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**Dominic Castore
Chairman**

**Adolfo Carrion,
Borough President**

**John A. Fratta
District Manager**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003 IN
CALVARY HOSPITAL

COMMITTEES

- Community Development & Budget priorities
- Economic Development
- Education & Culture
- Health & Social Services
- Highways, Traffic & Transportation
- Housing
- Land Use
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Public Safety
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- Youth

Dominic Castore, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

I. Gallery Session

- a. Fran Palmari- parent Coordinator PS 89 discussed problems at PS 89 with students from Columbus High School and traffic condition.

II. Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Reda, Seconded by Robert Potter – that we approve the minutes of the September 25, 2003 meeting. **PASSED.**

III. Chairman’s Report – Dominic Castore

Dominic Castore thanked the Board Members who participated in the Budget Consultations on the Budget. Once again, Community Board 11 had the largest contingent of any board in the Bronx. Dominic Castore also spoke about members that leave Community Board meetings early and stressed that we need full attendance throughout the meeting. He informed the members that at the end of each meeting we will have a roll call and mark attendance. He also spoke about the importance of attendance at committee meetings and again said that if any member is unhappy with their committee assignment to let him know and he/she will be changed. Dom announced that Community Board 11 recommended Dom DeProspo for a Morris Park Community Association volunteer award. Dom announced that John Fratta will be honored for Italian Heritage by the Bronx Borough President tomorrow morning.

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

John spoke about the Morris Park Library and stated that he had a meeting today at the site with Councilmember Provenzano, school and community leaders. The construction is scheduled to begin in February 2004 and the library should be opened a year from that date. John thanked Councilwoman Provenzano for making this a reality.

John thanked the Board Members for participating in the budget consultations.

John spoke about the SRO problem in the Van Nest Community. It is becoming a serious situation. Enforcement ends if the Department of Buildings can not gain access. A task force is needed to deal with this problem.

The 911 Memorial at the Esplanade, that was removed by the Parks Department has been replaced with a flower garden. Commissioner Lewandowski promised it would be done in two weeks and she kept her word.

Sidewalk inspections are scheduled to begin in Community Board 11.

John announced that new computers were purchased for the office. We now have up to date computers to work on. John also announced that the Dahn Yoga Society has donated their proceeds (\$300.00) to the Friends of Community Board 11, towards the purchase of truck boots for the 49th Pct. Community Board 11 and the North East Bronx Association will also purchase one truck boot each.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

The report has been distributed and no questions were asked.

VI. Borough President's Report – Chris Kirka

Chris Kirka announced that Borough President Carrion will host a special on domestic violence on Bronx 12 on October 29, 2003 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. It will be a live talk show so residents will be able to call in.

Community Board application process will begin this month. A letter will be sent shortly to members whose terms expire this year.

Borough President Carrion announced that 38 schools in the Bronx will be equipped with a mobile science lab. These are equipped with computers and experiments can be conducted in them.

The Borough President also would like to invite all to Italian Heritage celebration to be held at the Fermi Library in Belmont tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazzella/Madeline Saltaformaggio

Silvio thanked all who participated in the budget process. He also thanks John Fratta for all his work along with the members of his committee.

Silvio said that he was sorry that we had so few people attending our public hearing on the budget and more Board Members should have attended also. A copy of the Expense and Capital request for FY 2005 was distributed. Silvio asked if there were any questions hearing none

A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella seconded by Elaine Weisbrot that Community Board 11 approves the Capital and Expense recommendations of the committee. **PASSED.**

John Fratta discussed OMB's recommendation that we have joint budget consultations with all the Bronx Community Boards. This will change the process that we have been involved with for many years at Fordham.

John mentioned that they already started to do joint meetings with Fire, HRA, HPD, DFTA and Department of Buildings. The concern we have is OMB expanding joint consultations with our super agencies. A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, seconded by Debra Jaffee that we send a letter to OMB urging them not to expand joint consultations with any other agencies. **PASSED.** Dom thanked Silvio for all the work that was done on the budget process.

B. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

In the absence of Joe Thompson Silvio Mazzella gave the report.

1) Alcohol Beverage Control License

- a. M.A.S. Tavern Corp. – 2241 White Plains Road for an on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

There were no outstanding problems with this location and the 49th Pct had no problems with this establishment. A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, seconded by Vincent Prezioso that we have no objection to the granting of the renewal of this application. **PASSED.**

- b. Castuck Café – 2040 Eastchester Road for an on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

This establishment A/K/A Gleason's has no outstanding problems and the 49th Pct. Has no objection to this application. A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, seconded by John Dennehy that we have no objection to the granting of the renewal of this application. **PASSED.**

C. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin/Marilyn Jameson

The minutes were passed out and no motions from the committee and no questions were asked.

D. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry/Eugene Tutora

A meeting was held and the minutes were distributed. There were no motions from the Housing Committee and no questions were asked.

E. Public Safety – Joseph Reda/Silvio Mazzella

No meeting was held this month. Joseph Reda complimented Captain Martinez on doing a superb job at the 49th Pct. Crime is down.

F. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/Robert Potter

The minutes were distributed. There were no motions and no questions were asked. Problems at Columbus High School were raised and it was suggested that we call in the new principal of Columbus with the new regional superintendent as well as School Safety, the 49th Precinct. It was then decided that next month we will hold a joint Education, Youth and Public Safety Committee meeting with all the people involved.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Dominick DeProspero/ Debra Jaffee

No meeting was held this month however, Dominick DeProspero mentioned that he will need an afternoon meeting with Sanitation Officials to discuss snow plowing for this season.

H. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick/Joseph McManus

We had no land use items this month and no meeting was held.

I. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson/Dr. Patel

Debra Jaffee reported that the committee met and they have two motions. The minutes were distributed. A motion was made by Debra Jaffee, seconded by Vincent Prezioso, that the Parks Committee pursues a mural for Earth Day to be done by the children of the community. **PASSED.**

A motion was made by Debra Jaffee, seconded by Silvio Mazzella, that the Parks Committee pursue a “Clean Parks Program” to be done on Earth Day by the children of our community. **PASSED.**

The Parks Committee also has two more motions that are necessary but did not come before the committee concerning the renovations of Matthews/Muliner Playground and Loreto Playground.

Debra Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Vinny Prezioso that we send a letter to the Parks Department stating that we approve the plans for the renovation of Matthews/Muliner Playground. **PASSED.**

Debra Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Robert Potter that we send a letter to the Parks Department approving the plans for the renovation of Loreto Playground only if the plans have a small softball field next to the roller hockey field instead of a half court basketball court. **PASSED with one abstention Joseph Cafora with cause.**

J. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Fuchs/John Dennehy

A meeting was held we have no motions and the minutes were distributed. There were no questions raised.

K. Youth – Linda White/Hazel Miura

There was a youth committee meeting. We have no motions and the minutes were distributed. There were no questions asked.

L. New Business – Dom Castore announced that Joseph McManus is being honored at the Swan Dinner next Friday, November 7, 2003. Dom congratulated Joe.

Silvio Mazzella announced that the 49 Pct. Community Council meeting will be held on October 28, 2003 at Kings Harbor and the breakfast is tomorrow morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2003

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosta	(0)	Evelyn Martinez	(0)
Joseph Bacote	(01)	Silvio Mazzella	(0)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(0)(1)
Junior Campbell	(0)	Joseph McManus	(0)
Joseph Carfora	(0)	Hazel Miura	(1)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Mary Paliotta	(0)
Dorinda Castro	(0)	Robert Potter	(0)
Diane Cerino	(0)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Dominick DeProspero	(0)(1)	Joseph Reda	(0)(1)
John Dennehy	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(0)
Rosemary Durso	(0)	Irene Rukaj	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Debra Ann Jaffee	(0)	Eugene Tutoroa	(0)
Gerald Launer	(1)	Sandra Unger	(0)
David Leavitt	(1)	Elaine Weisbrot	(0)(1)
Lilith Lozano	(0)	Linda White	(0)(1)
Annette Marchitello	(1)	Hector Zorilla	(1)

ABSENT

Priscilla Crowell	(2)	Marilyne Jamieson	(1)
Eiron Diaz	(2)	David Leavitt	(1)
Patrick Dolan	(1)	Diane Norris	(1)(1)
Rev. Jay Gooding	(2)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)

EXCUSED

Pat Quaranta	(0)(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)(1)
Carole Ricci	(0)(1)	Vincent Taddeo	(0)(2)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy J. Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11

Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide – Community Board #11

GUESTS

Helene Samburg – Van Nest Branch Library

Fran Palmieri – Parent Coordinator P.S. 89

Mary Scanlon – Kings Harbor

Janet Lopez

NUMBERS IN PARENTHESIS INDICATE ABSENCES FROM SEPTEMBER, 2003 MEETING. **NUMBERS IN BOLD INDICATE EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SEPTEMBER, 2003**