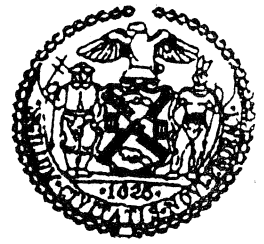


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Budget priorities  
Economic Development  
Education & Culture  
Health & Social Services  
Highways, Traffic &  
Transportation  
Housing  
Information & Technology  
Land Use  
Parks & Playgrounds  
Public Safety  
Sanitation & Environmental  
Protection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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008 IN  
LUBIN HALL**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm Dominic  
Castore, Chairman.**

**I. Gallery Session**

**a. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch Library/**

**Ms. Samberg reported that the library is having a  
letter wring campaign on the proposed 8% cuts. She stated  
that as of now all branches are open 6 days a week and the  
hours have increased. Ms. Samberg said that if these cuts  
take place then hours will be cut as well as the days of  
operation.**

**Ms. Samberg announced that the Summer Reading  
Cub will again be held. She stated that there will also be  
activities for children and Programs for Adults.**

**b. Salin – Citizens Committee for New York City**

**Mr. Salin spoke about the small grants available:  
New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Grant  
Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your School Awards Grant.  
Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your Neighborhood Contest**

**c. Dave DeVita**

**Mr. DeVita spoke about Karma at 1907 White Plains  
Road. He stated that he lives around the corner from this  
establishment. Mr. DeVito stated that there are problems  
with double parking, patrons fighting and drug use. He  
stated that the Board turned down their request for a liquor  
license, but they got one any way. Mr. DeVita stated that  
his car was totaled by a drunk driver from the club.**

John stated that the police were there this weekend and issued tickets.

**II. Minutes**

**A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Linda White and Silvio Mazzella – That the Minutes be accepted as received.**  
**PASSED**

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

John reported that the Board is keeping track of the attendance at the Committee and Board meetings, and this will be given to the Borough President.

**Proposed Budget Cuts**

John reported that a rally was held at City Hall on Tuesday. He stated that all 59 Community Boards were represented. John thanked Borough President Adolfo Carrion and Deputy Borough President Earl Brown who were able to get the other Borough Presidents on board. He also thanked Councilman James Vacca and Assemblyman Jose Rivera. John stated that it looks like the boards will not have a budget cut. John stated that every city agency is taking a cut. He stated that in 14 years the boards have not had an increase in their operating budget. John stated that the board's costs have gone up e.g. postage, supplies etc. He stated that when the City did well other agencies got an increase and we did not. John stated that we are the first line of defense for the community.

John reported that the summer is approaching and Karma is a problem. He stated that he spoke to the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct about this and they will keep the pressure on.

**531 Van Nest Avenue between Neill and Paulding Avenue**

John reported that is an empty house that kids have destroyed. He stated the Sanitation has issued summons. John stated that he asked the Health Department to go there and they issued a 5 day notice. He stated that he spoke to HPD and they will lock it up. John said that this was done before but now they will seal it up.

Linda reported that the factory next to 531 Van Nest Avenue opened again.

John reported that demolition has begun for the new school on Bronxdale Avenue. He stated that there will be a K-8 Charter School and a PreK-8 public school.

**Pat Quaranta asked if a ground check was done and John replied that it had been done.**

**Joanne Rubino asked about the Met Food on Eastchester Road.**

**John reported that a Walgreen will be going in there. He stated that Councilman Vacca held a rally on Saturday.**

**Update on fire at White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue. John stated that the stores are going to be demolished. He stated that we are monitoring the site due to asbestos. John stated that he spoke to the attorney and they are planning to build 1-2 stories and it will only be commercial. John stated that he asked for a meeting with the attorney.**

**Street Activity Permit Applications**

**1. Application from Gregory Butler on behalf of the Westervelt Avenue Residents to close Westervelt Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of August 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party**

**2. Application from Carol Shimansky on behalf of the Narragansett Residents to close Narragansett Avenue between Rhinelander and Lakewood Avenues on August 27<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 Am to 8 PM for a block party**

**3. Application from Diane Cerino on behalf of the Woodhull Avenue Block Committee to close Woodhull Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of August 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 8 PM for a block party (New- petitions submitted)**

**4. Application from Jose Garcia on behalf of the 2300 Block of Bouck Avenue to close Bouck Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of August 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 Pm to 8 PM for a block party (New-petitions submitted)**

