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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2006 IN
THE MAZER BUILDING

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Helen Brandt

Ms. Brand reported that on Sunday, October 8th when the Columbus Day Parade was scheduled she could not cross White Plains Road to get to the other side at 10:45 AM. There was no one there to tell people how to get to the other side and the parade was not scheduled to begin until 12.

John stated that he did get complaints from business because they closed Morris Park Avenue early. John stated that this was done by Borough. He stated that this is something that we will have to discuss before next year's parade begins.

Ms. Brandt stated that closing White Plains Road which is a major thoroughfare was a big hardship on people.

b. Anna Maria Consigli – 1764 Tenbroeck Avenue

Ms. Consigli spoke about the proposed construction of a 2 family house around the corner from her. The address for this house will be 1741 Seminole Avenue. She stated that construction is scheduled to begin on November 15th. Permits were given and the property is not in stipulation. She asked how they were able to get a building permit.

John said that Buildings will have to explain how they issued a nonconforming permit as of right. John said he would say in touch with her and told her that if they started to build to call him immediately.

c. Pablo Rojas – PTA President Bronx High School for Visual Arts

Mr. Rojas thanked John and the Board for helping to keep the school which is located at 2040 Antin Place at 2 schools. He reported that the school had won the Mayor's Award for Arts and Culture. He stated that they are being recognized as one of the number one schools in the Arts.

John told Mr. Rojas that the school is doing fantastic. He thanked him and his students for redoing the mural on Hone Avenue that had graffiti all over it. He recommended that Mr. Rojas attend the next Education Committee meeting.

d. Kindrea Lawson

Ms. Lawson stated that she was opposed to the Skateboard Park on B Bronx Park East and Britton Street. She stated that she had petition opposing the Skateboard Park.

John reported that the Board had dealt with this for along time, and last month the Board voted for it a second time to approve the park at this location. He stated that he spoke to the Parks Department and they do not have any petitions against the Park. John stated that the Board has signatures, some of which are from the coops who what the Park. He stated that the Board sent a letter the Parks Department approving this site.

Rev. McHenry stated that there is nothing for our kids to do in that area. She also stated that the Board never heard any opposition from the Allerton Coops.

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

Status of White Plains Road Gardens/Court – John reported that we are waiting for applications. He stated that he spoke with the developer Sol Arker who is waiting for HPD approval of his marketing plans. When he gets approval we will get applications. John stated that the office has been getting a lot of calls asking for applications.

Status of condos on Pelham Parkway South and Stillwell Avenue by the Stables - John reported that when he spoke with Makash Patel, the developer he told him that he was in the process of having his architect draw up preliminary plans. He will meet with the Housing Committee when the plans are ready. John stated that we do not know how many apartments he is going to build. He stated that the area is zoned R6 and he can not go higher than 7 stories. John reported that Mr. Patel is also interested in purchasing the City owned property next to his property to build more condos. Parking will also be available.

Status of Fair Market Housing on Bronxdale and Holland Avenues – John reported that this is in the design phase. It is to be 110 units. He stated that Perry Riotias, the developer who said that as soon as the design is ready he will meet with the Housing Committee. John explained that because housing is so expensive in Manhattan developers are looking to build in our area close to subways. He stated that there will be 75 parking spaces underground.

Market Rate Housing at Bosen Road, Williamsbridge Road and Radcliff Avenue – John reported that he met with the developer Robert Garcia, Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, representatives of Councilman James Vacca, Joe Thompson representing his area, Rev. Leslie McHenry and Gene Tutora, Chairs of the Housing Committee, Hazel Miura, representing N.I.D.C. Dom Castore, Chair of Community Board 11 and myself. John stated that originally the developer wanted to put in 150 units and a 500 seat elementary school underneath. He stated that at the meeting we told him that 150

units was to large for that area. He is going to reduce it to 110 units with parking for 75 cars. We asked the developer that since we are getting a school to offer the teachers a discount to park in the garage and he said he would get back to us. John reported that this is a U.L.U.R.P. item and the developer will have to come to us for approvals. He also reported that the developer has not purchased the properties yet. John stated that he had also invited the Allerton Homeowners to the meeting and sent them a copy of the minutes. John stated that there are 3 properties involves with 3 different owners.

III. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Reports for Community Board 11 and the Friend's of hand been distributed. Anyone with questions can contact Harriet or me.

IV. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy asked any Board member who had not submitted their survey to please do so.

V. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Rush Lounge Inc. – 1905 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That a vote on this license be table until next month and that we invite the owners to come to our meeting and answers questions. **PASSED**

b. El Compi Restaurant – 2233 Boston Road for on-premises wine and beer (NEW OWNERS)

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter -That Community Board 11 notify the SLA that we have no objections to the issuing of this license. **PASSED**

B. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/Diane Norris

Ruth reported that the Committee had met last week and the minutes were distributed.

Diane reported that on Saturday there will be a UFT teacher's and parents Conference and Workshop at the Sheraton Hotel at 811 7th Avenue. She stated that you have to fill out the application and fax it before the date of the conference. Call 1-212-598-5207, E-mail at www.UFT.org/parent.

C. Housing Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry reported that there is a lot of housing being built on in our community. The Housing Committee will be meeting one hour before the Executive Committee every month.

D. Health and Social Services – Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that the minutes had been distributed. She thanked CeCe Haas for doing the minutes. Blanche reminded everyone to get their flu shots.

E. Public Safety Joseph Reda

Joe reported that the minutes had been distributed.

Elaine Weisbrot complained about teenagers acting out in the libraries every day between 4 and 5 PM.

John explained that this does not fall under police, but rather that the libraries need to hire security. He stated that we are dealing with the libraries on this.

Silvio reported that the CERT team in conjunction with Aging in America and Fire Department are offering a CPR course on November 6th at Aging in America. He stated that the one hour course is free and is limited to 30 people. Call Gary at 646-372-0353 or Oscar at 917-417-2395 or the Community Board.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Michael Carriere

Michael reported that the Committee had not met this month. He stated that he is trying to put together a cleanup with Senator Klein's office, Bronx Borough President Carrion's office and the Community Board. Michael also stated that he is working on graffiti removal. He stated that at last month's meeting he had spoke with PO Victor DiPierro about trying to get a spray machine and a generator to remove the graffiti. Michael asked John to look into this. He also spoke about the problems with dog droppings. Michael reported that he had called in a pot hole near the Bronx Zoo and the next day it was taken care of. He also spoke about the house at Yates Avenue. He stated that it has been clean up.

David Leavitt asked about the disposal of leave and the use of paper bags which many people received a coupon for.

John explained that Parks would like you to use paper bags but it is not mandatory this year. Next year you will have to use paper bags.

Sandra Unger reported that the dates to put the leaves are the night of November 12th and the night of November 25th.

Bob Potter reported that after that you put the leaves in a black bag they go out as regular garbage.

G. Technology and Communications – Mary Paliotta

Mary reported that the Minutes had been distributed. She stated that this is the third year that the Committee has been in existence. They are working on developing a new website. Mary stated that the idea is to have someone build a website and either have someone make sure that is always updated. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM in the Board office. Mary reported that we are going to close down the website until it is redesigned.

John thanked Mary and David for the work they have done.

H. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Carfora

Joe reported that the minutes had been distributed

Matthews/Muliner Park update – John reported that in two weeks they will be finished with the punch list.

John stated that as to meeting with interested parties both pro and con on the Skateboard Park the Board voted to support the Park.

Lily reported that a student from P.S. 83 had gotten signatures for the Skate Park. She stated that they will come to the Board meeting and give them to us. John stated that we don't need them they should go to the Parks Department.

Irene expressed concern about what would happen after the park closes.

