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COMMITTEES MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1997

Community Development & Budget Priorities

IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

Economic Development

Education & Culture

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

Health & Social Services

Highways, Traffic & Transportation

I. Land Use

Housing

Land Use

a. Presentation on TA building

Parks & Playgrounds

Public Safety

1. Tom Savage of the MTA

Sanitation & Environmental Protection

Mr. Savage spoke about the 3 options the MTA had in regard to parking for the new police building. They were:

Youth Services Planning

1. Parking at rear of building
2. Utilizing city property across the street
3. Angle parking on 180th Street

Mr. Savage stated that cost of providing parking would run between 1.5 to 2.1 million dollars.

Mr. Savage introduced John Goonan, construction; Franz Salensky, Engineering; Lenard Garrett, Government Affairs and Inspector Anscik of Bronx Transit.

Dom stated that while the board was in favor of the concept, they felt that parking was needed.

Mr. Savage stated that there was no provision for additional parking in the plans. He stated that there are presently 40 parking spots, and that there is parking on 180th Street. Mr. Savage stated that the TA and the Police Department are willing to work with the community and the Department of Traffic on parking.

Mr. Salensky spoken about the TA's obstacles:

1. Elevated structure
2. Slopping site

3. rocks pose major obstacle

Joe Thompson suggested that they speak with DOT.

John reported that the City Council would be holding a public hearing on this transfer of city property. He stated that they may amended to include parking.

A great deal of discussion took place on different lots that might be used for parking.

Mr. Savage stated that the MTA and the police would go to bat for anything.

Dom stated that the MTA has no money for parking.

2. Georginna Socodatto - Morris Park Local Development Corporation

Ms. Soccodaoto stated that she has no objects to a precinct in our community, but this is TA police. She stated that unless parking is provided we don't need this building. She also asked that if the TA agrees to provide parking that it be in writing.

b. C970565 PPX - In the matter of an application submitted by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the disposition of one (1) city-owned property located at the northwest junction of the Hutchinson River Parkway and the Metro North railroad tracks (Block 4411, Lot 299) pursuant to zoning.

A public hearing was held on this application prior to the start of the meeting. Xoamira Chang of City Planning explained that this property is located on the property of United Cerebral Palsy property and is only 15 feet X 272 feet. She also stated that access to this property can only be gained by going through UCP's property.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 recommend that the City sell this property to UCP for a token amount of money.

Motion passed with 1 abstention by Priscilla Crowell.

II. Gallery Session

a. Cesare Passudetti - Allerton Branch library

Mr. Passudetti reported that the branch budget for books, Videos and CDs has been doubled from \$35,000 to \$70,000. He thanked the board for its continued support.

b. Dorrie Castro - representing DeWitt Group

Ms. Castro spoke about the litter in front of 2988 Morgan Avenue near Dr. Gross' office. She stated that hypodermic needles were found there as well as garbage. Ms. Castro stated that pruning is also a problem.

Ms. Castro also spoke about 2959 Morgan Avenue, a private home with a rental apartment. She stated that there is traffic there at all hours of the day and night.

Ms. Castro thanked John Fratta for getting the triangle at East Gun Hill Road and DeWitt Place cleaned and swept.

Ms. Castro reported that DeWitt Place would be closed on Saturdays and Sundays in July for the children to play.

Ms. Castro spoke about the block busting that is going on. She also spoke about the illegal dumping and washing of trucks at 1386 Gun Hill Road, Angelo's Fish Market.

c. Gloria Mangual - Vice President, Pelham Parkway Houses

Ms. Mangual invited the board to the Third Annual Pelham Parkway Block Party on June 28th.

d. Mabel Ostroga

Mabel reported that Seymour was in a cast and a wheelchair. She read from a letter Seymour had written. She also spoke about the Walk/Don't Walk signs that change to fast and do not give pedestrians enough time to cross the street.

III. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom spoke about the fact that the other boards have been having fund raisers which enable the board to have extra money to purchase anything that they need. He named the following people to the Fund Rasing Committee: Joseph Thompson, Rhoda Gogatz, Annette Marchitello and Dominick DeProsopo, Chairman.

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

John reported that the boards are getting \$18,500 restored to their budget. He stated that this is part of the money that the Mayor took away. John stated that this was due to Councilwoman June Eisland and the Bronx Delegation of Councilmembers and District Managers.

John reported that the lease for the new office has been signed. He stated that we are waiting for the architect to be approved.

Borough Consultation

John reported that Agendas for the Consultations had been sent to Chairpersons of the committees whose Agencies we wish to meet with. He asked that they be filled out and that everyone come to the consultations.

Block Busting

John reported that the Housing Committee would be setting up a meeting to deal with block busting. He stated that the Human Rights Commission and Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein would be involved. John asked anyone being solicited to contact the board.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the numbers had not changed from last month. All the money has been used.

VI. Borough President's Report - Linda Loeb

As the report was lengthy Linda submitted to Harriet.

1. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER PROTECTS CHILDREN
2. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER PRAISES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL
3. FERRER UNVEILED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998
4. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FY'98 CAPITAL PROJECTS

V. Committee Reports

A. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick

1. Transfer of City-owned property, Block 4015 Lot 1 to the MTA for New Transit District Headquarters.

Discussion took place by several board members.

Linda White stated that she was speaking for the Van Nest Community. She stated that TA police are official police, and the Van Nest area needs the TA.

Discussion took place on cars parking in bus stops. It was stated that the MTA could not be trusted as they have made promises in past that they have not lived up to. Discussion also took place on the fact that the TA officers have often looked the other way when a crime was going on.

Thomas Lucania spoke about pulling this.

John said that if this is turned down the TA Police will be lost to our community as they will go to another board.

Several forms of a Motion were made. The final Motion was: Motion by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Joseph Thompson - That Community Board #11 approve the transfer of this property to the MTA for the New Transit District Headquarters on condition that the MTA meet with a subcommittee of the board and push for parking.

Rhoda asked that it include that the MTA guarantee parking for additional cars, and that the guarantee to maintain the area.

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting in favor were:

Joseph Carozza, Dominic Castore, John Cifichiello, Priscilla Crowell, Anthony DelGaudio, Dominick DeProspero, Patrick Dolan, Emilian Eisdorfer, Mauro Fanelli, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Kenneth Gelnick, Rhoda Gogatz, David Leavitt, Thomas Lucania, Annette Marchitello, Silvio Mazzella, Leslie McHenry, Joseph Milone, Dr. Mahendra Patel, Vincent Prezioso, Joseph Reda, William Ricevuto, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Joseph Thompson and Linda White.

Marilyne Jamieson Abstained.

The vote was 27 for and 1 abstention.

B. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

1. Request for angle parking on Bronxwood Avenue between Williamsbridge Road and Allerton Avenue

Letter was sent requesting this.

2. Request for no meters and Alternate Side Parking on Bronxwood Avenue between Williamsbridge Road and Allerton Avenue

A Motion was made by Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Transportation stating that we approve the request for no meters and Alternate Side Parking on Bronxwood Avenue between Williamsbridge Road and Allerton Avenue based on DOT's doing a safety study.

Unanimously passed.

3. Request by the Department of Transportation for site selection of bus stop shelters, computers, newsstands and self-cleaning automatic public toilets.

A great deal of discussion took place on this request. John reported that the office had sent out requests for sites. He stated that only the Morris Park Local Development Corporation and

the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association had responded with bus shelter sites .

A Motion was made by Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 go on record as only approving the request for bus shelter sites as received from the Morris Park Local Development Corporation and the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association.

Unanimously passed.

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the bus stops that were placed in front of Courtesy Lincoln on Boston Road. He stated that no city bus or Westchester bus stops there.

