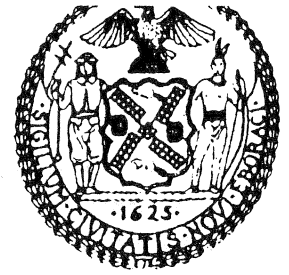




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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009 IN
 LUBIN HALL**

COMMITTEES

- Adoption
- Brick Park
- East Conlinville
- Community Development and Budget Priorities
- Education/Youth
- Indian Village/Westchester Hgts
- Land Use
- Lincoln Park/Van Nest/ Pelham Parkway
- Pelham Gardens

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Dom Castore, Chairman.

Dom introduced the student from Mercy College.

- I. Gallery Session**
 - a. Rosa Allison - Community Enrichment & Education Foundation**
Ms. Allison stated that they were located at 1200 Water Place. She stated that they provide a Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Clinic which provides free counseling and mitigation services to those who are in danger of losing their homes and/or have been a victim of fraudulent lending and home purchase scams. They also Provide Literacy & Awareness Curriculum, Community Enrichment Workshops and one-on-one consultations.

b. Caryl Greaves

Ms. Greaves stated that she was here tonight concerning the proposed group home at 2940 Colden Avenue. She stated that there has been a home there for many years which has caused many problems to the surrounding neighbors. She stated that if the Board does approve this home that there be constant supervision for the men residing there. She also asked that the residential make up of the home not be changed and that she would like to sit on the advisory board.

John stated that if the population is to change they would have to come back to us. He stated that we will see that the people from the community sit on the advisory board. John stated that if the Board votes it down he will have to go to a Commissioner's Hearing, and the only reason to deny it is saturation.

c. Bernadette Ferrara – Van Nest Association

1. Van Nest Park – Ms. Ferrara stated that the patrols are coming around the park.

John reported that he had received a commitment from Captain Greeley to patrol the park. He stated that if people are in the park after closing they will be removed. John also reported that the city budget is working on getting money for this park.

2. Bank for Van Nest area – Ms. Ferrara asked for help in getting a bank in this area.

3. Abandoned buildings

John reported that he is trying to get them sealed up.

4. Bronx Animal Shelter – Ms. Ferrara spoke about the need for an animal shelter in the Bronx.

d. Afria Afriye-Fullwood

Ms. Afriye-Fullwood stated that she was trying to get a block association started on Hering and Tenbroeck Avenues. She also spoke about the double parking on Gun Hill Road by the #5 train. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood spoke about the Housing trucks that park on residential streets. She also spoke about the problems at the Royal Coach Diner. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood stated that the people in the parking lot are playing loud music between 2 and 4 AM, and the owners of the diner do not address this. She also spoke about the abandoned house on Hering Avenue. She stated that it is not sealed up. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood stated that she would like to be on the Advisory Board for the group home. She also stated that she had a petition for a speed bump on Hering Avenue.

John stated that there used to be a block association in this area. He stated that most of our group homes had an advisory board.

e. Carmine Versaci

Mr. Versaci stated that he was here tonight to give data against changing the flow of traffic on Tomlinson Avenue. He cited the increase in traffic and the speeding motorists that would affect other blocks.

f. Fran Versaci

Ms. Versaci stated that she was here tonight to voice her opposition to changing the flow of traffic on Tomlinson Avenue. She stated that the Community Board is not protecting the people by changing the flow of traffic on Tomlinson Avenue. She asked that a public hearing be held.

g. Vincent Lanza

Mr. Lanza stated that the change on Tomlinson Avenue occurred 20 years ago due to a need. He stated that it only takes 1 light for cars to cross Williamsbridge Road.

h. Louis Buffone

Mr. Buffone stated that reversing Tomlinson Avenue will have a negative effect on other blocks. He spoke about the need for an entrance ramp to the main road between White Plains Road and Williamsbridge Road.

John stated that we have been requesting that the Parks Department give permission to put a slip ramp on Pelham Parkway South. He stated that if this is done there would be no need to change the flow on Tomlinson Avenue.

i. Gina Rico

A. Ms. Ricco stated that she was here with her psychology class from Mercy College.

Joe McManus stated that when he and Vinny were trying to get the height of the 911 building on Waters Place lowered they tried to get the Service Road opened.

Silvio recommended that the Board hold a public hearing on this issue.

John stated that the Board discussed this on 3 separate occasions, and voted to change the flow of traffic. He stated that the process is over and the recommendation has been submitted.

I. Minutes

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Anthony Vitaliano - That the Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED

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

1. Budget cuts to community boards. John reported that there was a good turn out at the rally. He thanked Councilman Vacca for

getting \$29,186 restored to the Board's budget. John stated that this still leaves a deficit of \$8,500.

