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- Community Development & Budget priorities
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- Health & Social Services
- Highways, Traffic & Transportation
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- Parks & Playgrounds
- Public Safety
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- Youth

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003
IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

Dominic Castore, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. Guest Speakers – Rosemary DeLuca and Philip Drew of the Bronx Zoo
Rosemary DeLuca spoke about and gave out the new trolley schedule. She also spoke about hoe Exit 6 on the Bronx River Parkway closes when the Zoo’s parking lot is full. The only solution is to build a parking lot for 1000 cars, which will be environmentally safe, and alleviate this problem. A letter of support is needed to Congress supporting the building of a parking garage for the Zoo

Philip Drew, an architect for the NY Wildlife Conservation Society spoke about the Astor Court. The Lion House is the largest facility in the Court. He showed plans for the renovations of the Lion House. They would redo the Great Hall for meeting space with a garden terrace. This is expected to be completed by May, 2006.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Agosto, Seconded by John Dennehy – That Community Board 11 send a letter of support to our Congressional Representatives for the Bronx Zoo parking garage. **PASSED.**

II. Gallery Session

a. Daniel Coppola – Resident of Bronxdale Avenue
Mr. Coppola spoke about the problems of double parking, noise complaints, blocked driveways and valets from the Pine Restaurant parking cars on residential streets.

b. Michael Murtori – Resident of Bronxdale Avenue
Mr. Murtori complained about parking problems in the community and the lack of police enforcement of cars parked by hydrants by the Pines Restaurant employees.

c. Dorothy Dellapina – Resident of Pelham Parkway South
Ms. Dellapina complained about the parking problems in the community around Jacobi Hospital.

d. Gesille James – Allerton Branch Library
Ms. James introduced herself and informed the Board that the Allerton Branch Library will be closed for 6 weeks for renovations. She mentioned that the Van Nest Branch should be opened by mid October.

e. Denise Cooper – Resident of the Coops

Ms. Cooper spoke about the conditions of the housing at the coops and the serious Problems with the parks and walkways in the community. She also mentioned that jobs are needed for the youth people in the community.

f. Dennis Wales – Morris Park Resident

Ms. Wales spoke about the traffic conditions on Morris Park and requested speed reducers On Holland Avenue by Our Lady of Solace School. He also mentioned some crime problems by the school.

g. Resa Dimino = Bronx River Alliance

Ms. Dimino spoke about the Golden Ball on October 11th. All are invited and there are six clean up sites. Flyers were distributed.

h. Laverne Underdue – Resident of the Coops

Ms. Underdue spoke about the conditions at the Coops. The Sanitation is being left out all weekend for a Monday pick up.

i. Janice Walcott – President, Allerton Coops Tenants Association

Ms. Walcott mentioned that they are trying to re-organize the Tenants Association. She Mentioned many problems that exist and she invited John Fratta to tour the site.

j. Tracy Pilgrim – Services for the Underserved

Ms. Pilgrim spoke about the services they offer.

K. Greg Kisloff – Resident of Lydig Avenue

Mr. Kisloff spoke about a proposal he put together for the restoration of the train trestle at Lydig and Brady Avenues. It was suggested that the proposal he looked at by the Transportation Committee.

Senator Ruth Thompson sat in on the gallery session, and said it was a great pleasure to be here at this meeting tonight. Senator Thompson stated that she will try to make more meetings and do her best to bring about a better quality of life in the community.

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Debra Jaffee, Seconded by Vincent Prezioso – That the Minutes be accepted as received. **PASSED.**

IV. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Mr. Castore thanked the Board for the good work they did during the summer. He mentioned that we have a lot of new faces, and he had all the members of the Board introduce themselves and state what committee they are members of and/or chair. He stressed that any member of the Board that would like to change committees let him know and it will be arranged. Dom spoke about the importance of the Boards attendance at the budget consultations in October. He informed the Board of changes in the way we will be conducting our meetings. Dom spoke about the courageous fight that Rev. Leslie McHenry made, and that she will be at next months meeting. He thanked Bob Potter for all he did to assist Leslie.

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

John spoke about the many activities that took place during the summer. He informed the Board that last month he conducted District Level Consultations with local agency heads. The Committee Chairs that could attend did, and he thanked them. John stressed the importance of the Board attendance at the Borough Consultations on the Budget. This is our opportunity to speak to Agency Heads about our needs.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report was distributed and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Silvio reported that the Carnival for Community Board 111 would take place on October 13th and last for 10 days. The proceeds go into the Friends of Community Board 11 Fund.

