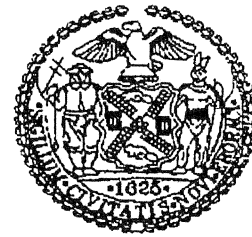


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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001  
IN THE PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER CEONFERENCE ROOM 1  
OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chair.

I. Gallery Session

a. Roseann Aprea

Ms. Aprea stated that she was here to talk about the problem of parking on Brady Avenue. She stated that the people who live on Neill and Colden Avenues have alternate side parking so that in order they not are distributed to move their cars in the morning they park on her block. She stated that this leaves no parking for the people who live on this block.

Ms. Aprea also complained about the car alarms that go off and wake her and her neighbors, but do not bother the people whose cars these are because they are in their homes several blocks away and don't hear it. Ms. Aprea stated that she wanted it to go back the way it was 25 years ago.

John explained that he did not believe that the people who have Alternate Side Parking would agree to have it changed back. He stated that the time for not parking would be changed to a shorter period of time.

Rev. McHenry asked Det. Stanich if they had received calls about the alarms going off. Det. Stanich stated that they get some calls, but he did not know it was that bad.

It was suggested that Ms. Aprea goes to the block with a petition and sees if the people would want to have it changed.

Ms. Aprea also complained about the people in Brady Court who also park here.

Ms. Aprea also complained about the planes flying lower and more often over the area. She stated that this has been going on since November.

Vinny reported that he had read that the flight paths had been changed.

Rev. McHenry stated that the Board would look into it. She also stated that Ms. Aprea should get in touch with her Senators, Schumer and Clinton.

b. Sal Castorina

Sal reported that he has offered the use of the Allerton Avenue Association anytime the Board needed it for a meeting. He reported that 2 months ago the Board asked for the use of his Association for a meeting on a group home. Sal reported that Richie Solmer was there. He stated that the person who ran the meeting told Richie that he could not chair the meeting as it was not Allerton's meeting but Community Board 11's meeting. Sal stated that people on the block were not recognized. Sal also reported that this person said at the last meeting that space was too small and too crowded and should never be used again.

Rev. McHenry spoke and apologized for what had been said.

John explained that when the Board has a Public hearing it is the Chair.

Silvio stated that when a meeting is held in an organization's home that organization needs to be recognized.

The next portion of the Gallery Session dealt with the Group Home that was proposed for 3214 Throop Avenue.

b. Louis Cavaliere – Services for the Underserved

Mr. Cavaliere stated that they have been around for over 50 years. He stated that their first programs opened in 1984 in Queens and Brooklyn. He stated that they are proposing to open a group home at 3214 Throop Avenue for 7 mentally handicapped persons who live in the Bronx between the ages of 25-45. Mr. Cavaliere stated that there would be 24-hour supervision and 3 staff persons. He also stated that they would be going to day programs. On the weekends they would do shopping in the neighborhood and go to movies and other activities. Mr. Cavaliere stated that they would hire people from the neighborhood.

c. Irwin Weinberg – Bronx Masonic District

Mr. Weinberg reported that on February 13<sup>th</sup> there would be a blood bank held

at the United Methodist Church at City Island. Mr. Weinberg stated that all donators are invited to a steak dinner.

Mr. Weinberg reported that in 1991 New York State Masons instituted child ID Videos will be taped and questions will be asked of the children as well as fingerprints. He stated that the information will go directly to then parents.

Rev. McHenry thanked Tie and Robert Potter for handing out the flyers on the group home.

e. Imogene Augustine

Ms. Augustine reported that she is disturbed by the group home at Adee Avenue as well as the three motels.

f. Gloria Best

g. P. Stanford

Ms. Stanford spoke about the group home on Adee Avenue was for problem girls. Now it is run by the Salvation Army and it is not as bad.

Rev. McHenry

John Fratta reported that the area is being saturated, but the boards' hands are tied. John told the board members and the people in the audience that they needed to write to the governor to get the way homes are selected changed. He stated that tonight the only thing that the Board can do is approve it or propose an alternate site. We cannot vote against it.

h. Pastor Horace Russell - Victory Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pastor Russell reported that the Church is adjacent to the Throop Avenue property. He stated that the Church had expressed interest in the property so that they could expand their programs. Pastor Russell stated that he feels that the Church should have been given an opportunity to negotiate for the property.

i. Barrington Anderson – Victory Seventh Day Adventist Church

Mr. Anderson reported that the Victory Seventh Day Adventist Church runs a youth program, PathFinders Club. He stated that they teach respect for self and community for youth ages 12-30. He stated that the property should be used for the greater good of the community.

