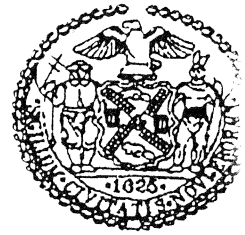




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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000
IN THE PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Leslie McHenry,
First Vice Chairperson.

I. Guest Speakers

A. Arthur Wagner – Jacobi Medical Center

Mr. Wagner updated the Board on the upcoming renovations to Jacobi, which consists of modernization and expansion of the in-patient wing with a 339-bed increase and expansion of the Adult and Pediatric Emergency Room, creating an ambulance entrance from Eastchester Road.

Seymour Ostroga asked that in the new plans, how close the patients in the Emergency Room would be to the Operating Room.

Mr. Wagner answered that there would be an elevator solely for the transport of patients from the Emergency Room to the Operating Rooms. He also stated that the Surgical ICU would be located on the same lever as the Operating Rooms.

Mr. Wagner reported that the project would take approximately 36 months. He stated that anyone wishing further details could speak to him.

Joe Thompson asked if there was anything being done with the gym in the Nurses Residence.

Mr. Wagner reported that it would take at least \$300,000 to rehab the gym. He stated that he would like to see community groups organize and come up with strategies to address the gym situation.

Diane Cerino asked how the modernization would affect the homeless that frequent the Emergency Room waiting area.

Mr. Wagner stated that the hospital is not a homeless shelter but when the homeless come in for treatment they are taken care of, even if they come in everyday. He also stated that the police keep an eye on them and social workers from the hospital work with them.

B. Mr. Edmond from the Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. Edmond spoke about "Project USA". He stated that this is a four-year project to measure the quality of the twenty-three waterways surrounding the city, such as the Bronx River. Mr. Edmond reported that the Department needs neighborhood people to work on the project. Mr. Edmond asked the Board members to refer people interested in the Bronx River to work with DEP and assemble a committee to meet and address the issue. The project should take 12 – 18 months and 4 – 6 meetings. Mr. Edmond stated that they hope to have the group assembled by mid December. He also stated that they need to find meeting space.

Handouts were provided with additional information.

II. Gallery Session

a. Sharon Omar

Ms. Omar spoke about a store on Morris Park Avenue that has become a hangout for 10-15 people on a daily basis.

Det. Stanich of the 49th Precinct stated that the police will look into this starting tonight.

b. Mabel Ostroga

Mrs. Ostroga reported that the garbage bins that were requested at the last meeting were not delivered.

John Fratta reported that the request was put in, and that we are waiting to Sanitation to replace them.

Mrs. Ostroga also spoke about cars speeding down Hering Avenue. She stated that several accidents have occurred. Mrs. Ostroga reported that the Stop sign is hidden by a tree. She also requested that white lines be painted across the street.

Vinnie Prezioso reported that the request for the tree to be trimmed was put in to Forestry, and that request for the white lines has been called in to DOT.

c. Carmen Blum

Ms. Blum reported that teenagers playing hooky are hanging out in the Allerton Coops from morning to night. She stated that management will not call the police for assistance. Ms. Blum also stated that they need to have the entrance door locked at all times.

Rev. McHenry informed Ms. Blum that the best way to handle this is to have a good tenant's organization.

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Madeline Saltaformaggio, Seconded by Joseph Thompson
- That The Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted.

IV. Chairman's Report – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry reported that the Board had lost a very valuable member, John Cifichiello. She called for a moment of silence.

Rev. McHenry acknowledged the presence of John Messina, representing Congressman Joseph Crowley; Al Locascio, representing Senator Guy Velella, Donald Ranshte, representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein; Dolores Baez, representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer and Det. Nick Stanich of the 49th Precinct.

Rev. McHenry thanked all those who had attended the Executive Board meeting. She reported that Dom DeProspero got a great response to his carnival and wanted to thank everyone involved.

a. Removal of Board member.

Rev. McHenry reported that the Board needed to vote on the removal of Emil Eisdorfer for lack of participation and attendance. She stated that he had been notified 3 times and responded that he would attend, but has not.

A Motion was made by _____, Seconded by Seymour Ostroga – That Community Board #11 remove Emil Eisdorfer from its membership.

Unanimously passed.

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

John reported that the 49th Precinct has finally gotten an increase in manpower. He stated that 11 new police officers have been assigned to the 49th Precinct. He also reported that so far none have been taken from us. John reported that we are still 40 below what we should have.

John reported that a meeting has been set up with the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, the Borough Commander and the Chief of the Narcotics Division to discuss the serious drug problems at Allerton and Van Nest Avenues near P.S. 89.

John reported that he had met with Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein in regard to Zimmerman Playground. He reported that the new lock on the gate has been vandalized. John reported that a new lock and bolt cutters will be issued. He also reported that the park will be closed at 6:00 P.M. during the winter hours. John stated that the community needs to take back our parks so that our residents can use them again.

John reported that the police will have zero tolerance during Halloween. This means they will deal with anyone caught throwing eggs or other illegal activity. He reminded everyone that at 6:00 P.M. all parks will be closed.