VII Borough President's Report – Robert Nolan and Chris Kirka

Bob Nolan spoke about the Borough President's Initiatives that were placed in the budget, i.e. the funding and construction of the Borough Library for the Bronx. It will be located on Kingsbridge Road in the old Con Ed building. \$1 million dollars has been placed in the budget for the new state of the arts Mercy College located just off of the Hutchinson Parkway in Community Board 11. \$200,000 was placed in the budget and restored after it was removed by the Mayor for the renovation of the Jacobi Pool, and \$700,000 for site remediation for the Rain Senior Citizens Housing in Zerega. Bob also mentioned that John Fratta is one of the honorees for the Italian Heritage Celebration.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

No meeting was held this month. Ms. Rifkin reported that there will be a Kids Walk on October 25th at the Bronx Zoo,

B. Economic Development - Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control License

- a. 769 Allerton Avenue Restaurant Corp. for on-premises consumption
(RENEWAL)

Joe reported that the owner has been there for 9 years and we have had no problems with this location.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 has no objection to the granting of this renewal application. **PASSED.**

C. Housing – Eugene Tutora

Eugene reported that a meeting was scheduled however; he was the only one that showed up. He urged his members to please attend the meetings.

D. Public Safety – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Minutes were distributed and he had no motions. He mentioned that the 49th Precinct Council will be held on September 30th at the Morris Park Association and the Precinct Community Council Breakfast will be held on October 24th. He also talked about the 49th Precinct 5K run, and stated that it was successful.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Debra Jaffee

Ms. Jaffee reported that there were no motions at this time.

F. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Reported that no meeting was held this month, but one will be held on October 9th. John recommended to Ruth Burko that we get a meeting with the principal of Columbus High School to discuss the split scheduled. David Leavitt mentioned that there are problems at PS 83. He stated

that it is becoming a hang out for teens. They hang out under the scaffold and that work is being done at night at the school.

G. Land Use – Joseph McManus

Joe reported that there was no meeting. However, a motion is necessary to include excluding medical facilities as community facilities in residential districts in the zoning changes being looked at currently.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That City Planning include the exclusion of medical facilities in the zoning changes to community facilities in residential districts. **PASSED.**

H. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that his Committee met and they have recommended the renaming of the northwest corner of Morris Park Avenue and Williamsbridge Road after Michael Durso.

A Motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Debra Jaffee – That the northwest corner of Morris Park Avenue and Williamsbridge Road be named after Michael Durso. **PASSED.**

I. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson

Joe reported that the Minutes were distributed. He spoke briefly about updates with our parks. He also gave special thanks to Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein for the funding of the teen concert which was a success.

J. Youth

There was no report from Youth.

K. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Budget Consultations will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 4 PM at Fordham Prep. He urged all members to attend. Silvio also reported that our public hearing on the budget will be held on Thursday, October 16th at 7 PM at Calvary Hospital. He stated that it is a mandated meeting for Board members. All Form 3's are due back at the office after the hearing.

IX. New Business

Silvio reminded everyone about the Columbus Day Parade, the Mass at St. Dominick/s Church and the breakfast that follows the Mass.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2003

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosta (1) (2)
 Joseph Bacote (1)
 Ruth Burko (1) (1)
 Junior Campell (0)
 Joseph Carfora (0)
 Dominic Castore (1) (3)
 Dorinda Castro (4) (1)
 Diane Cerino (3) (1)
 Patrick Dolan (1)
 Rosemary Durso (1) (5)
 Harain Figueroa (1)
 Rabbi Fuchs (left early) (2) (1) **LEFT EARLY**
 Debra Jaffee (0)
 Marilynne Jamieson (1)

David Leavitt (1)
 Lilith Lozano (1)
 Evelyn Martinez (0)
 Silvio Mazzella (0)
 Joseph McManus (0) (1)
 Mary Paliotta (0)
 Dr. Mahendra Patel (0) (1)
 Robert Potter (0)
 Vincent Prezioso (0)
 Pat Quaranta (1) (4)
 Carol Ricci (1)
 Blanche Rifkin (1)
 Irene Rukaj (0) (3)
 Madeline Saltaformaggio (1) (2)
 Joseph Thompson (0)
 Eugene Tutora (0)

ABSENT

Priscilla Crowell (3) (1)
 Eiron Diaz (5)
 Rev. J. Gooding Sr. (2) (1)
 Gerald Launer (1) (1)

Annette Marchitello (3) (5)
 Hazel Miura (5) (4)
 Martin Sacewicz (2)
 Hector Zorilla (3) (1)

EXCUSED

Dominick DeProspero (3) (2)
 Kenneth Gelnick (5) (1)
 Rev. Leslie McHenry (1) (1)
 Diane Norris (0) (1)

Joseph Reda (2) (2)
 Vincent Taddeo (1) (4)
 Elaine Weisbrot (0) (1)
 Linda White (2) (3)