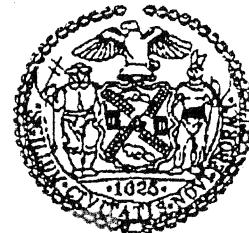




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District Manager**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 28 2005

IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

COMMITTEES

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Vincent Prezioso, First Vice Chair.

I. Gallery Session

a. Julio Torres – President of Bronx Park East Neighborhood Association

Mr. Torres stated that he was the new President of the BPENA which has been in existence for many years. He also stated that he was the Director of the Friends of Bronx Park Inc. and has worked with NIDC to clean up the area.

II. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that elections will be held in June. He stating that the Nominating Committee consists of: Eugene Tutora, Chairman; John Dennehy, Rosemary Durso, Mary Paliotta, and Robert Potter.

Vinny reported that the Committee will bring a slate to the Board at the April meeting, and after that nominations will be taken from the floor. Vinny reported that the nomination must be seconded. He stated that nominations will again be taken from the floor at the May meeting, but the person/persons nominated must have indicated in writing or be present to accept the nomination.

Vinny reported that ballots will be given out and **MUST BE SIGNED**. He stated that any ballot that is not signed will be invalid. Vinny then reported that anyone wishing to see how the votes were cast can do so by calling the Board office at least a month after the vote.

Vinny announced that Madeline Saltaformaggio is in the Gold Crest Nursing Home. He stated that this is the old Astor Nursing Home. Vinny stated that anyone interested in visiting her can contact the Board office for her telephone number.

Vinny thanked everyone who came out for the public hearing. He stated that it was a terrible night, but we had a good turnout.

Vinny reported that there would be a short presentation by City Planning on the rezoning of property in the Pelham Gardens area.

Vinny reported that Dominic Castore had knee surgery and is doing well. He is in rehab and should be back next month.

Vinny reported that the Board meeting for April will be held a week earlier, on April 21st due to Passover falling the following week.

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

John reported on the situation at Columbus High School. He stated that there was a teen slashed at the school. John reported that the overall safety is good at the school.

John spoke about the Council for Unity Program at Columbus and how it has gotten gangs together for meetings which has helped to eliminate incidents. He also reported that we are trying to get the program into P.S. 96, P.S. 89, MS 135 and M.S. 144. John reported that the program costs \$50,000 per school. He stated that we are trying to get it for the younger kids in the hopes of keeping them out of gangs. John stated that we hope the Department of Education will agree to this.

John reported that he had toured P.S. 96. He stated that they have 21 trailers on site. He stated that he toured all the trailers and some are very old. The floors are buckling. He stated that we will bring this up at the next budget consultations. John also reported that some of the trailers have no ties to the main building, no phones and no intercoms. He stated kids have to be sent to the main building to bring the attendance report. John reported that P.S. 76 has trailers on their property. He stated that the school is asking for money to take down the fence that surrounds the vacant DOE property and plant a garden and teach the kids about how things grow. He also reported that the school wants to replace the curtains in the auditorium that are 65 years old.

John reported Matthews/Muliner Park will be closed for at least a year for renovations. He stated that it was supposed to begin in June, but we were able to get it started earlier.

John spoke about the raffles for the family of PO Centwitz whose wife was paralyzed in a car accident. He stated that we still had some raffles available if anyone is interested.

IV. Minutes

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Sandra Unger - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously approved.

V. Street Activity Permits

1. Application by Estebon Martinez on behalf of Rosade Saron, Inc. of 2700 Olinville Avenue to close Olinville Avenue between Barker and Allerton Avenues on June 11th and 12th with a rain date of June 25th and 26th between 1PM and 5 PM.

A great deal of discussion took place on this application. Joe Thompson asked if there were petitions and Susan Nolan said that there were none.

A Motion was made by Sandra Unger, Seconded by Al D'Angelo – That a votes on this application be tabled until we speak to the police.

Unanimously approved.

2. Application by Felicia Parchen of the 1900 block of Tomlinson Avenue to close Tomlinson Avenue between Neill and Rhinelander Avenues on July 9th between the hours of 11 AM to 8 PM with a rain date of July 16th.

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 approve this application.

Unanimously approved.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report was distributed. He stated that anyone having questions can speak to Harriet.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Mohamed Aruba's d/b/a Green Park Deli and Grocery – 1512 Shorr Place for off- premises consumption

A great deal of discussion took place on this site. Several Board members spoke about the fact that they were known to have been selling beer to minors as well as cigarettes.

