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- 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 THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005
IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Cheryl Bing-Howard

Ms. Bing-Howard stated that she works at PS 108 and was representing the United Federation of Teachers. She stated that she was here tonight because the UFT would like to get signatures to put a resolution on the ballot for November that would cap the number of students in classed.

b. Keith Ramsey – Eastchester Gardens Resident Council

Keith spoke about the Eastchester Gardens Playground. Keith stated that Joe Thompson had come to look at the park to see if the skateboard park could go into the playground.

Joe stated that the problem with putting the skateboard ramps in Eastchester Gardens is that the playground is in the middle of a residential area. He stated that if Keith could get signatures from the people who live in close proximity to the park they will move forward with this project.

Keith stated that Bouck, Burke and Adee Avenues need to be cleaned.

c. Al D'Angelo – Morris Park Community Association

Al spoke about the changes that the Board of Education wants to make to the high school on Antin Place. Presently there are 3 schools in it and the cap is 500 students. The Board of Ed has wants to go to double sessions or send one school to the South Bronx.

d. Brenda Batista – Sports Professions High School

Brenda spoke about changes to the Sports Professions High School on Antin Place.

e. Monica Berry – Parkside Resident Council & Association

Monica announced that anyone wanting to use space at Parkside Houses must go through the proper channels.

f. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch library

Helene reported that the Van Nest branch is closed for spruce up and should reopen in September. The Allerton, Belmont and the Westchester Square branches are available to the public.

g. Charmaine Allen – Allerton Coops

Ms. Allen reported that finally after 2 months they have gas. She stated that a big problem that they have is the need for 24 hour security. Ms. Allen stated that we also need to get the community room available for tenants to use. She also asked for the Boards help in compensation for the large electric bills that the tenants incurred since they had no gas to cook on.

John said that once the gas is turned on in all apartments he will work on other issues.

h. Jessica Rosado – Sports Profession High School

Ms. Rosado stated that she was speaking on behalf of the students of Sports Professional High School. She spoke about how wonderful the school is, and how close the students are to each other, like a family. Ms. Rosado stated that because the Board of Education wants to move this school to the South Bronx many students are transferring to other schools. .

i. Greg Kisliff

Mr. Kisliff thanked the Board, Borough President Adolfo Carrion and DebraAnn Jaffee for facilitating this weekend's cleanup. He also spoke about the Van Nest library being closed during the summer. Mr. Kisliff asked about getting a temporary library site for the summer.

Mr. Kisliff spoke about the potential development on White Plains Road between Brady and Bronxdale Avenues. He stated that he was concerned because of the density in having this development built on this site and the impact it will have on transit and schools.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by DebraAnn Jaffee, Seconded by Vincent Prezioso – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed.

III. District Manager's Report John A. Fratta

John thanked everyone for their condolences on the passing of his father.

John spoke about the proposal for White Plains Road for 100 units. He stated that it will greatly affect the school which are overcrowded now. He also spoke about a proposed 43 room motel on Stillwell Avenue and Pelham Parkway south. John stated that we gave this site to the Board of Education to consider for an Education Complex.

John reported that the A&P on Gun Hill Road is closing. There are rumors of condos or houses being built. Also the issue on the Antin Place High School. The Education Committee held an emergency meeting on this tonight and a resolution will come before the Board later tonight.

John reported that the office is being painted and new carpet is being put down.

John said that we will need to hold a meeting in July on the Morris Park rezoning and a BSA application. He stated that no date has been set yet

Jon reported that the street renaming for Dominick DeProspero will be held on Saturday on Morris Park Avenue in front of Loretto Park.

John reported that a reception is being planned for Joseph Orlando who has served this community for 10 years. The reception will take place on July 6th at Maestro's. It is being sponsored by the Community Advisory Board of Jacobi High School. Tickets are \$50.

Street Activity Closing Applications

1. Application by the Allerton Coops Tenants Association to close Barker Avenue between Allerton Avenue and Britton Street on August 20th with a rain date of August 21st from 12 Noon to 8 PM for a block party

Motion by DebraAnn Jaffee, Seconded by Kenneth Agosto – That Community Board 11 approve of this street closing.