John stated that he had spoken with Carl Stryker about getting it moved. He stated that Carl said that it was a problem because the had installed a bus pad.

Rabbi Fuchs asked that Commissioner Lynn be invited to the September board meeting. He also spoke about the Right Turn permitted on red after stop sign that is missing on Stillwell Avenue

C. Economic Development - Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. M & E Deli Inc. d/b/a B & G Deli - 772 Allerton Avenue for on-premises beer consumption (RENEWAL)

b. Peacock Pavilion - Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Emil Eisdorfer - That Community Board #11 notify the State Liquor Authority that we have no objections to the renewal of these licenses.

Unanimously passed.

c. Park Billiards - 2020 White Plains Road for on-premises beer consumption (NEW)

Discussion took place on this site.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Marilyne Jamieson - That Community Board #11 notify the State Liquor Authority that it has no objections to the granting of this license.

Passed with 1 against by Emil Eisdorfer

District Manager's Report cont. - John Fratta

Street Activity Permit Applications

1. Application by Annette Schmit to close Westervelt Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues on Mace Avenue with a rain date of August 24th from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.

2. Application by P.O. Raymond Burke to close Narragansett Avenue between Rhinelander and Lakewood Avenues on August 31st, with no rain date from 12:00 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Mauro Fanelli
-That Community Board #11 notify the Street Activity Permit Office that it has no objections to the granting of these street closings.

Passed.

D. Health and Social Services - Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Jacobi Medical Center Burn Unit has been listed as the best in the state.

Blanche asked that the board send a letter to Health and Hospital Corporation requesting money for the enlargement of the Emergency Room at Jacobi.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz and Linda White - That Community Board #11 send a letter to Health and Hospital Corporation requesting money for the enlargement of the Emergency Room at Jacobi Medical Center.

Unanimously passed.

Blanche read from a letter she received from Spencer Forman concerning Montefiore's affiliation with Jacobi, North Central Bronx and Rikers Island. She stated that Montefiore will not remove its people until another contract is in effect.

Blanche reported that William Goulden of Jacobi Substance Abuse has contacted her about a committee meeting. She stated that the committee will be meeting in the fall to discuss increased surveillance.

Blanche reported that the rehabilitation center at Bronx Psychiatric Center has been closed for three years. She stated that it will reopen in the Spring.

Blanche announced that on June 28th there will be a Van Nest Street Fair.

E. Housing - Leslie McHenry

Priscilla Crowell invited everyone to Eastchester Day, to be held at the Eastchester Gardens Houses on July 26th from 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. She stated that there would be entertainment.

Leslie reported that the Housing Committee would be meeting on the issue of block busting.

F. Parks and Recreation - John Cifichiello

John reported that he had attended the dedication of Ives Street with John Fratta. He discussed the ceremony and its light side.

Rhoda spoke about the Shalom Pelham Parkway Festival. She asked about getting an attendant stationed at the toilets to see that they are kept clean. She asked that when the letter to Parks is sent that it contain the request for an attendant.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Anthony DelGaudio

Tony reported that the Cleanliness report was submitted and would be included in the Minutes.

Percentage of Acceptably Clean Streets May 1997

	May 1997	April 1997	May 1996
Bronx	80.5	74.9	75.5
Citywide	83.4	83.1	81.4
Bronx	91.2	85.2	91.6
Citywide	89.1	89.4	88.6

H. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe apologized to those people who did not receive invitations to the 49th Precinct Breakfast.

Crime Stats for May 1997

	1997	1996	% Change
Robbery	41	54	-24.07
Burglary	74	68	+ 8.11
G.L.A.	87	102	-14.71
Murder	1	1	-----
Rape	2	3	-33.33
YEAR-TO-DATE			
Robbery	222	229	- 3.06
Burglary	281	347	-19.02
G.L.A.	486	563	-13.68

Murder	4	4	-----
Rape	15	9	+40.00

ARRESTS

Robbery	17	32	-46.88
Burglary	5	5	-----
G.L.A.	7	9	-22.22
Murder	3	0	+100.00
Rape	0	3	-100.00
Total Felonies	311	332	- 6.33
Total Complaints	887	874	+ 1.47

Rhoda expressed her appreciation to Joe for the Breakfast which was a success.

