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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999
IN THE PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERNECE ROOM 1
OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 P.M. by Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chair.

I. Guest Speaker – Bob DiSena of Council of Unity

Mr. DiSena stating that the Council began 24 years ago in Brooklyn. He stated that there were problems in a school with the Italians, African Americans and the Latinos. Mr. DiSena stated that this was threatening to destroy the area. He stated that he was asked to create a program that would help these Waring groups together. Mr. DiSena stated that 6 gang leaders were brought together. It took six months but then the kids bonded.

Mr. DiSena stated that there are four principles:

1. Family – kids join gangs to get a family
2. Unity – you can't have safe schools unless you have unity
3. Self-esteem – create a council to help learn what skills they possess and how to market themselves.
4. Empowerment – kids run the program and work with the principals and teachers

Mr. DiSena stated that this became a culture. Kids are on Probation for a year. Mr. DiSena stated that the membership must choose a skill. At the end of the year the kids are evaluated, and they were inducted. There were 5,000 members.

Rhoda stated that it was a great program. She stated that there is a similar program at her temple in New Rochelle. She asked Mr. DiSena what he is doing to advertise and let people know about it.

Mr. DiSena stated that he was trying, and will be working with the Chancellor to bring this program to all four boroughs.

Rev. McHenry said that the Board should bring the word out. She also stated that Mr. DiSena will be at Columbus High School.

John explained how the program works. He stated that it has to be recommended by the Chancellor of High Schools. For P.S. 89 and M.S. 135 it needs to be funded. John said that he asked Assemblyman Klein for funds. John said that Mr. DiSena must be asked to come in with his program.

Eugene Joyce asked about a program for disabled children. Bob said that he would help him. He then told Mr. Joyce about a program that is run in Yonkers – Lincoln Watts.

II. Chairman's Report – Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chair

Rev. McHenry reported that the Chair will be back for the next meeting. She stated that she is looking forward to his return. Rev. McHenry thanked the Committee members for their good attendance at committee meetings and for having minutes available to be distributed.

Rev. McHenry reported the Tony DelGaudio is ill with a bad back, and will hopefully return for the next meeting.

Rev. McHenry reported that the old adage "Go West Young Lady" has been taken up by Rhoda Gogatz. She will be moving to Las Vegas. We will miss her and wish her God Speed.

Rhoda spoke about her beginning on the Board in 1965 and the many members and District Managers she had the pleasure to work with.

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

a. Street Activity Permit Applications

1. 1900 Block Association of Lurting Avenue to close Lurting Avenue from Neill Avenue to Rhinelander Avenue on July 17th from 11 AM to 9 PM for a Block Party
2. Yates Avenue Organization to close Yates Avenue on August 7th from Burke Avenue to Adeo Avenue from 12 Noon to 10 PM for a Block Party

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Street Activity Permit Office stating that we have no objections to the granting of these street closings.

Unanimously passed.

John spoke about the application to close Britton Street. He stated that there is a problem because of the location, and the precinct has concerns about their wanting to close two blocks. He stated that we still have time.

John spoke about the Council for Unity at Columbus High School. He stated that there are gangs at Columbus. He stated that the school is neutral to the gangs, but when they get outside the fights begin. John stated that the principals from Columbus High School, M.S. 89 and I.S. 144 will be invited to a joint meeting of the Education, Public Safety and Youth Committees. John stated that he felt that this program would benefit Columbus. John reported that he had a meeting with Superintendent DeJesus who wants this program in all the high schools in the Bronx. He stated that he is trying to bring the program to M.S. 89 and I.S. 135, but he needs the help of Assemblyman Jeff Klein.

Net meeting invite the District Attorney and/or head of Homicide Unit and the head of the Gang Unit. The Education Committee will meet with the heads of the four patrols on May 19th at the Board office at 7:00 P.M. Please call the Board office if you wish to attend.

John spoke about the flea market on Morris Park Avenue that is illegal. He stated that he had met with the owner and told him that it was a violation of zoning. John reported that he had filed a complaint with the Buildings Department. John reported that on the other side of Nick's Heroes the owner of the flea market is parking cars. John stated that he thought this was city property and that the man was a squatter.