2. New housing on Bronxdale and Holland Avenues. John reported that there is an open house there tonight. He stated that it will be market rate housing.

3. 2126 Barnes Avenue - John reported that this was the site of Young Israel. He stated that it will be a 380 seat school which will alleviate the overcrowding of P.S. 105.

4. New Committee structure - John stated that during the summer we will evaluate how the structure is working and then bring it back to the Board in September for a vote.

John reported that during the summer when the committees do not meet, any liquor licenses/street permits will be handled by first being sent to the prospective committee and then the Executive Board will be polled.

5. Medicaid Office at Jacobi hospital will be closed. He stated that they were only leasing space.

Pat Dolan spoke about the striking workers at Stella Dora. He stated that we should boycott their cookies.

John stated that they are located in Community Board 8. He also stated that this is a management issue and the Board should not get involved.

Diane asked for the cost of the apartments at Holland and Bronxdale Avenues.

Studio	\$900-\$1100
1 bedroom	\$1400-\$1600
2 bedrooms	\$1600-\$1800

Dom introduced Lt. Russo, the new Conditions Officer from the 49th Precinct.

Mr. Robert McDonald of Silver Street spoke about the need for ASP on Silver Street due to the volume of garbage that accumulates.

John explained that this on the agenda for the committee, but that Mr. McDonald and not received notice and therefore did not attend. He stated that they get garbage from the Square. John reported that there are 12 houses on the block and they get ticketed.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that there was no report tonight. He stated that they would be sent to the Board members.

V. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom introduced the new Board members: Marcy Gross, Sal Conforto and Frano. He also announced that Marisa Totino resigned. Dom reported that attendance at the committee meetings has been poor. He stated that there is not a quorum the committee can not conduct business.

Dom reported that Al D'Angelo and Joe Reda are back from the hospital and healing. He also announced that former Community Board member Rev. Leslie McHenry's mother passed away. Dom also reported that Tom Lucania's wife had a baby boy.

VI. Elected Officials

1. Jonathan Szott - Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Jonathan announced that Senator Klein and Borough President Diaz are sponsoring the Fireworks Display at Orchard Beach on July 1st at 7 PM.

2. Charisse Suarez - Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

Charisse stated that she is working on a mailer for the summer Events. She stated that there will be a Skate party for youth 11-19 at the Skate Park.

3. Jeremy Warneke - Representing Councilman James Vacca

Jeremy announced that there 2 heroin busts made on Cruger Avenue. He stated that there is a parking problem on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway, and that 50 summonses were issued.

4. Kenny Agosta - Representing Senator Ruth Hassel-Thompson
Kenny wished everyone a happy summer.

VII. Borough President's office - Andy Toledo

Andy reported that there was a rally at City Council concerning the PCP that was used in public schools, and urging the Department of Education to remove it. He welcomed the new Board members to the Board.

John stated that with the help of the new Borough President and the other 4 Board Presidents' the money was restored.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Morris Park/Van Nest – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the minutes had been distributed.

Liquor Licenses

1. 866 MPI – 866 Morris Park Avenue (NEW)
2. Rainbow Restaurant – 2195 White Plains Road (RENEWAL)
3. Patricia's – 1080 Morris Park Avenue

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joe

Bombace – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these licenses. PASSED

4. Reribo Social Club – 827 Morris Park Avenue

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Vinny

Prezioso – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the asking that a license not be issued for this establishment due to the fact that they did not meet with the Board. PASSED

5. Mama Maria's – 900 Morris Park Avenue (NEW)

No action is needed at this time as the sale did not go through.

Livery Base License

1. Riteway Private Car Service – 1598 Bronxdale Avenue

(RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Bob Potter –

That Community Board 11 send a letter to the TL stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this base renewal license. PASSED

Street Closing Application

1. Application from Stefania Bonasia of 1937 Radcliff Avenue to close Radcliff Avenue between Neill and Rhinelander Avenue on August 14TH from 12 Noon to 8 PM for a block party.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Vinny

Prezioso – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

Request by Robert MacDonald of 1539 Silver Street for alternate side regulations on Silver Street. Recommendation to reject due to no show.

John explained that Mr. MacDonald had not received the notice of the meeting. He explained about the garbage that accumulates on that block from Westchester Square and the tickets that Mr. MacDonald gets from Sanitation.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Mary Paliotta – That Community Board 11 send a letter to DOT asking that Silver Street be granted ASP. PASSED

Opening of the Bronx River Parkway Entrance at the parks Department Property

Discussion took place on this.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Mary Paliotta – That Community Board 11 hold a public hearing on this issue at P.S. 83. PASSED

B. Bronx Park East/Olinville – Joseph Thompson

Street Closing Applications

1. Application from Gregory Butler to close Westervelt Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on August 29th with a rain date of August 30th from 12 Noon to 8 PM. PASSED

2. Application from Diane Cerino to close Woodhull Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 1st with a rain date of August 2nd from 1 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Joe Thurston, Seconded by Anthony Vitaliano – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these street closings. PASSED

Request for a speed bump and Lodovick and Mace Avenues.

