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- Education & Culture
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- Public Safety
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- Youth

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998 IN THE
PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM 2 OF
CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Annie Klein/Vincent Lorenzo – Board of Elections

Ms. Klein stated that he was here tonight to recruit people for Election Day. She stated that those who meet the requirement will be paid \$130.00, \$25.00 for training classes and \$35.00 for Election Day. This is tax-free money. Ms. Klein stated that she would leave applications for anyone who is interested.

B. Sal Macagnone - Bronxchester Little League and Babe Ruth League

Mr. Macagnone thanked the Board for its support with problems the League had with the Department of Environmental Protection. He stated that they have played at Bronx State since 1969. Last year a truck came to survey the sewer tanks to be put in. With the help of the Community Board and the elected officials we were able to back them off. Mr. Macagnone stated that in the past ten years the City of New York, Con Ed, Parks Department and the New York Transit System have helped Little Leagues build and upgrade ball fields at Gun Hill Rod, Zerega Avenue, Pelham Bay and Kips Bay. At the present time the complex at Co-op City is being upgraded. We cheer this. We think its great. We want to see Little League baseball survive. We want to see all these complexes built. We just read in the newspapers that \$100,000 is being allocated for a ball field in Pelham Parkway. These fields all include rest rooms, concession stands, storage areas and lights for night baseball. He stated that sometimes electricity is included. He stated that he was here to ask that the City help us out in getting this property deeded to the Little League. He stated that there are 500 children in the league.

C. John Cummings – Seminole Avenue Residents Association

Mr. Cummings stated that he was here tonight to speak about Seminole Avenue between Morris Park and Narragansett Avenues. Mr. Cummings stated that this is the most heavily traveled residential street. There are no Stop signs for 3/10 of a mile. He also stated that he was requesting that a full Stop sign to be installed on Seminole and Narragansett Avenue. He was also requested that a Speed Bump be installed between Rhinelander and Narragansett Avenues. Mr. Cummings stated that this is a two-way street and cars speed down at 55 MPH. Mr. Cummings stated that residents cannot back out of their driveways for fear of being hit.

John stated that he would put in the request for a Stop sign tomorrow. He stated that the Board would need a petition from the homeowners for a Speed Bump. Mr. Cummings stated that Jacobi had spent a great deal of money on oversized Stop signs inside the complex, but the Stop sign at the back gate is hidden. He stated that he would like to see a large one there, and that he would also like to see a marked crosswalk.

D. Al Corcillo

Mr. Corcillo stated that he was here tonight to talk about the school additions being done at P.S. 108. He stated that there will be 21 classrooms and they need to have proper plumbing. Mr. Corcillo stated that there are 4 trailers at P.S. 108. Also there are 4 great casement for sess pools. Mr. Corcillo stated that liquid waste would come out the holes. He asked that somebody go out and make an on-site inspection.

E. Mabel Ostroga

Ms. Ostroga stated that the neighborhood is changing, and not for the better. She spoke about a car being parking in front of her house.

John told her to call the office.

II. Minutes

Correction by Dr. Mahendra Patel

Dr. Patel stated that on page 8 it should have a representative from Jacobi Hospital was not present to discuss the trailers. Also in the Housing Committee report his name was misspelled.

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Board #11 accept the Minutes as corrected.

Unanimously passed.

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom stated that he was working on the committee lists. He stated that he would see about one committee per person. Dom asked any one who cannot attend meeting to let us know in advance.

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

John reported about the problems at Cruger and Bronxdale that is named after Regis Philbin. John stated that the homeowner is 87-year-old woman with a large property and 2 large houses. He stated that the weeds need to be cut. John stated that he contacted the Department of Probation which as a program where people arrested for minor crimes do community service. He stated that an appointment was set up for them to clean the site and was cancelled 3 times because Regis Philbin wanted to film it. John stated that Regis did not show up. John stated that the Department of Health baited the area and the Department of Sanitation removed the garbage. John stated that the Department of Probation is looking for more jobs. He stated that they just need the homeowners consent.