John reported that he had brought the Buildings and Sanitation Departments to the house at Adee and Arnaw Avenue. He stated that it is an abandoned house and the residents around this house are fed up and ready to move out. John reported that drug dealers have been using the house. John stated that he had spoken with the owner of the house and he will have the house cleaned and cinderblocked. John spoke about building 3 houses there. He stated that the block is not unified, there is graffiti on the garages. John stated that they are forming a block association.

John announced that on May 7th from 1-4 PM he will be at the Van Nest Association to take complaints. John said that we will be advertising this.

John spoke about the car wash at Boston Road and Waring Avenue and the problems with cars waiting to get into the car wash. He stated that they are in the process of moving the entrance.

IV. Borough President's Report – Linda Loeb

Linda submitted the following to Harriet:

1. COMMENTS BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER REGARDING CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ARRESTS IN THE NWAKE OF THE FEBRUARY 4TH SHOOTING OF AMADOU DIALLO
2. FERRER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR PLAN IN LIGHT OF THE DEATH OF AMADOU DIALLO
IN MEMORY OF AMADOU DIALLO – A PLAN FOR A SAFER & MORE JUST NEW YORK

3. FERRER CALLS ON CITY HALL AND POLICE COMMISSIONER TO CORRECT GLARING PROBLEMS AND PRACTICES IN THE NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT
4. FERRER CALLS ON CITY HALL TO RESCIND CUTS TO NYDDP BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ISSUED A STATEMENT REGARDING CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ARRESTS IN THE WAKE OF THE FEBRUARY 4TH SHOOTING OF AMADOU DIALLO
5. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERRER ISSUED A STATEMENT REGARDING CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ARRESTS IN THE WAKE OF THE FEBRUARY 4TH SHOOTING OF AMADOU DIALLO
6. WATCHDOG, "NO TIME TO BLUGEON THE CCRB"
7. FERRER OUTLINE VISION FOR A "BRONX PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE" IN STATE OF BOROUGH REPORT FOCUSING ON JOB, ACCESS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
8. LOCAL LAW INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRION AT THE REQUEST OF BROND BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER TO AMEND THE CHARTER OFM THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RELATION TO THE SALE OF ANY CITY PROPERTY CURRENTLY USED AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN
9. LIFEGUARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE
10. BRONX WEEK '99 WILL BEGIN MONDAY, MAY 17TH AND END SUNDAY, MAY 23RD WITH A UNITY DAY PARADE
11. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FACILITATED ENROLLMENT
12. SECOND "AFTER THE ARREST WORKSHOP" WILL BE HELD JUNE 8TH
13. METRO CARD MOBILE SALES SITES

V. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

Rhoda Gogatz stated that it had been a pleasure working with Joe and his Committee.

The Economic Development Report was distributed.

1. Golden Eagle Restaurant – 975 Morris Park Avenue for renewal of an on-premises consumption license.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Joseph Reda – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau that we have no objections to the renewal of this license.

Passed.

B. Nominations – Joseph Thompson

Joe thanked his Committee: Madeline Saltaformaggio, Dorrie Castro and Dr. Patel for their help in preparing the slate.

Chairman – Dominic Castore

First Vice Chair – Rev. Leslie McHenry
Second Vice Chair – Anthony DelGaudio
Treasurer – Silvio Mazzella
Secretary – Ruth Burko

Joe asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Chairman, there were none. Joe asked if there were any nominations for First Vice Chairs, there were none. Joe asked if there were any nominations for Second Vice Chair. Rabbi Fuchs nominated Vincent Prezioso for Second Vice Chair and Joe Carozza Seconded the nominations. Vinny accepted the nomination. Joe asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer, there were none. Joe asked if there were any nominations for Secretary, there were none.

Joe reported that next month nominations would also be taken from the floor, but the candidate must either be here in person or have indicated in writing their willingness to run. Elections will be held in June.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz – That nominations be closed for tonight.

Passed.

C. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick

Ken reported that on May 3rd there will be a meeting on Zoning at the Association of the Bar for the Millennium at 7:30 P.M.

