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Chairman

Adolfo Carrion, Jr.
Borough President

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District Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 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. Giselle James – New York Public Library

Ms. James thanked the Board for their support of the libraries. She spoke about the Mayor's 6% budget cuts to libraries that would mean a reduction of services to the branches. Ms. James reported that the Van Nest branch will be closing in May for a spruce up of the Children's Room. She also reported that the Morris Park branch is slated to open in the fall of 2005.

Vinny introduced Thomas Lucania, representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano; Carol Ricci, representing Senator Jeffrey Klein and Omar Mejia, representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera.

b. Omar Mejia – Administrative Aide to Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

Mr. Mejia reported The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association clean up date on May 14th and is being hosted by Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera. He reported that the office is located on 728 Lydig Avenue.

Debra Jaffee reported that the April clean up will be held this Saturday, April 23rd. If it rains it will be in conjunction with the Borough President's Office on June 18th. She also invited Assemblywoman Rivera and Mr. Mejia to the next Sanitation meeting on May 5th.

II. Minutes

Jose Candelario that there was an error in his report. that the Team Up to Clean Up will be held on June 28th, not June 18th.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted.

III. Chairman's Report Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor tonight. Nominations will again be taken from the floor at the May meeting. At the May meeting the person nominated must either be present or have indicated in writing their willingness to run. In June voting will take place by secret ballot. All ballots must be signed. Any unsigned ballot will be invalid. Some time after the Board meeting in early July the vote will be ready for anyone who wishes to see it.

Vinny reported that Dom Castore will be back in May. He is rehabilitating from knee surgery, and also had a pace maker installed.

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

John thanked everyone who came to the FIAME dinner at which he was honored, and those who could not attend but called to congratulate him.

John spoke about the rezoning of Pelham Gardens. He stated that the Land Use Committee will be meeting with City Planning May 16th on the Morris Park rezoning. He stated that City Planning will come in with plans. John stated that they initially left out some streets, but they will add 2 more blocks going north. John said that they are trying to maintain the character of the neighborhood so that areas having one family home will remain the same as would areas containing two family homes.

John reported that Van Nest will be done at another time as will Indian Village.

John reported that he will be attending a public hearing at the Borough Presidents office on Tuesday, and there will be a vote on Thursday at the Borough Board meeting. He reported that as he and Vinny could not attend Joe Thompson will go to represent the Board.

John spoke about the new development coming into Morris Park. He stated that this will be 100 units of low income housing on Bronxdale Avenue between White Plains Road and Brady Avenue where the old Shell gas station was. He stated that he, Silvio and Al D'Angelo had met with the developer. John stated that the Housing Committee will be working on this. John also stated that he felt that 100 units of any housing is too much for any area to absorb.

John reported that there have been power outages in Pelham Gardens on Monday and on Bogart Avenue last night. John reported that on Bogart Avenue a transformer blew up and fell on a car that went on fire. He stated that he is setting up a meeting with Con Ed, the Borough President's office the, Police Captain and Fire Chiefs.

Street Closing Applications

1. Application by Esteban Martinez to close the 2700 block of Olinville Avenue from Baker Avenue to Allerton Avenue to Allerton Avenue on June 11-12 with a rain date of June 25-26 from 1 PM to 5 PM.

John reported that the 49th Precinct has a problem with this being 2 days. They want only 1 day and recommend that approval only be given if it is for one day.

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Michael Carriere – That Community Board 11 approve this permit only if it is for 1 day, if not that it be denied.
Unanimously approved.

2. Application by Kathy Dispenza to close the 2200 Block of Kingsland Avenue from Astor Avenue to Pelham Parkway North on July 23rd with a rain date of July 24th from 10 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

3. Application by Dwayne William to close the 2900 block of O'Neill Place between Eastchester Road to Fenton Avenue on July 23rd with a rain date of July 30th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

5. Application by Dominick Lasorsa to close Kingsland Avenue between Waring and Mace Avenues on August 13th with a rain date of August 14th for a block party.

6. Application by Felicia Parchen to close Tomlinson Avenue between Neill and Rhinelander Avenues on July 16th with a rain date of July 23rd from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

A Motion was made by Debra Ann Jaffee, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board 11 approve of these street closing applications.

7. Application by Liam Moffatt to close Lurting Ave, Poplar Street and Roselle Street on July 9th with a rain date of July 10th from 10 AM to 7 PM for a block party.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Robert Potter – That this application be approved.
Unanimously approved.