Vinny asked if they would do this for the elderly. John stated that they would for a one shot deal, but not on a regular basis.

John reported that he attended a meeting about P.S. 108 last week with the Morris Park Association to explain about P.S. 108 and P.S. 83. He stated that only a few people showed up.

Annette Marchitello stated that this was because no one knew about the meeting.

STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT APPLICATIONS

1. Annette Schmid– Application to close Westervelt Avenue on August 22nd between Mace and Allerton Avenues from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M
2. Robert & Susanne Knapp – Application to close Lurting Avenue between Neill and Rhinelander Avenues on August 29th from 11 A.M. to 11 P.M.

John stated that he contacted the 49th Precinct and they had no objections to either of these street closings.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Dom DeProspero – That Community Board #11 notify the Street Activity Permit Office that it has no objections to the granting of these street closing application.

Passed.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio thanked Harriet for the updated reports.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. B.I.D. on White Plains Road North of Pelham Parkway

Joe reported that he and Rhoda had attended a meeting with the White Plains Road merchants and they have no problem with Pelham Parkway joining them. He stated that Pelham

Parkway North is starting to come together with the help of Ann Lindsey.

Rhoda asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ann Lindsey. She stated that she found out at the luncheon that the merchants on the South side of Pelham Parkway did not know that the merchants on Pelham Parkway North wanted to join their B.I.D. She stated that she was glad that it was going to happen and thanked everyone for their help.

B. Land Use – John Fratta

John reported that the Mayor wants to propose a referendum to do away with the Borough President, Public Advocate and community board say in U.L.U.R.P. items. He stated that the Board needs to take a stand. John stated that anyone wanting to speak should call the Board office.

Rhoda Gogatz stated that the Board should pass a motion stating its objection to this referendum.

Marilyne Jamieson stated that the Board needs to take a strong stand.

Dom told John to send the information to all the Board members.

C. Health and Social Services – Hazel Miura

Hazel reported that the Committee had met last night. She stated that the Minutes had been Submitted. Hazel stated that finally, last night someone from Jacobi came to speak about the trailers. Hazel stated that Arthur Wagner stated that 12 of the 27 trailers have been removed. She stated that the others are in use.

D. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Anthony DelGaudio

Tony reported that the cleanliness of our area has gone up. It was 74.9% in April of 1997 and 88.5% in April of 1998. The cleanliness of sidewalks went from 85.2 in 1997 to 92.6% in 1998. Tony reported that 2754 Mickle Avenue was cleaned.

E. Education and Culture – Hazel Miura

Hazel reported that the Minutes of the June meeting on P.S. 108 had been distributed. Hazel Reported that P.S. 96 is going to be closed in the summer. She stated that they have a summer food program that will end on 7/6/98.

Linda White stated that she had received information from the food program that other schools would be open.

Rhoda stated that not enough children are being notified that these food programs are available. She asked that the Board send a letter to the School District 11 asking that the parents and the Board be notified in advance of these programs and the changes.

Vinny spoke about the shooting at Loretto Park. He stated that it took place at 1:30 in the morning. Vinny stated that one car was lost. There were 3 arrest. The shooting involved Italians and Albanians. Vinny stated that Loretto Park should be closed at 9:00 P.M.

Linda asked about police coverage for July 4th. John stated that the Captain would take care of it.

J. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that there was a Youth meeting on Monday. She stated that letters were sent to 6 groups asking what they are doing with the money they have received. Linda stated that 4 of the groups showed up. She stated that not all of the groups have programs in all areas. Linda stated that most are in Allerton. Linda stated that 2 groups have not responded. If they do not respond we are asking that they be defunded and the money given to other groups. Linda stated that she was told that the committee should not go to the programs, but do a phone evaluation. Linda stated that one program has never answered their phones, and they received \$27,000.

Linda stated that one of the programs is Panel of Americans, Bronx Jewish Council got \$3,000. Where is the program? Bronx Council program runs from 9:00 to 1, Aging in America 8-12

Linda reported that the YMCA is getting \$25,000 for a program in boards 9, 10 and 11. She stated that we have no say as to who gets money. Linda reported that \$578,000 was spent Community Board #11.