John reported that the Board had approved a BSA application on the expansion of the operating rooms at Einstein Hospital. John stated that now we have received a ULURP application. He asked for a Motion to approve this application.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz – That Community Board #11 send a letter of support for the ULURP application for the expansion of the operating rooms at Einstein Hospital.

Passed.

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs/Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported on the new Metro link. He stated that he had attended a meeting with Jeffrey Zupa. Vinny reported that this project will take 13 years and cost \$13 billion dollars. He stated that it is out for design for 4 boroughs and when completed there will be 19 miles of new tunnels. Vinny stated that Mr. Zupa will be at the June Board meeting.

Rhoda asked about bridges and John said he would look into it.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that we have still not received answers on his request for signs. He stated that the picnic season is coming.

John spoke about the No Parking signs. He also spoke about meters and the Stillwell cut off which is part of the Pelham Parkway Project.

John told Rabbi Fuchs that if he was not happy with the answer he received from Commissioner Kilkenny to go over his head.

Linda spoke about the 180th Street station and blasting. She stated that they will be using drills instead. Linda asked about moving the bus stops. She stated that John will work on it. Linda stated that if there is going to be any blasting we will be notified in advance.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Dominick DeProspero

Report distributed.

F. Health and Social Services – John Fratta

1. Request for nurses at private schools

John reported that this was tabled and action is being looked into. John reported that the Committee had sent a letter to School District 11 regarding this health issue.

G. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that Elaine Weisbrot has been covering the library meetings. Ruth Reported that she had gone on a tour to study the safe routes to school. Ruth reported that John had attended a meeting at P.S. 96 to look at the dangerous conditions. Ruth reported that speed reducers were placed in front of the school, they should be a block away. Ruth said that there should be two more speed reducers.

Ruth spoke about the problem with gangs at Columbus High School. She stated that there would be a meeting on May 19th, and that she would like the Youth and Public Safety Committees to attend.

Ruth reported that the attendance rate has gone up at Columbus and the drop out rate has decreased.

Rev. McHenry spoke about the construction work at P.S. 89. She stated that it is going on late at night.

John reported that last week the sidewall of P.S. 89 collapsed. He stated that they are doing window replacements and must work at night due to asbestos abatement. John stated that they can go all night.

Ruth reported that Columbus was given 5 stars for their high school.

H. Parks and Playgrounds – John Cifichiello

John stated that the Parks report had been distributed. John reported that there will be a clean up of the parks on May 8th.

John Fratta spoke about the plans for Mazzai Playground. He stated that the Committee has to meet on the plans. John said that the Board is holding up the plans.

Marilyn Klein announced that Councilwoman Provenzano has a program whereby trees can be planted.

Rhoda asked about garbage cans for the Shalom Pelham Parkway Festival

I. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that the Youth Committee would me meeting on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 P.M. Linda also reported that she was waiting to hear about the budget cuts to youth programs.

A Motion was made by Madeline Saltaformaggio, Seconded by Rhoda Gogatz –
That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko (HZ)

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

RB/hl

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 22, 1999

PRESENT

Ruth Burko
Joseph Carozza
Dorinda Castro
John Cifichiello
Priscilla Crowell
Dominick DeProspero
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs
Kenneth Gelnick
Rhoda Gogatz
Gerald Launer
David Leavitt
Annette Marchitello

Silvio Mazzella
Rev. Leslie McHenry
Seymour Ostroga
Dr. Mahendra Patel
Robert Potter
Vincent Prezioso
Pat Quaranta
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Joseph Thompson
Elaine Weisbrot
Linda White

ABSENT

Kwasi Afrifa
Randal Allen
James Cenera
Patrick Dolan
Emilian Eisdorfer

Harain Figueroa
Dexter Hendon
Marilyne Jamieson
Marilyn Jamieson
Joseph Milone

EXCUSED

Dominic Castore
Anthony DelGaudio
Hazel Miura

Joseph Reda
Blanche Comras Rifkin

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Marilyn Klein – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella
Marilyn Klein – Representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager
Harriet Lasky, Community Associate
Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide
Linda Loeb – Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office
P.O. Nick Stanich – 49th Precinct Community Affairs

GUESTS

Cathy LaBelle, Allerton Library
Bob DeSena – Council for Unity