Rev. McHenry asked how he negotiated with the owner. He Anderson stated that the owner was asking for \$310,000.

Pastor Russell stated that he had told the owner that he would need approval of anything over \$247,000. He also stated that he told the owner that we could discuss it after it is appraised. It is 5683 square feet

I. Benjamin White

Mr. White reported that he has lived for 30 years on Bouck Avenue. He stated that there are 3 motels, a group home and now we are getting another group home.

j. Tie Allen

Mr. Allen asked for a speed bump on Adee and Tenbroeck Avenue. He stated that it is near a city park that has a PAL program there in the summer

Robert Potter spoke about the Safe Streets study that is due for this area at P.S. 121 at Adee and Tenbroeck Avenues.

John asked the price of the house. He was told that the owner asked for \$310,000 but it went for \$290,000. It was appraised for between \$290,000 and \$295,000.

Rev. McHenry reported that Services for the Underserved has a house on Valentine Avenue off the Concourse. This house has been there for 15 years. She stated that houses seem to be put in areas where people do not complain. She then stated that she wanted to make sure that this community was aware of what was coming in.

Joe Thompson asked how they decide on an area to go into. Mr. Cavaliere stated that they go through real estate offices.

Vinny asked if this was a special realtor. Mr. Cavaliere said that he was from the area.

Linda asked how many of the 7 clients would be from Community Board #11? And also what was the reason this site was chosen.

Mr. Cavaliere reported that they have a list of people who are in need of getting into a home. He also stated that they look for homes that are convenient for shopping etc.

Al Locascio stated that this community is oversaturated. He asked how much the renovations would be?

Mr. Cavaliere stated that it would cost \$230,000 to renovate the house.

Joe Reda stated that Barker and Burke Avenue is a dangerous area.

Bob Potter stated that he had gone to the Church on Gun Hill Road and spoke to the Elder who asked that it become a youth center.

## II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Ruth Burko, Seconded by Vincent Prezioso – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed.

## III. Chairman's Report – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry stated she brought greetings from Chairman Castore. Rev. McHenry reported that it very important that the Chairs and Co-Chairs attend the Executive Committee and bring any items to the attention of the Executive Committee She also reported that this group home effects Boards 10 and 12?

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

John reported that there is a propose motel on E. Tremont Avenue and Morris Park Avenue. He stated that it was the old ASPCA. John reported that is actually in Board #6 which borders on us. He stated that a joint public hearing will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at C.S. 214 at 1970 West Farms Road. John stated that it is important that we watch our borders. He also reminded the Board members how important that it is that they attend. John reported that Senator Velella called him and expressed his concern.

John reported on the homeless at the stables. He reported that a task force operation removed the squatters, it was fenced and a vacate order. Anyone on the property will be arrested. John reported that Miguel was arrested. He stated that they can't clean the lot because we do not know who to bill for the cleaning.

John reported that that 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct has a new Captain, James Shea.

John reported that next month we will hold a public hearing on the Mayor's Responses to our Budget Requests.

John thanked Tie Allen for help with a problem in the park and parkland. He stated that they met with Commissioner Castro who agreed to take on the increase of increase lengthening and the continuation of the fence. He stated that we will look to Our elected officials for funding.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio told anyone with questions to speak to Harriet. He stated that there will be some changes next month.

Rev. McHenry reported that she is now Rev. Mother.

VI. Borough Presidents Report – Dolores Baez

Dolores reported that new applications were being accepted. She stated that the deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should see her after the meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Alcohol Beverage Control License

1. Pasta Pasta – 2023 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

Joe stated that there have been no problems at this location.

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

Passed.

Joe reported that a letter was sent to the State Liquor Authority stating that the Community Boards must have a chance to look at the premises and vote on them, and be notified of the hearings before the licenses are issued or renewed.

John stated that a copy of this letter was sent to all the community boards.