J. Youth - Linda White

Linda reported that Con Edison is once again offering Yankee tickets the dates are 8/1, 8/12 and 8/29. The tickets are for 15 children and 3 adults. Call (718) 877-7481 after 2 P.M. Anyone needing further information should call the board office.

Linda reported that the NY Yankees are giving Scholarship Leader Awards of \$500 to each of 5 groups 2-21.

Linda reported that on June 10th she had attended a meeting of the Youth Chairs. She stated that 10-16 million dollars is going back into the budget for youth. Linda reported that we had not received our Fair Share allocation yet. She stated that we did get 4 concept papers from Youth Services. She stated that there are 4 RFPs \$1 million for 5 boroughs.

Linda reported that there would be another meeting of the Youth Chairs in October.

Linda reported that there would be a Fair on Saturday from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Van Nest Park. She also reported that there would be new gates and a sign put up, and that the park would be locked at 8 P.M.

J. Election of Officers - Joseph Milone

Dom reported that the board had received a letter from Gerald Launer, that due to personal obligations he has to step down as First Vice Chairman. Dom suggested that since Leslie McHenry has been attending to the functions of the First Vice Chairman, that she become First Chairman.

Rhoda Gogatz nominated Leslie McHenry for First Vice Chairperson, Seconded by Madeline Saltaformaggio.

Passed.

At this point Leslie declined the position of Second Vice Chairperson.

In the absence of the Secretary Rhoda made the following Motion:

That the Board cast one vote for the Slate as proposed.

Joe asked for nominations for the position of Second Vice Chairman.

Joseph Reda nominated Thomas Lucania for Second Vice Chairman, and Dominick DeProspro seconded the nomination,

Thomas Lucania accepted the nomination.

Leslie McHenry nominated Joseph Milone for Second Vice Chairman, and Rabbi Fuchs seconded the nomination.

Joseph Milone accepted the nomination.

Ballots were distributed and collected.

The vote was: Thomas Lucania 19, Joseph Milone 5 and 1 abstention by Rhoda Gogatz.

Those voting in favor of Thomas Lucania were: Joseph Carozza, John Cifichiello, Priscilla Crowell, Anthony DelGaudio, Mauro Fanelli, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Kenneth Gelnick, Marilynne Jamieson, Thomas Lucania, Annette Marchitello, Silvio Mazzella, Dr. Mahendra Patel, Vincent Prezioso, Joseph Reda, William Ricevuto, Blanche Rifkin, Madeline Saltaformaggio and Linda White.

Those voting in favor of Joseph Milone were: Dominic Castore, James Cerner, Dominick DeProspro, Leslie McHenry and Joseph Milone.

K. Employee Relations

1. Increase in salary for John A. Fratta, District Manager; Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide; Harriet Lasky, Community Associate and Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:40 P.M. and returned to business at 10:45 P.M.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Ggatz, Seconded by Linda White - That Community Board #11 give salary increases to its staff as requested.

Unanimously passed.

VIII. New Business

Bill Ricevuto spoke about the problems on the Dyre Avenue #2 and #5 lines. He stated that this line has the oldest trains in NYC. Bill stated that the air conditioning does not work, the #5 train at 238th Street and the #2 train at 24st Street run every 15 minutes. He asked that a letter be sent to the TA requesting consideration in obtaining the new cars.

A Motion was made by Bill Ricevuto, Seconded by Linda White - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the TA requesting that when the new cars arrive that we be considered for them.

Passed.

Vincent Prezioso spoke about Home Depot and the traffic on Vance to Ely. He asked that a letter be sent to the 49th Precinct.

There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,
Secretary