Annette Marchitello said that the Borough President's office should be called about this.

Rhoda reported that the YMCA has 105 programs and a scholarship for summer camp.

Linda reported that there is a camp at Castle Hill Avenue for teens. They to get to Castle Hill Avenue to participate.

Linda reported that Mr. Casano of the YMCA is willing to sit down and talk to us. Linda reported that Aging in America has a basketball program in the winter. She stated that there are 3 teams and the cost is \$12. Linda stated that there is a waiting list.

Linda reported that \$2900 was added to every program. She stated that not one of our groups got this money even though it says they got it. Linda stated that the money must be used before July 1. Linda stated that the employees from these programs have not been paid.

Dom asked what the board could do about it.

Gerald Launer stated that the board should ask the Comptroller's Office to keep us abreast of the audit.

Linda reported that there are 18 schools are offering Breakfast and Lunch. She stated that some programs would run until September. Linda stated that flyers and posters were given to the schools. Linda stated the P.S. 89 would be open all summer.

Linda reported that we need the summer bus sheets returned to the office after the trip.

VII. Borough President's Report – Maria Centana

As the report was long Maria gave it to the Secretary.

1. BRONX WEEK '98: A CELEBRATION OF AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY, DIVERSITY'S, STRENGTHS, AND NYC'S CENTENNIAL
2. FERRER TO CITY HALL: TEAR DOWN THE WALL
3. FERRER DEBUTS BUDGET PLANS
4. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERRER PLANS STRATEGIES AGAINST 50% BUDGET CUTS
5. FERRER DEFENDS REMEDIAL COURSES AT CUNY'S SENIOR COLLEGES
6. FERRER SAYS PERSONALITIES CLASH UNFAIR TO HHC WORKERS
7. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUES A STATEMENT REGARDING A STADIUM REFERENDUM
8. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUES A STATEMENT REGARDING THE NYC PARENT ORGANIZING CONSORTIUM
9. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER CONVENES CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE
10. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER CELEBRATES THE BASICS
11. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER PROMOTES CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE AT THE FLAGS SCHOOL
12. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER BONDS WITH ISRAEL
13. FERRER HOSTS AIDS & ADOLESCENCE CONFERENCE: "EMPOWERING URBAN YOUTH: NAVIGATING HEALTH CHOICES"
14. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERRER EMPOWERS THE BRONX AT TOWN HALL MEETING
15. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER OPENS SOUTH BRONX' NEW BANK BRANCH

IX. Old Business

Rhoda reports on the 30th Anniversary at Einstein of Nursing Home Kings Harbor.

X. New Business

Rhoda reported that the Shalom 21st Anniversary, 50th Anniversary of Israel will be held on September 16th. Want representatives at Festival. She stated that she would serve.

Linda reported that there has been a problem at Jacobi with the air conditioners in the offices. She stated that there are usually none or in poor working condition. She stated that 4 unions are filing grievances.

There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 25, 1998

PRESENT

Randal Allen
Joseph Carozza
Dominic Castore
Dorinda Castro
John Cifichiello
Anthony DelGaudio
Dominick DeProspo
Patrick Dolan
Mauro Fanelli
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs
Rhoda Gogatz
Marilyne Jamieson
Gerald Launer

Annette Marchitello
Silvio Mazzella
Rev. Leslie McHenry
Joseph Milone
Hazel Miura
Seymour Ostroga
Dr. Mahendra Patel
Vincent Prezioso
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Mark Shkreli
Joseph Thompson
Elaine Weisbrot
Linda White

ABSENT

James Cenera
Priscilla Crowell
Emil Eisdorfer
Haraun Figueroa
Kenneth Gelnick
Dexter Hendon

Michael Peace
Robert Potter
Pat Quaranta
Joseph Reda
Lisa Winter

EXCUSED

Ruth Burko
James Gisondi

David Leavitt
Blanche Comras Rifkin

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager
Harriet Lasky, Secretary
Maria Centano – Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office