John reported that the Board had requested 60 days notice in order to properly vote on these licenses. John reported that also sent copies to all our state elected officials. He reported that we have received a response from Community Board # 12 that they are supporting this. He stated that other boards have called and they support our position and will be sending letters to the S.LA

Joe reported that he had a meeting with the White Plains Road Bid today. They have the same problems as other shopping areas. He stated that they may be able to get more parking in the Municipal Lot, also the area on Bronxdale and White Plains Road. Joe reported that there is a new coordinator Kate McGinney The ABCA is going to have their dinner at Ginos of February 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that he would also like to attend the one from Morris Park and the one from Chester Civic.

B. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick

1. Boston Road Rezoning Project

Ken reported that this project is dead. He stated that City Planning Commission has withdrawn it. Ken stated that he was going to invite them to come to a Land Use meeting to do what they can to come up with a better plan that would do away with motels but not effect car dealers

Rev. McHenry reported that the Borough President was instrumental in getting this plan cancelled. She suggested to Ken that we wait and see what the Borough President is doing before we call a meeting.

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

Vinny reported on the renaming of Morris Park Avenue between Hunt Avenue and White Plains Road for Georgina Socodotto And renaming Mace Avenue between Williamsbridge Road and Bronxwood Avenue for John Cifichiello.

Vinny reported that the Committee talk about it and would like the Board to send a letter to Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano asking that she bring this before the City Council.

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 send a letter to Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano asking that she bring before the City Council the renaming of these streets for Georgina Soccodato and John Cifichiello.

Unanimously passed.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that there has been success at Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway North Service Road. He stated that the traffic light is finally being installed. He stated that we have not had any success in controlling the traffic through Allerton Avenue, Pelham Parkway. He stated that he commended the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct for making an honest attempt on Pelham Parkway in trying to clear the traffic and getting people going through red lights. He stated that still remains a nightmare in the

morning Rabbi Fuchs also reported that we have not had any success in having the meters in front of Jacobi changed .

Seymour Ostroga reported that he was never notified of any meeting.

Vinny stated that since Seymour does not have a phone there is no way of reaching him if there is a change in meetings or if a meeting is cancelled.

Rev. McHenry Reiterated what Vinny had said, that without a phone the Board has no way of reaching Seymour.

D. Health & Social Services – Blanche Rifkin/Hazel Miura

1. Proposed group home at 3214 Throop Avenue

Since the Committee had not had a chance to discuss this issue since people spoke about it again tonight they asked for a chance to meet in another room and come back with a position.

E. Parks and Recreation - Joe Thompson

Joe reported on a meeting held with the Department of Parks. He stated that this concerned their latest proposal Partnership for the Parks. Joe stated that he met with Mr. Martinez who operated in our district and three other districts. Joe stated that what the Parks Department is trying to do is get as many people as possible involved in the parks. We use the parks a lot. Joe said that last year we had a big problem the Parks Department was closing the rest room at 2:00 in the afternoon. He stated that Partnership for the Parks could help with this.

F. Public Safety – Joe Reda

Joe reported that yesterday one individual from Pelham Manor robbed a car went up Pelham Parkway and they hit them. Joe said that he had the lengthy record and he is in jail now.

Joe announced that there is anew Captain James Shea. Spoke about a lot of thing we are going to do. We do not have stats due to the changes at the precinct, but crime has gone down. Joe announced that we are getting more cops.

John announced that the reason that we do not have the stats is that someone. left and the person who does it says she is too busy.

Joe said he spoke to Captain that said that this was not acceptable. Joe also reported that there would be a Breakfast this year. It will be the second week of June.



G. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that there will be a Youth meeting in February. She stated that the date will be announced. She asked everyone on the Board to attend. It is a very important meeting. She told Mr. Anderson that she expected him to be at the next Youth meeting.

Linda reported that at the last meeting in January only 2 people showed up. She reported that the Zimmerman Program is doing beautiful due to the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Lavina Jackson. Linda reported that Loretto Park is moving forward.

Linda reported that there is an RFP from DYS and everyone can apply. She told everyone that they should apply if they can, and if they can't write a proposal call me and we will try and point you in the right direction. Linda said that hopefully we are going back to the old way and reviewing our own RFPS again. This means that we will have some control over the monies and Fair Share. Three people will be asked to join with three people from DYS in evaluating these proposals. Linda stated that the proposals are due back by April 20, 2001

H. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin/Hazel Miura

1. Proposed group home at 3214 Throop Avenue

Blanche reported that a public hearing had been held on this site and residents were also given the opportunity to speak tonight which is not the normal procedure.