John reported that the Board had received an application for a play street from PAL for the Coops Garden Courts for the summer. He spoke about how well the program was run last year.

A Motion was made by Sandra Unger, Seconded by John Dennehy – That Community Board 11 approve of this play street application.

Passed with 1 abstention with cause by Janice Walcott.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella
Silvio reported that there was no change in the Treasurer's Report.

VI. Borough President's Report – Jose Candelario
Jose reported that he had distributed flyers on Domestic Violence Awareness and the AIDS Walk New York.

1. Carrion Arms Domestic Violence Victims with Resources to Fight Back
2. Bike to Work Day

3. NYC AIDS Walk
4. Bronx Cinco De Mayo Event
5. Borough President Launches Bronx Anti-Drug Anonymous Tip Line
- 6/ Bronx Borough President Pressures Albany to Protect New York City Mitchell-Lama Housing

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development Joseph Thompson

1. Azteca Corp. – 651 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption
2. La Bella Café – 2125 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption

Joe reported that both of these establishments already have their licenses, and this is before the Board has been heard from.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella and John Dennehy – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that it has no objections to the granting of these licenses.

Discussion took place on the SLA approving of these licenses before hearing from the community boards. John spoke about the SLA not following its own regulations. He stated that we need stronger regulations. John further stated that we need to ask all the state officials to work on getting stronger regulations.

Passed with 3 abstentions by Debra Ann Jaffee, Joe Carfora and Lily Lozano.

3. Mirador Corp. new owner – 2712 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption

Joe reported that there were health violations totaling \$11,000 with the old owner. This is the worst location for a bar. He stated that we do not have the name of the new owner. The place will be open from 11AM to 3 AM.

A great deal of discussion took place on this location and its past problems.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by John Dennehy – That Community Board 11 reject this site because of problems at this location.

Jose Candelario spoke on other boards that have stopped owners from operating at sites that have a history of attracting certain clientele.

John Dennehy suggested that we invite the owner to come to the Board meeting.

Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 invite the owners of places where liquor licenses have come before us to come to the Board meeting when their license is to be voted on.

Passed with 1 opposition by Marilyn Jamieson.

Joe spoke about small business going of business due to high rents and parking problems. He stated that all the merchants associations as well as the elected officials will be invited to the meeting. Anyone interested can contact Harriet for the time and date..

Vinny reported that we are glad to see John Dennehy back after heart surgery. He also congratulated Thomas Lucania on the birth of his daughter Kathryn Rose. Mother and baby are doing well.

B. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/ Robert Potter

Ruth reported that the Minutes had been distributed. She stated that this had been the best meeting. Ruth reported that they met with Laura Rodriguez and Jose Ruiz. Ruth reported that information was given to us and we gave information to them. Ruth reported that at the next meeting they will have another guest. Ruth thanked Diane Norris for taking the minutes,

Bob Potter reported that he had met with John Fratta and the Morris Park Library Committee. He also reported that he had met the new Librarian. Bob stated that it was a good meeting. He also reported that 80 – 90% of the book for the library have been purchased and are being stored until the opening which should be in late fall.

Sandra Unger spoke about Title Schools but that they do not have all the facilities that the title means. She stated that they said at the meeting they stated that this is just to give the students a taste of what the title is about.

C. Land Use - Joe McManus

Joe reported that the Committee had not met this month. He stated that the next meeting will be held on May 16th at 7 PM in the Board office on the Morris Park rezoning and down zoning of the area.

D. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry reported that there was no Committee meeting this month. She stated that there is an issue that is coming before the Housing Committee. Rev. McHenry reported that 100 units of low income housing is proposed for our community. She stated that she invited the managers of Pelham, Parkside and Eastchester Housing to the next Committee meeting. Rev. McHenry reported that she feels that low income housing is not what we need in this community. She stated that this community has more of a senior population than any other district and we need senior housing.

E. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche thanked Diane Norris for taking the Minutes at the meeting. She stated that the meeting was brief. Blanche stated that there was 1 correction to the Health Minutes it should read lease of 8 acres of land to Albert Einstein College of Medicine

F. Public Safety – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the 49th Precinct Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26th at the 49 Precinct. We will be honoring Richie Lombardi.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Debra Ann Jaffee

Debra reported that the Minutes had been distributed. She also reported that the clean up scheduled for Saturday is cancelled due to the expected rain and the fact that the city graffiti removal program has no supplies. She stated that they will reschedule it for June 18th in conjunction with the Borough President's clean up.