**5. Application from Diane Sanabria on behalf of the 2900 Block of Hone Avenue to close Hone Avenue between Boston Road and Arnow Avenue on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of August 9<sup>th</sup> for a block party**

**6. Application from Paul Trapani on behalf of the Fenton Avenue Block Party to close Fenton Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 31<sup>st</sup> from 12 PM to 8 PM for a block party (new**

**A Motion was made by Michael Carriere, Seconded by Bob Potter and Rosemary Durso – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to these street closings. PASSED**

**1064 Neill Avenue – John reported that the Board had received an application for a group home from Life Adjustment Center, Inc. He stated that it is for 6 mentally challenged males ages 25-40. John stated that he received a letter from the realtor that he bought the property and it will not be a group home. John reported that he had received a call from gentlemen at N.I.D.C. who stated that he had worked for this group and they run a very bad group home. John stated that if it comes to the Board again we will look into their track record.**

**III. Chairman’s Report – Dom Castore**

**Dom reported that Rev. Leslie McHenry is retiring from the Board. He stated that we are going to have a little party for her and asked all the Board members to come to the June meeting.**

**IV. Treasurer’s Report – Silvio Mazzella**

**Silvio reported that there was no report as Harriet and Susan were in the hospital.**

**V. Borough President’s Report – Andy Toledo**

**Andy reported that the letters on reappointment should be going out this week. Andy thanked Michael Carriere, his Committee along with Parkside Houses for their participation in the Team Up to Clean Up event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He submitted the following report:**

- 1. Borough Presidents, City Council Members and Civic Leaders Oppose Budget Cuts to New York City Community Boards**
- 2. Borough President Carrion Announces the Publication of a Citizenship and Naturalization Guide to Help the Immigrant Community**
- 3. Borough President Celebrates Israel’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- 4. Borough President Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Armed Forces**

**Appreciation Day**

**VII Committee Reports**

**A. Highways Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs**

**1. Letter of Support for East 180<sup>th</sup> Street Station**

**Rabbi Fuchs reported that the Board had received a letter from the MTA requesting a letter in support of the restoration of the East 180<sup>th</sup> Street Station.**

**A Motion was made by Rabbi Fuchs, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That Community Board 11 send a letter of support to the MTA for the restoration of he East 180<sup>th</sup> Street Station. PASSED**

Linda asked about the work that is going on there now. She stated that they are working 24 hours a day.

John reported that they are doing track work. He stated that we have asked that when they do the rehab of the station that they open the stores and they are agreeable,

Rabbi Fuchs reported that they are putting in a system to deter the pigeons.

## **2. Congestion Corridor Project**

Rabbi Fuchs reported that the Super Buses are going in on Pelham Parkway. He stated that this will begin at the end of June or beginning of July. Rabbi Fuchs stated that one lane of traffic will be taken up for buses during rush hour.

John reported that they have this in Manhattan on Broadway. He stated that there are cars in the bus lane and buses in the car lanes.

Rabbi Fuchs asked Andy Toledo if the Borough President has taken a position on this. Any said that he would check into it.

### **B. Youth – Linda White**

Minutes submitted.

### **C. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko**

Ruth reported that the Committee met on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there was poor attendance. Ruth stated that the people on the Health Committee who meet before her meeting stayed. Minutes submitted. Ruth reported that representatives from P.S. 89 and 105 will be invited to the next Committee meeting.

### **D. Housing – Gene Tutora**

Gene reported that only 3 people attended the meeting.

### **E. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson**

#### **1. Liquor Licenses renewals**

a. Fratelli Restaurant – 2507 Eastchester Road for on-premises consumption

b. 4 A KIDS LLC d/b/a F N J Pine Restaurant – 1913 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption

c. Rosa Frasca Grocery – 1028 Morris Park Avenue for off-premises consumption

d. G & R Deli Corp. – 1928 Williamsbridge Road for off-premises consumption

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these renewal licenses.**

**PASSED**

**Gene asked about parking for the Pine. John stated that the Board has not received any complaints lately.**

**Linda stated that the owner is building a parking lot. He bought the property and tore down the house.**

**John stated that he will need a BSA for the parking lot.**

**Gene asked about parking for the Pine Too.**

**Joe explained that work has stopped on the construction.**

**Linda reported that the restaurant at 600 Van Nest Avenue closed and they opened a Day Spa. She stated that there was a fire there last night and it was possibly electrical. She stated that they have no license for a spa. Joe said that he would look into it.**