Hazel spoke about the public hearing that was held at the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association 2 months ago. She stated that it should have been explained to the members of the Association what the Board's process was in conducting a public hearing. Hazel stated that we did everything by the book. We gave everybody ample time to speak. We flyer'd the whole block. Hazel stated that the people who left refused to get up and speak. She stated that if they had issues they should have gotten up and spoken.

Hazel stated that when she got to the meeting she explained to Richie Sommers how the Board conducts a public hearing.

Hazel also stated that she did not appreciate being taken to task by anyone.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin Seconded by Elaine Weisbrot – That Community Board #11 goes on record as opposing this site.

The Motion to oppose this site passed with 2 against, Blanche Rifkin and Hazel Miura.

John stated that the opposition was based on the will of the community and saturation. He stated that he would go to the Commissioner's hearing and say that this community is saturated with group homes and health facilities. John stated that they will say no and the state will reject our decision. John reported that the community has to understand that our position will be rejected. He stated that the community should get angry at the fact that this happens, and it will happen. John said that the only way that this will not go through is if the applicant withdraws its request.

Rev McHenry stated that what the community was saying was that this property could be used for better use to the community. She stated that it was necessary for the people to get to their elected officials and tell them that we need more services for our youth. You need to reach your state reps. She stated that she was very disappointed that our newly elected Assemblyman did not make an appearance or send a representative.

Joe Reda stated that Community Board #11 is oversaturated with group homes. John reported that he had gone down to a hearing with Assemblyman and pleaded with the Commissioner and we were disregarded.

Ruth asked what comprises saturation.

John explained that oversaturation has to be shown in that type of group home. He suggested that it might to our advantage to get a lawyer and sue the state. He also stated that the Padavan Law, while a good law is causing problems.

Silvio stated that he had heard tonight that there is also a safety problem in this area. Maybe we should use this at the hearing. Silvio also spoke about the fact that taxpayer money is being used which amounts to \$500,000. He stated that maybe a better place could be found for that kind of money.

Rabbi Fuchs suggested that we go down to the site with the children and get publicity from channel 2, 4 and use signs and stats on the homes.

Rev. McHenry stated that she agreed with the Rabbi that it was time that we took other action to prevent the oversaturation of group homes in our community.

#### F. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported on the Bronx Council on the Arts BRIO awards for artists. She stated that anyone interested should contact her deadline is March 15.

Ruth reported that Bob Potter has gone to the meetings about the Safe Routes to Schools. She stated that P.S. 84 in our district is included. Ruth reported that they would be including pro bike and pr walk areas.

Rev. McHenry reported that the schools are in need of teachers. She asked anyone qualified to call the schools they need qualified teachers.

### Street Permits

John reported that we received a request from the White Plains Road BID to have a sidewalk sale on June 30<sup>th</sup> on White Plains Road between Pelham Parkway and Brady Street from 11 AM to 7 PM. This will go on for 5 blocks. It is a yearly event.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Joe Thompson – That Community Board #11 approves this Street Permit request.

Unanimously passed

Linda White told the Board members how important it is that they show up at this public hearing on February 7<sup>th</sup>. She stated that while it is not in our Board area it would greatly effect the quality of life of both Boards 6 and 11. She stated that then 49<sup>th</sup> has been doing everything in its power to combat drugs. She stated that Board #6 is in trouble.

There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 25, 2001

PRESENT

Ruth Burko  
Joseph Carozza  
Diane Cerino  
Priscilla Crowell  
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs  
Kenneth Gelnick  
David Leavitt  
Marilyne Jamieson  
David Leavitt  
Rev. Leslie McHenry  
Hazel Miura

Seymour Ostroga  
Dr. Mahendra Patel  
Robert Potter  
Vincent Prezioso  
Joseph Reda  
Blanche Comras Rifkin  
Martin Sacewicz  
Madeline Saltaformaggio  
Joseph Thompson  
Elaine Weisbrot  
Linda White

ABSENT

Dorinda Castro  
James Cenera  
Harain Figueroa

Joseph Milone  
Diane Norris-Williams

EXCUSED

Dominic Castore  
Dominick DeProspo  
Patrick Dolan  
Debra Ann Jaffee

Gerald Launer  
Ida Lebron  
Pat Quaranta  
Keith Ramsey

EX OFFICIO BAORD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania p Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary  
Susan Nolan – Community Coordinator  
Dolores Baez, Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office  
Det. Nick Stanich – 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs

GUEST

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library