



**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX  
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**Dominic Castore  
Chairman**

**Fernando Ferrer  
Borough President**

**John Fratta  
District Manager**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1997

**COMMITTEES**

IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

- 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 7:28 PM by Gerald Launer, First Vice Chairperson.

I Gallery Session

a. Lorraine Mosley

Ms. Mosley stated that she was a nurse at the Durso Pavilion and has been there for 15 years. She stated that she was here tonight seeking support for contract job security to prevent the replacement of licensed RNs with assistant personnel. Ms. Mosley stated that the staffing levels in some areas is inadequate and, to replace the nurses would be dangerous to the patients.

b. Roger Thompson - Department of Environmental Conservation

Mr. Thompson reported that there are only 3 officers assigned to the Bronx. He also spoke about the new Bond Act, and stated that \$1 billion is being slated for enforcement. Mr. Thompson left booklets for community members on the Bond Act and other issues.

Mr. Thompson spoke about Camp for Kids. He said that the kids would be taught to be more environmentally sound.

c. Bob Weber & Amy Chalfy - GAZE

Mr. Weber stated that they were seeking sponsorship of a Senior Center at Perked Houses. He stated that they would offer services for the elderly. Mr. Weber stated that Beth Abraham is no longer interested in continuing their sponsorship and their contract expires on June 30, 1997.

Amy Chalfy stated that they were a City-wide agency located in the Bronx. Ms. Chalfy stated that they would offer counseling services, homecare and special performance services. Ms. Chalfy stated that all workers

were social workers. She stated that more than 60 were Jewish adults and over 70 were Latinos who only speak spanish.

Ms. Chalfy stated that GAZE would be the main sponsor with other agencies such as Beth Abraham for Health and the Institute for Puerto Rican and Spanish speaking adults for Latinos.

Ms. Chalfy stated that the main reason they were here tonight was to inform the community of their plans.

Discussion took place on whether GAZE would keep the staff that is in place not. Ms. Chalfy said that they would like to retain those workers if possible. She also stated that the meals would be Glat Kosher.

## II. Guest Speaker

Alfonse Artongolia - NYC Campaign Finance Board

Mr. Artongolia stated that the 1997 election for the municipal officers of the city of New York including, Mayor, Comptroller, Borough President and City Council is fast approaching.

Mr. Artongolia said that anyone running for or thinking of running for one of these offices or helping someone running for one of these offices you may consider joining the Campaign Finance programs. He stated that the Campaign Finance program is a voluntary program which is administered by the Campaign Finance Board. Mr. Artongolia said that the program has 3 main goals:

1. increase and enhance public disclosure by requiring candidates to file detailed disclosure reports
2. to reduce the influence of special interest groups by placing reasonable limits on campaign contributions
3. make campaigns more competitive.

Mr. Artongolia stated that by placing these contribution limits and by administering public matching funds to candidates so that they can run a more competitive race. Mr. Artongolia said that in order to join the program you must certify it by April 30th of this year. Once you have certified with the board and shown that you are a serious candidate the program can supplement your fund raising efforts with public funds. He also stated that to meet the requirements you must have a minimum amount of contributions from a minimum number of city residents. Mr. Artongolia went into detail as to what would be needed by a candidate running for City Council. He also stated that 2 debates are now required. Mr. Artongolia reported that the Campaign Finance Board published a New York City Voter Guide. He stated that the Voter Guide is mailed to every registered voters home. Anyone wishing more information can call 212 306-7131.

### III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Annette Marchitello, Seconded by Priscilla Crowell - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed.

### IV. District Manager's Report - John A Fratta

John reported that he had spoken to DOT on the Zebra stripes. He stated that they are committed to making that area into an island. John said that they will be removing the Zebra stripes when the weather gets warmer.

John reported on the problems the community has been having with tickets issued by Queens Enforcement. He stated that NYPD Enforcement from Queens doesn't listen to any agreements that the board and DOT in the Bronx have reached. He stated that he would have an answer tomorrow.

### V. Treasurer's Report - Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that there were no major changes, therefore a report was not prepared.

### VI. Borough President's Report - Linda Loeb

The following report was given to the Secretary:

1. **FERRER SAYS GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SHORTCHANGES CITY**
2. **FERRER'S SOLID WASTE PLAN CALLED VERY SOUND**
3. **BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING MAYOR GIULIANI'S PROPOSED BUDGET**
4. **THE BRONX IS TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS, SAYS FERRER**
5. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

African-American History Celebration - Thursday, February 20, 1997 at Hostos College - 6-8pm  
Dominican Heritage Celebration - Thursday, February 27, 1997 at Hostos community College - 6-8pm  
Women's History Celebration - Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 851 Grand Concourse - 10am

### VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Development and Budget Requests - Silvio Mazzella

1. Board comments on the FY'98 Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget proposed by the Mayor

Discussion took place on the responses that the board received to its budget requests.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Elaine Weisbrot - That Community Board #11 send a letter to Mayor Giuliani on the responses received to our budget requests, indicating the priorities that we feel must be included in the budget.

Passed

B. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses - Joseph Thompson

1. Side Streets Back Street - 1330 Blondell Avenue for on-premises consumption (NEW) (catering facility)

Joe reported that this had been tabled from the last meeting. He stated that he made a site visit and they have their license.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the SLA complaining about the system whereby licenses are issued before the board has an opportunity to comment.

Amended by Emil Eisdorfer to include that a letter be sent to our State Legislatures that the board would like input before a license is issued.

Passed.

2. Margo's Place Restaurant - 730 Astor Avenue for on-premises beer license (NEW)

After some discussion on this location and the fact that an underage teen was seen behind the counter a Motion was made to table.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 table the vote on this license, and that a letter be sent informing the owner that no one under 21 can serve liquor.