A Motion was made by Joe Bombace, seconded by Joe Thurston – That Community Board 11 send a letter to DOT requesting that this speed bump be installed. PASSED

3. Bronx Psychiatric Center Redevelopment Project

Tony reported that there was a presentation at the meeting. He stated that there was a 90% Committee attendance. He stated that 4 buildings will be put up. There will be parking on the premises. Tony stated that there are 2 buildings there, which may either be auctioned of or be removed. Tony reported that there will be 3 new ball fields. He stated that before anything is done that they will have to come back and make a presentation to the Board.

4. Request for a letter of support for the Pelham Parkway South Development Project

A great deal of discussion took place on the type of housing it would be, and the income levels for the 3 different apartments. This will be based on the family income and size of the family.

Michael Carriere stated that the Board had passed a motion on an apprenticeship program, and stated that he would like this to be part of the program. He also asked if union labor would be used.

Ms. Acosta stated that she was open to the apprenticeship program, but that it would not be a union project.

Mike asked for the opportunity to bid on the project.

Questions were asked as to whether Section 8 tenants would be living there.

Ms. Acosta stated that they will follow all fair housing rules. She stated that they will advertise to get local people into the apartments, but that she could not guarantee that there would be no Section 8.

Dr. Patel stated that there was no Pelham parkway exit on Stillwell Avenue and asked how this would impact Stillwell Avenue.

Ms. Acosta stated that they have contacted DOT for an exit.

Vinny stated that there will be 93 apartments and 76 parking spaces.

Joe Bombace asked how this project will affect the Pelham Parkway Project.

Hazel reported that when the White Plains Road housing was built the Community Board was not involved in the rental process.

Ms. Acosta stated that representatives from the Board can be there for the lottery.

Discussion took place on the fact that Ms. Acosta needs a letter of approval from the Board to get HUD funding.

A lengthy discussion took place on the selection process and how the income information is obtained.

A Motion was made by Junior Campbell, Seconded by Mike Carriere - That a vote on this item be tabled until a meeting with Mike Carrier and Ms. Acosta takes place. **PASSED**

C. Allerton - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs
Street Closing Applications

1. Application by Paul Trapani to close Fenton Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 22nd with a rain date of August 23rd from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

2. Application by Gina Ficarra to close Wilson Avenue between Astor Avenue and Pelham Parkway North on August 9th from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Rabbi Fuchs, Seconded by Vinny Prezioso - That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these street closings. PASSED

Joe McManus reported that Wilson Avenue had a D last year and it was very loud.

Discussion took place on the redesigning of Allerton Avenue. John stated that the Chairs of the other two committees were invited to this meeting.

D. Youth and Education - Diane Norris

Diane reported that the Committee had not met this month She reported on the CEC breakfast. Diane spoke about the Mayoral control of the schools.

E. Bronx Park East/Olinville - Joseph Thompson

Street Closing Applications

1. Application by Diane Sanabria to close Hone Avenue between Boston Road and Arnow Avenue on July 25th from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

2. Application by Joseph Menta to close Hering Avenue between Mace and Waring Avenues on August 8th from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mary Paliotta - That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these street closings. PASSED

Liquor Licenses

1. El Primos Restaurant - 698 Allerton Avenue

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter - That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this license. PASSED

2. Alex Café - 2526 Wallace Avenue

Joe reported that this was tabled from last month and that they did not show up to the Committee meeting.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA asking

that this renewal license not be renewed owing to the fact that they did not meet with the Community Board. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION FROM JOE BOMBACE.**

Application by the Institute of Applied Human Dynamics for a group home at 2940 Colden Avenue for 7 residents.

Joe explained that there will be seven mentally retarded teenagers at this site. He stated that there will be 3 staff members. Joe stated that there were 2 public hearing held on this location. He also stated that there were problems with the previous group home at this location. Joe stated that they would have an advisory board, and also that they would build a fence around the property.

Hazel stated that she would like to sit on the advisory board.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter - That Community Board 11 send a letter to the State stating that we object to this group home. PASSED WITH 2 OPPOSED FROM DOM CASTORE AND PAT DOLAN AND 4 ABSTENTIONS FROM HAZEL MIURA, ELIEZER RODRIGUEZ, MARY PALIOTTA AND JOE

Allerton Avenue Redesign

Joe reported that DOT made a presentation to the Committee. He stated that Commissioner Connie Moran was there. Joe stated that they will redesign Bronx Park East to Gun Hill Road. He stated that they will be painting a 10 foot medium from Bronx Park East to Gun Hill Road as well as a 5 foot bike lane on both sides of the street from Olinville Avenue to Gun Hill Road. Joe spoke about the left turn lane on cross streets.