John reported that the Stillwell Avenue ramp was opened on Friday, October 20th, but the board was not notified of this.

John reported that we are in the process of preparing the budget priorities, some of which have been on our request list for a long time. He urged the public to come to the public hearings.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

No report at this time, things remain the same.

VII. Borough President's Report – Dolores Baez

Dolores reported that a hearing had been held on Social Security Program to increase income limits for rent exemption and homeowner's exemption programs.

Dolores reported that 4 youths were arrested in connection with the attack on a Synagogue.

Dolores encouraged everyone to participate in the Coat Program.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Caffe Milano Ltd. D/B/A/ Caffe Portofino – 2009 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)
2. Morris Park Café Corp. – 900-902 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the State Liquor Authority stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this new and renewal license.

Unanimously passed.

3. Tick-Tac Bar – 1511 Wilkinson Avenue – for on-premises consumption (NEW)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Diane Cerino – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the State Liquor Authority stating that we object the issuing of this license due to the owner's prior history with the police department regarding fire works. Also the previous establishment was closed down by Vice and the area has been quiet since its closing.

Unanimously passed.

John suggested that the Economic Development and Transportation Committees look at the problems on Morris Park Avenue and Williamsbridge Road. He stated that the merchants are losing business due to the lack of parking.

B. Community Development and Budget Priorities Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio thanked John Fratta for his help. He also thanked the board members who attended the budget consultations.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Gerald Launer – That the Budget Priorities be accepted as prepared by the Budget Committee.

Unanimously accepted.

C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs/Vinnie Prezioso

A Motion was made by Vinnie Prezioso, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That

Community Board #11 send a letter to Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano requesting that the name Ray Salento be added to Morris Park Avenue from Lydig to Yates Avenues.

Unanimously passed.

Vinnie reported the Board had received a copy of a letter from Assemblyman Klein to Joe Palmari and William Patterson regarding the installation of meters at Bronx Park East and Bronxdale Avenue. Vinnie reported that the Committee felt that there was a problem with metering the whole location because it would negatively impact on the operations of Coastal Fuel Company. He stated that the Committee recommends that the Department of Transportation install 20-25 2-hour meters instead of 40.

A Motion was made by Vinnie Prezioso, Seconded by Joseph Carozza That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Traffic notifying them that the Board approves the installation of 20-25 2-hour meters.

Unanimously passed.

Vinnie reported that a 4 way Stop sign had been installed at Bouck and Burke Avenues.

Priscilla Crowell thanked everyone for their efforts to get this 4 way Stop sign. She told everyone that it seems to be working.

Vinnie reported that a light will be installed on Eastchester Road and the Pelham Parkway Service Road next year.

Vinnie reported that the University Diagnostic Center has complained of overpass leaking and cracked sidewalks. He stated that they also stated that the lighting under the overpass is inadequate.

Rabbi Fuchs requested a meeting to discuss parking at Williamsbridge Road. He stated that he only wants to meet with the Commissioners, elected officials and storeowners. Rabbi Fuchs stated that if the owners and elected officials won't show up, no meeting will take place. Rabbi Fuchs also reported that since the signs were installed along the Parkway that area seems much cleaner.

D. Public Safety – Joseph Reda

Joe reported that the next 49th Precinct Council meeting will be on November 9th at Calvary Hospital.

IX. Old Business

Dr. Patel reported that a 20-year-old issue of access to Pelham Parkway was made available thanks to the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee.

X. New Business

Thomas Lucania announced that the third Saturday in November will be the dedication for Rudy Macina.

XI. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Diane Cerino, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2000

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	Annette Marchitello
Joseph Carozza	Silvio Mazzella
Diane Cerino	Rev. Leslie McHenry
Priscilla Crowell	Hazel Miura
Patrick Dolan	Diane Norris-Williams
Harain Figuera	Seymour Ostroga
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	Dr, Mahendra Patel
Kenneth Gelnick	Vincent Prezioso
Debra Ann Jaffee	Madeline Saltaformaggio
Gerald Launer	Joseph Thompson
Ida Lebron	Elaine Weisbrot

ABSENT

Dorinda Castro	Joseph Milone
James Cenera	Keith Ramsey
Emilian Eisdorfer	Martin Sacewicz
David Leavitt	Keith Ramsey

EXCUSED

Dominic Castore	Pat Quaranta
Dominick DeProspo	Joseph Reda
Marilyne Jamieson	Blanche Comras Rifkin
Robert Potter	Linda White

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Thomas Lucania– Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Thomas P. Messina Sr. – Representing Congressman Joseph Crowley
Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella
Donald Ranshte – Representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager
Margaret Guglielmo – Office Aide
Dolores Baez – Borough President's Office
Det. Nick Stanich – 49th Precinct Community Affairs

GUEST

Evelyn Diaz – Leake & Watts Services Inc.
Stephen Whitehouse – The Saratoga Associates
Pat Kelnberger – Hydro Qual, Inc.
Tim Tureski – Van Nest Branch Library
Thomas J. Gucciardo – Jacobi Medical Center
Arthur Wagner – Jacobi Medical Center
Robert Walsh – Dormtury Authority State of NY
George Santos – Cannon Design