Passed.

3. Maestro's Caterers - 1703 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board #11 notify the SLA that it has no objections to the renewal of this license.

Passed.

4. Zoo Terrace Buffet - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

5. English Pub - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

6. Staff Dining Room - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

7. Wild Asia - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Emil Eisdorfer and Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board #11 notify the SLA that it has no objections to the renewal of these licenses.

Passed.

C. Housing - Leslie McHenry

Leslie reported that she would be scheduling a meeting with Eastchester Gardens. She also reported that there was an encounter with Pelham Parkway Houses thanks to John Fratta and Assemblyman Jeff Klein. Leslie stated that it was a joint venture. Leslie stated that the attendance at this meeting was poor which showed a lack of creditability on the part of Pelham Parkway Houses.

Leslie spoke about the deregulation of public housing. She said that a cap of 30% was proposed by the 104th Congress. Leslie stated that the 105th Congress want to regulate it. She stated that they plan to lobby in Washington. Leslie reported that the vacancy of rent stabilized housing is at 5% instead of 9%.

John stated that someone from the Housing Authority has been asked to attend the District Service Cabinet meeting on Wednesday to answer our questions. Leslie stated that at the next board meeting she would have information from the DSC meeting.

John reported that a Borough Service Cabinet meeting has been called by the Borough President by the request of himself and other District Managers. John stated that NYCHA feels that they do not have to respond to the tenants, District Managers or elected officials. He also reported that Mr. Levine, from Housing walked out on a meeting he attended, and would not come back until after I left. John stated that he filed a complaint about Mr. Levine.

D. Health and Social Services - John Fratta

John announced that the Bronx Health and Human Service Coalition has merged with Our Lady of Mercy. He stated that there

will be a meeting at Our Lady of Mercy on February 25th from 6-8 pm, and they are asking for participants.

E. Education and Culture - Robert Potter

Bob reported on the School Board meeting he attended on February 4th regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 1998. He also reported that new "reform" legislation was passed in Albany on December 18th which refines the roles of the Community School Board Members, Superintendents and Chancellors in New York City. Bob stated that this bill was driven by the Chancellor's needed for greater empowerment and influence over schools. The new bill takes power away from parents.

F. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John read from literature received from Borough President Ruth Messinger. He also reported that thank to Councilman Michael DeMarco \$190,000 was secured in Council funds to repave paths and curbs in Pelham Bay Park along with another \$1555,000 for additional work on the park paths.

G. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs reported on complaints about the Stop sign put out by school buses when they stop. He stated that there is a law that cars cannot pass a school bus when it has the Stop sign out. He asked that a letter be sent to the bus companies about this..

John stated that he this should go to the police, and that he would bring it up.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that a representative from DOT was suppose to be at tonight's meeting. He stated that Chester Civic Association had agreed to get petitions from the homeowners concerning No Parking signs for Pelham Parkway North Service Road. He asked that someone from DOT be at the next Board meeting.

Rabbi Fuchs reported on the Boston Road Project, anyone having complaints should call the Board office.

John Cifichiello reported that May 3rd is the official opening of the Edith Haupt Conservatory of the Botanical Garden. He stated that everyone is invited.

John Fratta spoke about the closing of the in-patient pediatric unit at Einstein Hospital as of April 1st.

A Motion was made by Dexter Hendon, Seconded by Leslie McHenry  
- That Community Board #11 hold a public hearing at the March meeting regarding the closing of the in-patient pediatric unit at Einstein Hospital, and that we invite the people from Montefiore to this meeting.

Passed.

H. Public Safety

Crime Statistics for January

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Robbery	58	48	+ 17.24
Burglary	66	72	- 8.33
G.L.A.	132	137	- 3.65
Murder	1	1	-----
Rape	3	1	+200.00

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Arrests

Robbery	18	18	-----
Burglary	11	9	+ 18.18
G.L.A.	4	2	+ 50.00
Murder	1	1	+100.00
Rape	1	0	+100.00

Total Felonies	356	343	+ 3.45
Total Complaints	994	1003	- 0.09

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Burko* (H2)

Ruth Burko,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 1997

PRESENT

James Cernera	(2) (0)	Annette Marchitello	(4) (0)
John Cifichiello	(2) (4)	Silvio Mazzella	(0) (0)
Priscilla Crowell	(3) (8)	Leslie McHenry	(0) (3)
Patrick Dolan	(2) (5)	Hazel Miura	(1) (4)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(6) (5)	Seymour Ostroga	(0) (0)
Mauro Fanelli	(2) (2)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0) (1)
Harain Figueroa	(1) (5)	Robert Potter	(1) (2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1) (3)	Mark Shkreli	(2) (3)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0) (5)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0) (3)
Dexter Hendon	(4) (5)	Joseph Thompson	(0) (1)
Gerald Launer	(3) (7)	Elaine Weisbrot	(2) (6)
David Leavitt	(1) (3)	Lisa Winters	(5) (4)

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(2) (8)	Joseph Reda	(7) (4)
Dominic Castore	(4) (0)	William Ricevuto	(8) (7)
Anthony DelGaudio	(4) (5)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(8) (4)
Rhoda Gogatz	(6) (2)	Maritza Rodriguez	(8) (0)
Joseph Milone	(3) (2)	Linda White	(7) (1)
Pat Quaranta	(6) (7)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbie Locascio - Representing Senator Guy Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary  
Linda Loeb, Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office

GUESTS

Alfonse Artonaglia - NYC Campaign Finance Board

\*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from September 1996 including public hearings.  
Number in **BOLD** denotes absences from August 1995 through June 1996 including public hearings.