John spoke about the new system whereby we get copies of violations that have been issued. He stated that this will allow us to see what activity if any has been going on at a location. John suggested that this be put in the papers of record.

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Vinny Taddeo – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that this renewal application be rejected.

Unanimously approved

- b. Ramon G. Lopez d/b/a El Comp Restaurant – 2233 Boston Road for on-premises consumption
- c. Chavez Restaurant Inc. – 730 Astor Avenue for on-premises consumption
- d. Rainbow Restaurant – 2197 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption
- e. Enzos’s Restaurant - 1998 Williamsbridge Road – for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Al D’Angelo and Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objections to the granting of these licenses.

Unanimously approved.

B. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the Minutes were distributed. She also reported on the PS 76 work which was requested. She stated that the funding request was rejected. Ruth reported that the next meeting will be held on April 14th.

C. Land Use – Joseph McManus

1, Application by City Planning Commission #C050289 ZMX pursuant to Sections 197-C and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section Nos. 2b and 4a to rezone Pelham Gardens and other areas north of Pelham Parkway.

Kelly Murphy and Jose Lopez gave a detailed presentation on this application. They showed pictures and answered questions from the board. It was explained that this covers 166 blocks and 2 districts: 11 and 12.

John asked if City Planning could meet with the Morris Park Association before the start of their rezoning application.

Gene spoke about expansions being made by removing 4 walls, when in fact it was a reconstruction.

Kelly said she would look into the address Gene spoke about.

Joe McManus stated that the Minutes had been distributed. He read the resolution proposed by the Committee:

Motion by Joe McManus, Seconded by

Whereas Community Board 11 agrees with the proposal submitted by the City Planning Commission, and

Whereas, this is a step in the right direction, and

Whereas, the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) property on Stillwell Avenue has been omitted from this proposal, and

Whereas, this property if not changed could down the road change the characteristic of the Community

Therefore, be it resolved that Community Board 11 support the City Planning Proposal known as The Pelham Gardens Rezoning #C 050289ZMX

Let it further be resolved that City Planning comes back and does a further review of the UCP property and change that Zoning accordingly.

The resolution passed with 23 For and 1 abstention by Eugene Tutora.

D. Health – Marilyn Jamieson
Marilyn reported that the Minutes had been distributed

E. Public Safety – Silvio Mazzella
Silvio reported that the 49th Precinct was meeting tomorrow at Young Israel of Pelham Parkway.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection Debra Ann Jaffee
Debra reported that on May 21st from 10 AM to 12 PM at the YMCA all the volunteers who participated in the clean up last year will be receiving citations. She also reported that on April 23rd there will be a liter clean up, and on June 16th the Borough President will be having a clean up. She asked all Board members to help in the clean up.

VIII. Borough President's Report - Jose Candelario

Jose read the following report:

1. BRONX HEALTH INDUSTRY TO FACE MASSIVE CUTS AND TAXES – Carrion finds the Governor's budget will result in 14 different taxes and cuts to local hospitals and nursing homes.

2. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT CARRION AND ARIVA OFFERED FREE TAX ASSISTANCE TO BRONX SENIORS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES – Hundreds of residents took advantage of the service.

2. IRISH HERITAGE will be held on March 39th at 7PM at The Rambling House at 4292 Katonah Avenue.

3. TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP THE BRONX - Borough President Carrion is holding a special recognition event at the Bronx YMCA located on Castle Hill Avenue on Saturday, May 21st from 10 AM to 12 PM for all those who participated in the "2004 Team Up to Clean Up The Bronx event. Anyone who wants to attend should call Maritza at 537-5584. Event on

4. 2005 Team Up to Clean Up kickoff will coincide with the kickoff of Bronx Week 2005 on Saturday, June 28th.

H. Can't remember committee
Minutes distributed.

VIII. Old Business

Irene announced that National Youth Day will be held on April 17th behind 2910 Wallace Avenue. She stated that this site is called the Promise Garden. Irene also reported that there would be a clean up of the garden from April 15th to the 17th, and everyone is invited to attend and beautify the garden.

Vinny announced that John Fratta is being honored by FIAME on April 15th.
Silvio spoke about the Morris Park Association Dinner.

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Junior Campbell - That
The meeting be adjourned.
Unanimously approved,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

 (RB)

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

RB/hl