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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18,
2004 AT CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dom Castore,
 Chairman.

1. Gallery Session

A. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library

Ms. Samberg thanked the Board for their support in getting the funding to expand the hours of operations of some libraries. Ms. Samberg mentioned that the Van Nest Branch did not have their library service expanded. Ms. Samberg spoke about two new programs for those that are visually impaired. One is called magic and the other called jaws. She spoke about the Library's new program called Planning for Results.

11. Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Jaffee, seconded by Bob Potter that the minutes of October 2004 be accepted as received. **PASSED**

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom reported that Madeline Saltaformaggio was in Morningside Nursing Home for Rehabilitation. She is in Room 421 of the B building.

The next month's meeting will be held on December 16, 2004 the third Thursday instead of the 4th.

Applications for membership on the Community Board will be available at the Board office next month. All Board Members whose term's expire will be notified by the Borough President and the Community Board Office.

A new committee is being set-up called the Technology Committee and Mary Paliotta is going to chair it. Next month she will give a summary of the committee.

Eliezer Rodriguez is the proud father of a new baby boy.

Dom called Detective Nick Stanich to the front to give him a plaque from the Board for his 19 years of service to our community.

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

John spoke about the double parking problem by our schools. He mentioned that the problem has escalated by St. Dominick's School. Starting tomorrow we will have traffic agents there to give our parking summonses to parents double parking.

John spoke about the MTA Project at White Plains Road. He mentioned that the contractor voluntarily agreed to a holiday embargo from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The Department of Sanitation has been giving out summonses to the contractor for not maintaining the construction site.

The FY 2006 budget submissions were completed and sent over to the Office of Management and Budget. We should be having a budget hearing once we receive a response from the Mayor's Office.

We have a new Borough Commissioner of Parks, Mr. Hector Aponte. Mr. Aponte was the Chief of Operations for Parks from Staten Island.

Bronx Council of the Arts has applications for memberships on the back table.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazella

Silvio had no report. He thanked everyone for their concern for him while he was sick.

VI. Borough President's Report – Bob Nolan

Bob welcomed Silvio back. He also congratulated Detective Stanich on his retirement from the police department and he thanked him for all his hard work.

Bob mentioned that the Morris Park Library should be opened by late fall 05, special thanks to Councilmember Provenzano.

Bob thanked Vinny Prezioso and John Fratta for attending today's Borough Board Meeting. January 14th will be the deadline for new members to the board.

Bob talked about the Yankee Stadium Plan of the Borough President.

Finally, Bob spoke about the budgets cuts by the MTA. One of the cuts is the Bx 8 bus which affects our community board. The Borough President told the MTA they should cut their own budget first before asking their riders to take cuts in service.

VII. Economic Development – Joe Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control License

a. Bronxdale Avenue Mobile – 2090 Bronxdale Avenue (RENEWAL)

b. Hellenic Efforts, Inc. – 2020 White Plains Road

a motion was made by Joe Thompson, seconded by Blanche Rifkin that we have no objection to the granting of these two licenses. PASSED with one abstention-Kenneth Agosta for cause.

c. Con Sazon, Inc. (NEW) – 1332 Blondell Avenue
A motion made by Joe Thompson, seconded by Bob Potter that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment. PASSED.

d. Luigi Quality Dairy (RENEWAL) – 600 Morris Park Avenue
A motion was made by Joe Thompson, seconded by Silvio Mazella that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment. PASSED

e. Maestro's Caterers (RENEWAL) – 1703 Bronxdale Avenue
A motion made by Joe Thompson, seconded by Silvio Mazella that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment. PASSED

VIII. Education and Culture – Bob Potter
Bob Potter said the minutes have been distributed and he would take any questions. Bob did speak about the Bronx High School of Visual Arts and that the school was supposed to be an annex but is now a full high school with two other programs operated there also.

IX. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry
The minutes have been submitted.

X. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin
Blanche thanked Margaret for typing the minutes that were distributed. Blanche spoke about a series of lectures that are being held at Calvary.

XI. Public Safety – Joe Reda
The stats have been distributed and there were no questions. Joe reported that there were 135 police officers at the precinct 15 radio cars, 3 vans, 3 undercover cars and 3 shooters.

XII. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Debra Jaffee/Evelyn Martinez
The minutes were distributed and there were no questions. Evelyn spoke about clogged drains and potholes and dips in the road.

XIII. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazella
There was no meeting this month.

XIV. Parks and Recreation – Joe Thompson
Joe mentioned that we are moving on the expansion of Van Nest Park (5 corners Park). Joe also mentioned that we have a list of the projects to be funded with the \$240 million from the filtration money.

XV. Highways Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Fuchs
The minutes have been distributed and there were no questions. The Rabbi mentioned that the traffic on Pelham Parkway and Boston Road has seemed to clear up.

XVI. Youth – Linda White

Linda thanked the two members that showed up at her meeting. She mentioned that we are still working on getting a beacon in our district. The next meeting is December 13th.

XVII. Other

John Fratta mentioned that there is a meeting of the Government Operations Committee hearing on the role of Community Boards. This will take place on December 14th at City Hall.

John also asked every Board member to inform the board office where we have fire alarm boxes that are deactivated in our district. DOT installed these new red lights on top of lamppost letting the public know that there is a fire alarm box at the intersection. We want these removed at the intersections that have no active alarm boxes.

Pat Dolan talked about pigeons and the fact that too many people feed them. He feels there should be a law to prevent that from happening.

Diane Cerino said that she had to call 311 three times and it has worked very well.

A motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, seconded by Linda White to adjourn the meeting. PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko, Secretary