not able to have a table at the Shalom Pelham Parkway Festival this year. He stated that we will try to have one next year if we have volunteers.

VIII. Old Business

Linda White spoke about the Van Nest area and the problems they are having with rats and burglaries.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko (HL)

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1995

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(0)(4)	David Leavitt	(1)(4)
Dominic Castore	(0)(6)	Silvio Mazzella	(0)(0)
John Cifichiello	(0)(0)	Leslie McHenry	(0)(1)
Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez	(0)(7)	Joseph Milone	(1)(8)
Priscilla Crowell	(0)(4)	Frank Muccioli	(1)(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(0)(3)	Hazel Miura	(0)(1)
Patrick Dolan	(0)(5)	Seymour Ostroga	(0)(0)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(0)(8)	Robert Potter	(0)(5)
Harain Figueroa	(1)(3)	Joseph Reda	(0)(6)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)(7)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)(3)
Rhoda Gogatz	(0)(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(2)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)(1)	Mark Shkreli	(0)(3)
Milagros Guzman	(1)(1)	Joseph Thompson	(1)(0)
Ralph Lanzilli	(0)(7)	Linda White	(0)(5)
Gerald Launer	(0)(7)		

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(2)(13)	William Ricevuto	(2)(6)
Mario Fanelli	(1)(4)	Mary Rogan	(0)(6)
Laura Fischman	(2)(5)	Patrick Torney	(2)(7)
Kenneth Gelnick	(1)(5)	Robert Torres	(2)(10)
Dexter Hendon	(2)(2)	Mordachai Twersky	(2)(4)
Lori Motta	(2)(7)	Elaine Weisbrot	(1)(0)
Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)(0)	Lisa Winters	(2)(6)
Pat Quaranta	(1)(4)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager - Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board #11
R.B. Lawrence - Representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer
Xiomara Chang - Bronx Office of City Planning
P.O. Nick Stanich - 49th Precinct Community Affairs
Jerry Maline - Bronx District Attorney's Office

*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from August 1995 meeting including Public Hearings
Numbers in **BOLD** denotes absences from September 1994 - June 1995