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**Chairman**

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**Borough President**

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**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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005  
IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Vincent Prezioso, First Vice Chair.

Vinny recognized Robert Nolan representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr and Carol Ricci representing Senator Jeffrey Klein.

I. Gallery Session

a. Maria Hamilton – President of Sports Profession High School Parents Association

Ms. Hamilton stated that she and other parents of children attending Sports Profession High School were here tonight to ask for help in keeping the school at its present location of 50 Antin Place. Ms. Hamilton reported that the school is being relocated to 1180 Re. James Polite Boulevard.

Vinny told Ms. Hamilton to bring this to the Education Committee which meets in the Board office at 1741 Colden Avenue

Bob Nolan reported that last Friday Borough President Adolfo Carrion hosted a meeting with Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, other elected officials and a number of non profit organizations that are currently located in the school on Rev. James Polite Boulevard. He stated that the non profit organizations do not want to leave the Morrisania area. The Borough President has requested of the Mayor a plan that would keep the non profit organizations in the Morrisania area. Bob stated that the non profit organizations have been operating out of this school for quite a number of years

b. Anthony Bianchi – representing the Mirador Corp.

Mr. Bianchi stated that he was here tonight representing the new owners of the Mirador Corporation. He said that they applied for a liquor license, but were turned down by the Board. Mr. Bianchi stated that the reason given by the Board was that there was ongoing or prior criminal

activity in the area. He stated that the El Re De Compas was only there for 2 years and never received any criminal violations or criminal citation from the police department of the SLA. Mr. Bianchi said that a corporation had taken over, and they welcome any visits from the Community Board at any time.

Joe Thompson asked if the new owner has any connections with the previous owner. Mr. Bianchi stated the new owner Mr. Farcieri is related to the old owner. He stated that El Re de Compas can no longer afford to maintain the restaurant due to financial reasons. Mr. Bianchi stated that the old owner turned the restaurant back to the landlord and Mr. Farcieri took it over. He stated that the prior management and staff will remain in effect.

Joe reported that since El Re De Compas has been there, there have been no violations. He has kept out all of the unsavory element. Joe said that the owner would escort people out that he did not want in his establishment. Joe state that the Board was concerned whether or not Mr. Farcieri would be able to maintain the strict discipline.

Mr. Bianchi reported that Mr. Ramirez, the previous owner will remain as an employee, and he will be the administrator of the restaurant.

Discussion took place on this site, the problems in the general area and the fact that the owner received health violations of \$10,000.

Mr. Bianchi reported that Mr. Farcieri would be taking over the health violation fines and making arrangements to pay them.

Joe asked if they have been before the SLA yet and Mr. Bianchi stated that they were waiting for the Board's approval.

c. Helene Samberg – Librarian Van Nest Library

Ms. Samberg thanked the Board for its continued support of the libraries. She stated that are having a letter writing campaign to have library cuts restored.

Ms. Samberg announced that the Van Nest branch would be closing for a spruce up job on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that they will be closed for 2 months.

d. Shirley Martinez – RAIN Elder Abuse, RAIN One Stop

Ms. Martinez stated that she was here tonight to speak about elder abuse. She stated that they are funded by the Department of Aging and are located at 1168 Castle Hill Avenue. Ms. Martinez state that they service Boards 9, 10, 11 and 12 and work with the DA's office to help the elderly. She stated that the abuse must be by a loved one or a care giver. She distributed packets on the services provided.

e. Desiree Joseph – Neighborhood Housing Services – North Bronx

Ms. Joseph reported that there will be a clean up on June 3<sup>rd</sup> of Angelo Campanero. On June 11<sup>th</sup> there will be free First Time Home Buyers Open House. Anyone having questions can call her at 718-732-8152.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Rosemary Durso, Seconded by Blanche Comras Rifkin – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

A correction was made by Linda White that on page 6 it should say IS 144 not IS 11.  
Minutes passed with corrections.

III. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that Dom Castore is on the mend and will return to New York on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He is doing therapy for his knee and looks forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting.

Vinny reported that the office will be painted, and we will be getting new carpeting.

IV, District Manager's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that John Fratta is not here tonight. He is attending his son's graduation and will return on Tuesday.

Street Closing Applications

1. Application from Joseph Reda of the Tenbroeck Avenue Association to close Tenbroeck Avenue between Rhineland and Neill Avenues on August 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 7<sup>th</sup> for a block party.

2. Application from Larry Prospect of the White Plains Road Business Association for a sidewalk sale on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> on White Plains Road from Pelham Parkway South and Brady Avenue for a block party.

3. Application from Gregory Butler of the Westervelt Avenue Residents to close Westervelt Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on August 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of August 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 8 PM, for a block party.

4. Application from Diana Sanabria of the 2900 Block of Hone Avenue to close the 2900 Block of Hone Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Boston Road on July 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 approve of these street closing applications.

Passed.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report had been distributed.

VI. Borough President's Report – Robert Nolan

Bob reported on the Borough President's efforts to get a Children's Museum in Pelham Bay. He stated that this had been in the works for 6 months. Bob spoke about a piece of property that they are trying to negotiate for with the owner to use part of it. If this does not go through he will look for another

site in the Bronx. Bob reported that there is a steering committee set up that met in the Children's Museum in Manhattan. He stated that they will be working on this over the next year to make sure that there is a Children's Museum in the Bronx.