Passed with 1 abstention by Janice Walcott

2. Application by the Mayfair Tenants Association to close the 2900 block of Wallace between Arnow Avenue and Williamsbridge Road on August 20th with a rain date of August 21st from 1 to 8 PM for a Agape Fellowship .

3. Application by the Mayfair Tenants Association to close the 2900 block of Wallace Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Williamsbridge Road on August 27th with a rain date of September 3rd for Fun Day for Children from 11 AM -8 PM.

A Motion was made by Rev. McHenry, Seconded by Debra Ann Jaffee – That Community Board 11 approve of these 2 street closings.

Passed with 1 abstention by Irene Rukaj

4. Application by the Love Gospel Church to close Adams Street between Van Nest and Morris Park Avenues on August 27th for a street closing from 9 AM to 3PM

5. Application by the 2400 Block of Hering Avenue between Waring and Mace Avenues on August 13th for a block party from 12 – 8 PM

6. Application by the residents of Narragansett Avenue to close Narragansett Avenue between Rhinelander and Lakewood Avenues for a block party from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

7. Application from the residents of Narragansett Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue for a block party from

8. Application by the residents of Wilson Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues for a block party from 12 Noon to 8 PM

A Motion was made by Ken Agosto, Seconded by Robert Potter – That Community Board 11 approve of these street closings.

Passed.

John reported that Dom is going to be restructuring the Committees over the summer, and possibly changing the Chairs. The Committee request forms will be sent out tomorrow. Please get it back to us as soon as possible.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report and the Friend's of Community Board were distributed. He thanked Harriet for getting it done.

V. Borough President's Report – Jose Candelario

Jose reported that the Borough President would like to thank the Board members for all their hard work this year, and wish everyone a great summer.

Jose reported that Bronx Week 2005 calendars were distributed. The Bronx Parade will be held on Sunday along with a food, art and music festival.

Fireworks will take place on Thursday, June 30th at 9:30 at Orchard Beach.

VI. Chairman's Report Dominic Castore

Dom thanked everyone for their work while he was recuperating.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

1. Sports Professions High School

Ruth reported that the Education Committee had held an emergency meeting on this item early this evening. And came up with the following resolution:

Whereas, Community Board 11 had an agreement with the Department of Education to cap Bronx High School of Visual Arts and two additional "Hot House Schools" i.e., New World and Sports Professions High School to an enrollment of 500 students and to end the day at 4:00 PM, and

Whereas, the Department of Education is proposing to relocate the Sports Professions High School to the Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, in the South Bronx, and

Whereas, the large portion of the students attending Sports Professions High School reside in Community Board 11, and

Whereas, a site has been designated on Zerega Avenue for a new School and Community Board 11 was asked to approve to waiver the 500 student cap and the 4:00 PM end of the school day for a period of one year

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 11 agrees to and additional 208 students above the 500 student cap and a 5:00 PM end of school day for a period of one year

Let it also be resolved that the Department of Education immediately set up a Community Advisory Board, as we agreed to last year, and that this Advisory Board meet once a month during the school year

Let it also be resolved that the Department of Education begin immediately to identify sites in our community for new schools, and

Let it further be resolved that the Department of Education begin negotiations immediately with the Community Board and the community to resolve the parking problems around the campus

John spoke about the negotiations that have been going on. He stated that we warned the Board of Education that this was going to happen. John stated that he would be working with the Board of Education to find a site. He also said that the Board of Education has a site that they are looking at, but he will be looking for additional sites in our district.

A Motion was made by Ruth Burko, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send this resolution to the Board of Education.

Several Board members spoke and expressed their displeasure with the way the Board of Education has handled this situation.

Passed with 2 abstentions by Al D'Angelo and Silvio Mazzella.

B. Economic Development

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

- a. El Compi Restaurant – 2273 Boston Road for on-premises consumption

(NEW)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that it has no objection to the issuing of this license.