H. Technology and Communication – Mary Paliotta/David Leavitt

David Leavitt reported that he and Mary had met with the web page designer on Tuesday. He stated that this was the Committee's second meeting. David stated that the Minutes would be available at the next board meeting.

I. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson

Joe reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

J. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – John Dennehy

John reported that there was no meeting in April.

K. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that there were corrections to the Youth Minutes. She stated that the RFP's were in reference to Out of School Time Programs. She stated that they have to be read, scored and evaluated. Linda stated that they have not been done yet. She stated that the programs will run from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008.

Linda spoke about a heated discussion that took place on whether or not the K-8 schools should be included with the elementary schools when they are rated. All are outside grou[s wanting to do programs in our schools.

Linda spoke about IS 11 which is called a Prestige school. She stated that any group doing a proposal there can only do it for the children attending that school. No other children can be included in this program.

Linda reported that there would not be a Youth meeting in May.

John spoke about the lack of both funded groups for youth programs and the lack of groups that apply for funding.

John reported that the problem we have is that we don't have groups with a 501c3 that are applying for this money.

Linda apologized to the members of her Committee who showed up late and found the office closed. She explained how many times she has stayed up to an hour alone and no one showed up.

L. Nominations – Eugene Tutora

Gene reported that the Committee had met and selected the following slate:

Dominic Castore – Chairman

Vincent Prezioso – First Vice Chair

Joseph Thompson – Second Vice Chair

Ruth Burko – Secretary
Silvio Mazzella – Treasurer

Gene asked for nominations from the floor beginning with Chairman. There were no nominations for Chairman. He then asked for nominations for First Vice Chair.

Lily Lozano nominated Debra Ann Jaffee for First Vice Chair and Kenneth Agosto seconded the nomination. Debra accepted the nomination.

Gene asked for nominations for Second Vice Chair,

Rev. Leslie McHenry nominated Lily Lozano for Second Vice Chair and Debra Ann Jaffee seconded the nomination. Lily accepted the nomination.

Diane Cerino nominated Kenneth Agosto for Second Vice Chair and Debra Ann Jaffee seconded the nomination. Ken declined the nomination.

Gene asked for nominations for Secretary

Mary Paliotta nominated Debra Ann Jaffee for Secretary. She was informed that if Debra accepted this nomination she would have to decline the nomination for First Vice Chair. Debra declined the nomination.

Gene asked for nominations for Treasurer and there were none.

Gene explained that nominations would again be taken from the floor at the May meeting, but the person nominated must either be present or have indicated in writing their willingness to run. Elections will take place in June by secret ballot. The record of votes will be available for anyone to see some time in July. All ballots must be signed or they will be considered invalid.

IX. New Business

Diane Cerino reported that the City has a program whereby if your sidewalk needs to be repaired due to street tree damage the city will pay for it. Call 311.

Irene reported that the 49th Precinct Explorers will be marching in the Veterans Parade on May 15th. She stated that this will be broad cast live. Irene stated that she needs some help in outfitting 15 of the explorers. The uniforms cost \$75 and anyone who wants to help can see her.

Ken Agosto reported that DACR has opened a window for Section 8 housing for 3 weeks. He stated that this is for people who are victims of domestic violence, people who are witness intimidation and homeless who need housing. He anyone who falls into this category or knows someone who does to call him at 718-299-7905.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2005

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosto	(2)	Joseph McManus	(1)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Hazel Miura	(3)
Joseph Carfora	(2)	Diane Norris	(2)
Michael Carriere	(2)	Mary Paliotta	(1)
Diane Cerino	(2)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(2)
John Dennehy	(2)	Robert Potter	(0)
Pat Dolan	(1)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(4)
Cecilia Haas	(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)
Debra Ann Jaffee	(0)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Marilyne Jamieson	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)
Lilith Lozano	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Evelyn Martinez	(0)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Linda White	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(2)		

ABSENT

Joseph Bacote	(2)	Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)
Junior Campbell	(3)	Kenneth Gelnick	(2)
Dominic Castore	(3)	Pat Quaranta	(3)
Dorinda Castro	(3)	Joseph Reda	(3)
Albert D'Angelo	(2)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(7)
Rosemary Durso	(4)	Elaine Weisbrot	(3)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania - Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Carol Ricci - Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Omar Majia - Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

John Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board #11

Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide – Community Board #11

Jose Candelario - Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr

P.O. Victor DiPierro = 49th Precinct – Community Affairs

GUESTS

Giselle James – Allerton Branch Library