Bob reported that last week Borough President Carrion hosted a reception for all the people who were active in last year's clean up. He stated that this year's clean up will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Bob reported that this is the first day of Bronx Week which will run until June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bob also reported that he was working with John Fratta to bring a couple of capital budget improvements to Community District 11. He stated that he would report on this next month.

Vinny introduced Carol Ricci of Senator Jeffrey Klein's Office who would be giving awards to the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Explorer's along with Irene Rukaj.

Irene explained that at the end of each month awards are given to the Explorer of the Month. These Explorers have completed 3000 hours of community services.

Carol gave awards to Tanya Soto, Raymond Aiello, Kenny Espana and Annabelle Rodriguez.

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

#### 1. Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses

##### a. Mirador Corporation – 2712 White Plains Road

Joe reported that at last months meeting the Board had voted to take a negative position on the license to take a negative position on the license for the new owners. Mr. stated that the new owner was here tonight. Joe stated that in order to open discussion on this license again we need a motion from the floor.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by John Dennehy – That discussion be reopened on Mirador Corporation  
Passed.

A great deal of discussion took place on this location. It was brought out that the previous owner had received health violations which he could not pay. The new owner will be assuming these fines.

P.O. Craig Ravitch was asked about this location and he stated that he was not taking a stand on it as he was not told that he would be asked about it. He also stated that there were not police problems there in the last 2 years.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the SLA stated that we have no objection to the granting of this license.

Passed with 2 abstentions by Eugene Tutora and Irene Rukaj.

b. Bronxdale Diner – 1506 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption (renewal)

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Michael Carriere – That Community Board 11 Notify the SLA that we have no objects to the granting of this renewal license.  
Unanimously passed.

c. Mini-mart at 1028 Morris Park Avenue for renewal of off-premises beer license.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Rosemary Durso – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that we have not objection to the granting of this renewal license.  
Unanimously passed.

d. 1660East Gun Hill Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)

Joe explained that this was the site of Il Boshetto. He stated that they are selling it, and it will be known as Hollywood Bar and Grill LLC. Joe stated that it will remain a restaurant.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Rosemary Durso – That Community Board

#### Ctions to the gjramit Committee Meeting

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A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Michael Carriere – That Community Board #11 notify the SLA that we have no objections to the granting of this license.

Unanimously passed.

E. Korfine Corporation – 2526 Wallace Avenue for on-premises consumption (new)

Joe gave a history of this location and stated that the last time another owner came before the Board it was turned down. Joe said that the problems are that while it is set up like a social club with couches and a pool table there are video machines in the place. There is also a video machine in a back room. Joe recommended that the Board deny this application.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Ken Agosto – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that we recommend that this license be denied.

Unanimously passed.

#### Small Business Summit Committee Meeting

Joe reported that the Committed had held its first meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and that the minutes were distributed.

Joe reported that the Board had received a request from Assemblyman Michael Benjamin introducing a resolution in the Assembly reaffirming that the state prevailing wage law be applied to all construction projects subsidized with public funds. He stated that examples of this would be NYCHA, HPD and the Economic Development Corporation. Jo stated that his Committee had a problem with the fact that the letter Assemblyman Benjamin sent to us said one thing and the draft of the bill had added in the words other than affordable housing projects”.

Several Board members spoke on this and after a long discussion a motion was made.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That this item be tabled and have someone come before the Board and talk about this.

Unanimously passed.

#### Apprenticeship Bill

Michael explained how this works. Several Board member spoke on this bill.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Ken Agosto That this item be tabled and come before the Committee before the Board votes on it.

Passed.

#### B. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that they had invited the UFT representative to come to the May meeting, but she did not show up. The minutes were distributed, and the next meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Ruth stated that they will invite the UFT representative to come to this meeting.

#### C. Land Use – Joseph McManus

##### 1. Morris Park Rezoning

Joe reported that Ken Gelnick had chaired the meeting and he was not able to attend. He stated that the minutes had been distributed.

As Joe was not able to attend the meeting Gene Tutora spoke on it. He stated that Morris Park was satisfied with the rezoning, except that it only went to Rhinelander Avenue. He stated that Jose Lopez, from City Planning stated that the next project they do will include Rhinelander to Pelham Parkway South.

Vinny reported that he attended a meeting with John Fratta and Silvio Mazzella and that Morris Park turned down the proposal because things that were supposed to be done were not done, and that Rhinelander Avenue was not included as well as some other streets.

Some discussion took place on whether Morris Park was for this rezoning or not.

##### 2. Assembly of Go Church expansion into parking lot

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Gene reported that this is just in the planning stage. He stated that the Church does not have enough parking. Gene stated that no plans have been submitted on this as yet. The church is looking to purchase property on Morris Park Avenue for parking. When completed the church will accommodate 500 parishioners.