Joe also spoke about the exit ramp of the Bronx River Parkway going from 1 land to 2 lanes. He stated that there will be a meeting at the Board office on this on July 2nd, and anyone can attend

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter - That Community Board 11 table a vote on the Allerton Avenue redesign until the next meeting. PASSED

Hazel reported that the new housing on Thwaites Place and Bronx Park East does not provide parking to the residents. She asked about getting parallel parking.

John stated that this is being studied.

Rabbi Fuchs asked that at the meeting with the Commissioner she be asked about the Bronx River Parkway.

Bob spoke about an uncontrolled basketball tournament that took place in the park. He stated that Keith Ramsey is doing another one in the park on Saturday. Bob stated that the precinct should be involved.

John stated that he would check on if a parks permit has been issued and then contact the police.

IX. Guest Speaker – Wendy Byrne

Ms. Bryne spoke about the threat to New York City water supply because of the gas drilling. She distributed a fact sheet and asked that the elected officials be contacted to ban this drilling. Ms. Bryne also reported that they have requested that they be given 120 days before a hearing is held. She stated that they are only offering 30 days. Ms. Byrne asked for a resolution banning the gas drilling.

Joe said that this should to go to the Executive Committee.

John stated that most of the elected officials are on board with this.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Sal Conforto
– That Community Board 11 send a letter to NYSDEC requesting a ban on gas drilling. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION FROM DR. PATEL.**

X. Committees Continued

F. Indian Village/Westchester Heights – Michael Carriere

1. Jacobi Public Safety Issues

Mike asked that someone from the hospital be at the meeting to discuss this.

Street Closing Application

1. Application by Dr. David Stevens to close Narragansett Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on UGUST 15TH with a rain date of August 16th from 12 Noon to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Michael Carriere, Seconded by Tony Vitaliano – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing.

PASSED

Mike thanked Lt. Russo, Captain Greeley and P.O. Pierro for their help when the Committee goes out to do the graffiti removal. He stated that they make sure that the street is shut down if needed.

Mike reported that another pump is being donated. He thanked Marcy Gross for getting the release forms for the graffiti removal faxed to the Board office. He also thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

John thanked Mike for all he has done.

G. Land Use - Joe McManus

1. BSA 174-96BZ - Application to extend the special permit for legalization and refrigeration box in the side yard of Sal and Dom's Pastry at 1108 Allerton Avenue

Joe stated that they were a year late in filing for this.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Mike Carriere
- That Community Board 11 send a letter to the BSA stating that we have no objection to the renewal of this special permit. PASSED

XI. New Business

Discussion took place on reducing speaker time in presentations.

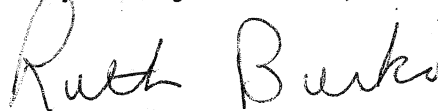
Joe Bombace spoke about the reversal of Tomlinson Avenue. He stated that we should close the discussion on this because the Board has already made a determination.

John stated that anyone can come to the Board meeting and speak on any item.

Denise spoke about the abandoned house on Pierce Avenue. She stated that there is a building permit on the fence

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2009 IN LUBIN HALL

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Annette Marchitello	(3)
Joe Bombace	(0)	Silvio Mazzella	(3)
Ruth Burko	(4)	Joseph McManus	(2)
Junior Campbell	(3)	Hazel Miura	(3)
Michael Carriere	(4)	Diane Norris	(3)
Dominic Castore	(4)	Mary Paliotta	(3)
Sal Conforto	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)
Pat Dolan	(2)	Robert Potter	(2)
Rosemary Durso	(4)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(5)
Estella Foley	(5)	Martin Sacewicz	(3)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	Joseph Thurston	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(2)	Anthony Vitaliano	(0)
Marcy Gross	(0)	Janice Walcott	(2)
David Leavitt	(1)	Fran Zagreda	(0)

ABSENT

Joseph Carfora	(6)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Albert D'Angelo	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(4)
Jessica Dewberry	(1)	Oral Selkridge	(4)
Elizabeth Nazario	(6)	Vinny Taddeo	(3)
Pat Quaranta	(3)	Eugene Tutora	(1)
Joseph Reda	(2)	Sandra Unger	(2)
Blanche Rifkin	(3)	Linda White	(4)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Jeremy Warneke - Representing Councilman James Vacca

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jonathan Szott - Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Charisse Suarez - Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

Kenny Agosta - Representing Senator Ruth Hassel-Thompson

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager - Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board 11

Andy Toledo - Representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Manuel Lagares - Bronx Office of City Planning

GUESTS

Mercy College Social Psychology Class