Passed.

b. 600 Van Nest Deli Corp. – 600 Van Nest Avenue for off-premises consumption (Renewal)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Kenneth Agosto – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that it has no objection to the issuing of this renewal license.

c. La Perla Poblana – 2819 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that it has no objection to the issuing of this renewal license.

Passed.

d. Korfine Corporation – 2526 Wallace Avenue for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

Joe reported that they already have their license. Joe gave the background and stated that he feels that we still are against this location.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Blanche Comras Rifkin – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that it objects to the issuing of this license.

Passed.

e. Paulding Bar – 1024 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption

Joe explained that there was a change in ownership and therefore the license needs to be changed.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Diane Cerino – That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that we have no objection to the granting of this license.

Passed with 3 abstentions by DebraAnn Jaffee, Joseph Carfora and Kenneth Agosto.

2. Prevailing Wage Bill

Joe stated that this was tabled at the last meeting until we met with Assemblyman Benjamin. He stated that they were not able to meet with him yet and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting where it will be discussed along with the Apprenticeship Bill.

Joe reported that information on the Small Business Loans for small businesses will on the web site.

Joe reported that information on the Partnership with Parks will be available in the Board office and on the web site.

C. Land Use – Joseph McManus

1. Morris Park Rezoning

Joe reported that this needs to be tabled until the July meeting.

John reported that this item will be certified on Monday, and that the Board needs to hold a public hearing on it.

2. Assembly of God Church expansion into parking lot
John reported that no plans have been submitted yet.

E. Health and Social Services Blanche Comras Rifkin/Marilyne Jamieson
Blanche reported that the Community Advisory Board HIV Committee at Jacobi Medical Center is the best in the country. She stated that they received an award for community awareness.

1. Proposed group home at 631 Pelham Parkway North for 11 mentally handicapped men.

Marilyne reported that the 11 men who will be living in the group home have been together for 20 years. They have been living in the Nurses Residence at Jacobi Medical Center. Marilyn reported that the Nurses Residence is being restructured and that is why they need to move to another location.

A Motion was made by Marilyne Jamieson, Seconded by Kenneth Agosto – That Community Board 11 approve of this group home.
Passed.

F. Public Safety – Joseph Reda
Joe reported that the manpower is low in the 49th Precinct, but they are doing a great job. He gave the crime stats and said that crime is down 66%.

Silvio reported that the 49th Precinct Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28th. Silvio also reported that National Night out will be held on August 2nd.

Jose Candelario reported that the Borough President wanted to thank the volunteers for the cleanup.

G. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – DebraAnn Jaffee
1. Report on Cleanup
Debra thanked everyone who helped in the cleanup. She stated that there were 300 volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. Debra thanked the 49th Precinct, John, the Morris Park Association, the Anti Graffiti Task Force and Michael Carriere for their help.

H. Technology and Communications – Mary Paliotta

Mary reported that the Committee had held its fourth meeting. She stated that Harain Figueroa is now a regular member and asked if anyone else wanted to join the Committee.

I. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson

1. Reconstruction of Loretto and Matthews/Muliner Parks

Joe reported that the Report had been distributed and that work has begun on Loretto and Matthews/Muliner Parks. Joe stated that Matthews/Muliner Park should be completed in the spring and Loretto Park should be completed in 6 months

2. Filtration Plant

Joe reported that the location is in the wrong place on the map. It needs to be corrected.

J. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - John A. Fratta

John reported that the Board had received a request to add the name of Vincent Priciota (a firefighter) and John D'Allara (a police officer), both of who lost their lives on 9/11/01 to the intersection of Allerton Avenue and Bronxwood Avenue. John stated that the Committee needs to meet on this.

K. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that the RFP's only have 5 programs in Board 11. They are NIDC Association for New Americans, Linda stated that the programs start July 1st with 200 children per program.

Linda reported that the first 30 SYEP applicants will be starting to work July 1st.

Linda reported that the Youth report had been distributed. She also reported that the summer buses had been allocated.

L. Nominations – Eugene Tutora

1. Election of Officers

Gene reported that tonight we would be voting for the positions of First and Second Vice Chair. He stated that Dominic Castore, Chairman; Ruth Burko, Secretary and Silvio Mazzella, Treasurer are running unopposed.