VIII. Borough President's Report – Jose Candelario

Jose submitted the following report:

1. BOROUGH PRESIDENT CARRION WANTS MORE BOROUGH RESTAURANTS IN THE ZAGAT GUIDE
2. BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION AND MARIA EUGENIA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPS
3. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT TO HOLD CARRIBBEAN NYC: THE FUTURE IS TODAY FEATURING HARRY BELAFONTE
4. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION TO HOST FIRST EVER HOMEBUYERS FAIR
5. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION SENDS A PIECE OF HOME TO BRONX SOLDIERS IN IRAQ
6. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION JR., NEW VISIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS & THE BRONX INSTITUTE FOR LEHMAN COLLEGE INVITE YOU TO MAKING THE GRADE III
7. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION JR. HOSTS THE SECOND ANNUAL STUDENT'S ART EXHIBIT
8. "TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP THE BRONX" RECOGNITION EVENT

IX. Committee Reports continued

E. Health and Social Services – Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that the minutes had been distributed. She also reported that a dinner is being planned for Joe Orland some time in July.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Evelyn Martinez

Evelyn reported that the minutes had been distributed.

G. Technology and Communication – David Leavitt

David reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

H. Parks and Recreation – Joe Thompson

Joe reported that the minutes had been distributed.

Bob Potter reported that the Botanical Garden has reinstated its Composting Program. He stated that they will be teaching people how to compost. Bob stated that there is a free give back program on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Soundview Composting Facility on Randall Avenue.

I. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – John Dennehy

John reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

J. Youth - Linda White

Linda reported that the RFPs have been scored for the Out of School Time proposals and they are waiting for the recommendations.

Linda reported that the buses for the summer are available. Anyone interested can see her after the meeting. Linda reported that she cannot give a bus to anyone who is funded by DYCD.

K. Nominations – Eugene Tutora

Gene read the following slate:

Chairman – Dom Castore

First Vice Chair – Vincent Prezioso and Debra Ann Jaffee

Second Vice Chair – Joseph Thompson and Lilithe Lozano

Treasurer – Silvio Mazzella

Secretary – Ruth Burko

Gene asked for nominations for Chairman, there were none.

A Motion was made by Annette Marchitello, Seconded by Evelyn Martinez – That nominations for chairman be closed.

Passed.

Gene asked for nominations for First Vice Chair, there were none.

A Motion was made by Annette Marchitello, Seconded by Joe McManus - That nominations for First Vice Chair be closed.

Passed.

Gene asked for nominations for Second Vice Chair.

Janice Walcott nominated Irene Rukaj and Gene Tutora seconded it. After a lengthy discussion Irene declined the nominations.

A Motion was made by Annette Marchitello, Seconded by Linda White - That nominations for Second Vice Chair be closed.

Passed.

Gene asked for nominations for Treasurer, there were none.

A Motion was made by Annette Marchitello, Seconded by Linda White – That nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Passed.

Gene asked for nominations for Secretary, there were none.



A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Kenneth Agosto – That nominations for Secretary be closed.

Passed.

Discussion took place on giving the candidates a chance to speak before the ballots are distributed.

X. New Business

Evelyn Martinez reported that tonight was her last meeting. She stated that she is moving to Florida and wanted to say good bye to the people she has gotten to know and let them know that she will not forget them. Evelyn stated that she had a good time on the Board and learned a lot.

Debra said that it was a pleasure to work with Evelyn, and that they accomplished a great deal on the Sanitation Committee.

Silvio reported that the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council will be meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Morris Park Community Association at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue.

Silvio reported that there is going to be a memorial service at Rudy Macina Peace Plaza on Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway at 12 Noon on Monday. He stated that it is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis and the Morris Park Community Association.

Joe McManus spoke about the 12% cut that the library is being hit with. Several Board members also spoke and stated that they felt that this was bad for the community.

Linda reported that tomorrow night the Van Nest Community Association will be meeting at 7:30 PM at St. Dominic's Rectory.

A Motion was made by Evelyn Martinez, Seconded by John Dennehy – That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,  
Secretary,

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF MAY 25, 2005

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosto	(2)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(2)
Joseph Bacote	(2)	Joseph McManus	(1)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Hazel Miura	(3)
Junior Campbell	(3)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(2)
Joseph Carfora	(2)	Robert Potter	(0)
Michael Carriere	(2)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Diane Cerino	(2)	Joseph Reda	(3)
John Dennehy	(2)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(4)
Pat Dolan	(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Cecilia Haas	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Marilyne Jamieson	(1)	Eugene Tutora	(1)
David Leavitt	(0)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Lilith Lozano	(1)	Elaine Weisbrot	(3)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Linda White	(1)
Evelyn Martinez	(0)		

ABSENT

Dominic Castore	(4)	Diane Norris	(3)
Dorinda Castro	(4)	Mary Paliotta	(2)
Alfred D'Angelo	(3)	Pat Quaranta	(3)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(8)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	Vincent Taddeo	(2)
Debra Ann Jaffee	(1)	Sandra Unger	(1)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Carole Ricci – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager, Community Board #11

Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator, Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary, Community Board 11

P.O. Craig Ravitch – 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch Library

Ron Kunick – Van Nest Community Association