**F. Health – Blanche Rifkin**

**Blanche reported that there will be workshops on the Future of Alcohol & Drug Use Services. She handed out flyers on the meetings.**

**Blanche spoke about Senior Employment Services for people 55 and older who need employment. Call 311 for information. She stated that there is an income requirement. Blanche thanked Denise for taking the Minutes. She stated that there was poor attendance at her meeting.**

**G. Public Safety - Vincent Prezioso**

**Vinny reported that there were only 3 people at the meeting.**

**H. Land Use – Joseph McManus**

**Joe reported that the Minutes had been submitted.**

**1. BSA-133-08-BZ – 1601 Bronxdale Avenue Rooftop parking**

**A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals stating that we have no objection to this application.**

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

**2. BSA-84-91-BZ – 2344 Eastchester Road**

**Joe reported that the attorney was not able to come to the Committee meeting, but we met with him tonight.**

**Mr. Palatnik, the attorney spoke. He explained why there had been a delay in coming before the Board.**

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White and Pat Quaranta – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals denying this application. **PASSED with 1 Opposed by Kenneth Gelnick.****

**I. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Michael Carriere**  
Mike reported that Al D’Angelo chaired the meeting as he was not able to attend. He reported that the next graffiti removal will take place on Allerton Avenue and then Morris Park. He asked anyone who has a location that the Committee needs authorization before they can proceed.

Mike reported that at the Team Up to Clean day we had 25 people who participated.

Mike spoke about a highways apprentice program.

**J. Parks –Joseph Carfora**

Joe reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

**K. Nominating Committee - Gene Tutora**

Gene read the slate as proposed by the Committee:

**Dominic Castore – Chairman**

**Vincent Prezioso – First Vice Chair**

**Joseph Thompson – Second Vice Chair**

**Silvio Mazzella – Treasurer**

**Ruth Burko – Secretary**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. There were none.

**A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That nominations for Chairman be closed. **PASSED****

Gene asked if there were any nominations for First Vice Chair. There were none.

**A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That nominations for Second Vice Chair be closed. **PASSED****

**PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer. There were none.

**A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That the nominations for Treasurer be closed. **PASSED****

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. There were none.

**A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded Bob Potter –  
That nominations for Secretary be closed. PASSED**

**Gene thanked his Committee for their work. He stated that at the next meeting the Secretary will cast one vote for the slate.**

**L. Other**

**Silvio reported that the next 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct meeting will be held on Tuesday at Bronx House. He also announced that the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Breakfast will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Maestro's. Silvio reported that there will be a Memorial Service on May 31st at Peace Plaza. He asked everyone to take a moment this weekend to remember our fallen heroes.**

**There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Burko".

**Ruth Burko,  
Secretary**



**ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING MAY 22, 2008**

**PRESENT**

<b>Ruth Burko</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Diane Norris</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Junior Campbell</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Dr. Mahendra Patel</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Joseph Carfora</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Robert Potter</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Michael Carriere</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>Vincent Prezioso</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Dominic Castore</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>Pat Quaranta</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Rosemary Durso</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Blanche Rifkin</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Harain Figueroa</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Joanne Rubino</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Rabbi Moshe Fuchs</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Marin Sacewicz</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Kenneth Gelnick</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Vincent Taddeo</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Denise Giocondo</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Joseph Thompson</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>David Leavitt</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Joseph Thurston</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Annette Marchitello</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Eugene Tutora</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Silvio Mazzella</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Janice Walcott</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Joseph McManus</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Linda White</b>	<b>(2)</b>

**ABSENT**

<b>Joseph Bacote</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Elizabeth Nazario</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Al D'Angelo</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Mary Paliotta</b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Patrick Dolan</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Joseph Reda</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Altagracia Fabal</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>Eliezer Rodriguez</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Estella Foley</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Irene Rukaj</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Rev. Leslie McHenry</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>Marisa Totino</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Hazel Miura</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Sandra Unger</b>	<b>(2)</b>

**STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS**

**John A Fratta, District Manager - Community Board 11**

**Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board 11**

**Andy Toledo - Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion**

**GUESTS**

**Cecilia Haas - Albert Einstein**