The ballots for First Vice Chair were distributed. They were counted by Eugene Tutora, John A. Fratta and Jose Candelario. The vote was Vincent Prezioso 22, Debra Ann Jaffee 15 and 3 abstentions.

Those voting for Vincent Prezioso were: Joseph Bacote, Ruth Burko, Joseph Carfora; Michael Carriere, Dominic Castore, Dorinda Castro, John Dennehy, Rosemary Durso, Diane Cerino, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Cecilia Haas, Marilynne Jamieson, Annette Marchitello, Hazel Miura, Diane Norris, Vincent Prezioso,

Joseph Reda, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Eliezer Rodriquez, Irene Rukaj and Joseph Thompson.

Those voting for DebraAnn Jaffee were: Kenneth Agosto, Albert D'Angelo, DebraAnn Jaffee. David Leavitt, Silvio Mazzella, Joseph McManus, Mary Paliotta, Robert Potter, Pat Quaranta, Martin Sacewicz, Eugene Tutora, Sandra Unger, Janice Walcott, Elaine Weisbrot and Linda White

Those abstaining were Rev. Leslie McHenry, Dr. Mahendra Patel and Vincent Taddeo.

The ballots for Second Vice Chair were distributed. They were counted by Gene Tutora, John A. Fratta and Jose Candelario. The vote was Joseph Thompson 32, Lilithe Lozano 7 and 1 abstention.

Those voting for Joseph Thompson were: Joseph Bacote, Ruth Burko, Joseph Carfora, Michael Carriere, Dominic Castore, Dorinda Castro, Albert D'Angelo, John Dennehy, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Cecilia Haas, Marilynne Jamieson, David Leavitt, Annette Marchitello, Silvio Mazzella, Hazel Miura, Diane Norris, Mary Paliotta, Dr. Mahendra Patel, Vincent Prezioso, Robert Potter, Joseph Reda, Pat Quaranta, Blanche Comras Rifkin, Eliezer Rodriquez, Martin Sacewicz, Joseph Thompson, Eugene Tutora, Sandra Unger, Janice Walcott, Elaine Weisbrot and Linda White.

Those voting for Lilithe Lozano were: Kenneth Agosto, Diane Cerino, Rosemary Durso, DebraAnn Jaffee, Lilithe Lozano, Rev. Leslie McHenry and Joseph McManus.

Irene Rukaj abstained.

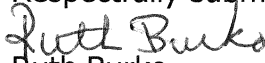
Ruth Burko cast one vote for the officers that are presently in office.

Dom reported that Madeline Saltaformaggio had passed away and he asked for a moment of silence.

IX. New Business

Joe McManus asked when the Pelham Parkway project is going to start. John reported that it is scheduled for FY' 2007. He stated that we did not get the final design yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2005

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosto	(2)	Joseph McManus	(1)
Joseph Bacote	(2)	Hazel Miura	(3)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Diane Norris	(3)
Joseph Carfora	(2)	Mary Paliotta	(2)
Michael Carriere	(2)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(2)
Dominic Castore	(2)	Robert Potter	(0)
Dorinda Castro	(4)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Diane Cerino	(2)	Pat Quaranta	(3)
Albert D'Angelo	(3)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(4)
Rosemary Durso	(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)
Harain Figueroa	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Cecilia Haas	(2)	Vincent Taddeo	(2)
DebraAnn Jaffee	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Marilyne Jamieson	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(1)
David Leavitt	(0)	Sandra Unger	(1)
Lilith Lozano	(1)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Elaine Weisbrot	(3)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Linda White	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(2)		

ABSENT

Junior Campbell	(4)	Kenneth Gelnick	(4)
Pat Dolan	(2)		

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBES

Jonathan Conte – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

Other Elected Officials

Donna K. Drayton – Representing Senator Ruth Hassell Thompson

Omar Mejia – Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager – Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board 11

Jose Candelario – Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch Library

Victor DiPierro – 49th Precinct

Craig Ravitch – 49th Precinct