John stated that we need to give these kids a positive attitude.

Bob explained that originally we discussed a portable skate park but the commissioner was against it.

I. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

1. Street name for Madeline Saltaformaggio

A Motion was made by Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 add the name of Madeline Saltaformaggio to the sign at Radcliff and Morris Park Avenues. **PASSED**

Rabbi Fuchs expressed his concerns about the 7-7 parking. He asked John how many parking spots were dedicated for doctor's only.

John explained about Eastchester and Bassett Avenue that no parking is only for a 1/2 hour.

John spoke about the muni meters. He stated that we were told at the Budget Consultations by Commissioner Moran that she had nothing in her records that said this was only a pilot program. We were told to get used to the muni meters they are here going to stay.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that traffic at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road is still a mess.

Gene spoke about 835 Mace Avenue and Gunther Avenue with the angle parking.

John explained that because Sports Profession High School is located at 144 we needed parking for the teachers so that they would not park in front of the homeowners. The cars parked there are not from the teachers.

Gene asked who was responsible for cleaning the 2 curbs on Pelham Parkway North.

Gene stated that No Parking signs are needed on the southern curb and northern curb. He also spoke about the drivers from the Little Lisa bus company on Stillwell Avenue. Gene stated that they park their cars on Pelham Parkway North.

Discussion took place on the need for a petition and a decision was made to put up one sign on Pelham Parkway North from Lodovick to Tieman Avenue.

J. Community Development and Budget Priorities Silvio Mazzella

Silvio thanked John and the Board members who attended the Borough Consultations. He also thanked the Board members who submitted their Form 3's.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Rev. Leslie McHenry – That community Board 11 accept the FY 2008 Budget Priorities as prepared by the Committee. **PASSED**

John reported that the house on Muliner Avenue which was full of garbage has begun to accumulate it again. He stated that the Health Department cleaned it last time.

VIII. Old Business

Blanche thanked everyone for her new clock. She stated that there was a problem with the one she was given and the office replaced it with a lovely marble one.

IX. New Business

Joe Reda spoke about Albert Einstein having to put in 350 parking spaces. He asked where this stood.

CeCe stated that they are waiting for the U.L.U.R.P. to be released from review.

Lily reported that Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera is holding a Halloween party on Sunday October 29th from 1-5 at P.S. 105.

Pat Dolan spoke about No Restricted Parking and John explained that after 7 days if the car is not moved it can be ticketed and towed. He stated that tires must be marked. John stated that we are researching for the finance code so that tickets can be written.

Michael spoke about his uncle who was car jacked at Mace and Bronx Park East. He stated that he was very badly beaten

Silvio spoke about creating a Memorial Tree of Life Plaque to commemorate those Board members who have served the Board well and have passed away.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Lily Lozano – That Community Board 11 set up a committee to look into the cost of purchasing a Memorial Tree of Life Plaque and the cost of adding to it. **PASSED**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,
Secretary

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ATTENDANCE AT OCTOBER 26, 2006 BOARD MEETING

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(1)	Hazel Miura	(2)
Joseph Carfora	(0)	Diane Norris	(0)
Michael Carriere	(2)	Mary Paliotta	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Diane Cerino	(1)	Robert Potter	(0)
Albert D'Angelo	(1)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
John Dennehy	(0)	Joseph Reda	(2)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(0)
Rosemary Durso	(0)	Joanne Rubino	(0)
Altagracia Fabal	(0)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Lilith Lozano	(0)	Sandra Unger	(1)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Elaine Weisbrot	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(2)		

ABSENT

Joseph Bacote	(2)	Patrick Quaranta	(2)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Marisa Totino	(1)
Joseph McManus	(1)	Linda White	(1)

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Joseph Polito – representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A, Fratta, District Manager - Community Board 11

Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator – Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board 11

Andy Toledo – representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library

Valery Valeriano – R.A.I.N.