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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 IN
 LUBIN HALL

Bronx Park
 East/Ollinville

Community
 Development and Budget
 Priorities

Education/Youth

Indian
 Village/Westchester Hgts

Land Use

Morris Park/Van Nest/
 Pelham Parkway

Pelham Gardens

- I. Public Hearing on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget
 - Three speakers spoke
 - a. Julio Munoz – MTA cuts
 - b. Rosemary Deluca – Bronx Zoo cuts
 - c. Helene Samberg – Library cuts.

- II. Elected Officials
 - a. Marina King, representing Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.
 Marina reported that Senator Diaz held a Three Kings Day on January 9th at P.S. 5. She also reported on the collections that were made for the Haiti Relief fund on January 16th. She stated that 2 containers of medical supplies, blankets and other necessary were sent to Haiti. Marina reported on the City panel that is proposing the closing of 19 schools for poor performance. Included in this is Columbus High School. Marina reported that there are unclaimed funds at the Comptroller's Office. She stated that anyone who wants to check it out can go to NYS/Gov unclaimed funds to check it out. On February 23rd Senator Diaz is presenting a resolution to the senate commending the Dominican community. Maria reported that on February 29th the Census is starting. She explained that is important for everyone to be counted so that we get our fair share of money. Maria reported that there was a press conference of February concerning the closing of the Bronx Rubber Rooms. She explained that this is where teachers are accused of something are housed with our money. Marina also reported on the appliance rebate program. You can call 1 877NYSMART or go to www.NYappliance.com.
 - b. Mike Frittola, representing Senator Jeffrey Klein
 Mike reported that a site visit will be done for the bank proposed for the Van Nest area. He reported that Senator Klein is having a celebration for Black History month on February 27th in Mt. Vernon. Contact the office for details.
 - c. Charesse Suarez representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera
 Charesse reported that Assemblywoman Rivera is Co-Chair of the Foster Care Committee and is working on saving agencies. She also reported that Assemblywoman Rivera was appointed to the Education Committee and is fighting to keep Columbus High School open. Charesse

also spoke about the Tuition Assistance program. She also spoke about parents to be notified of safety and fire violations in schools.

d. Jeremy Warneke representing Councilman Jimmy Vacca.

Jeremy introduced Herbert Norat who is the new intern. He stated that Herbert represented Councilman Vacca at the Pelham Parkway South meeting, and he is working on an invite list for the Pelham Parkway South Neighborhood Association. Jeremy reported that Councilman Vacca is fighting to restore the Community Board's budget. He stated that Councilman Vacca was at Jacobi Hospital with Speaker Christine Quinn to look at the Illyria Clinic and bring it to Speaker Quinn's attention as well as get a presentation on the HIV clinic. Jeremy reported that on Tuesday the second Kosovo event will be held at City Hall.

III. Gallery Session

a. Richard Vitacco

Mr. Vitacco spoke about adding the name Carl Paul Jennerwein to the street sign on Van Nest Avenue between Melville and Van Buren Streets. He read from the information distributed to the Board on Mr. Jennerwein's life.

b. Afria Afriye-Fullwood – Hering Avenue Block Association

Ms. Afriye-Fullwood spoke about the Hering Avenue Block Association which has been revived. She stated that there are 60 families in the association. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood stated that they have several issues on the block. She stated that the street was recently repaved, but due to a gas leak the street was excavated. She stated that a metal plate was placed there. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood asked that the street be repaved again. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood requested that hydro locks be placed on the hydrants. She also spoke about abandoned cars that are left for weeks at a time on the block. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood spoke about Prestige Car Service. She stated that the drivers park their cars there and idle them. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood also spoke about an abandoned house on the block whose fence is down and the house is open. She stated that people are getting into the house. Ms. Afriye-Fullwood spoke about the problems with the Royal Coach Inn. She stated that there are loud patrons in the parking lot. She also stated that there was a slow response from the 49th Precinct when she called. She also spoke about the Royal Coach Inn promising the previous block association meeting space.

John stated that he would take care of getting the hydro locks and the repaving. John explained that the cars were not removed due to the weather, but he will expedite it. He also said that he will have HPD seal the house.

c. Patricia Rangel

Ms. Rangel stated that she lives in the Allerton Coops. She stated that management said that the community was to have a community center, but they have not turned it over. She stated that they are trying to get the tenants association active again. Ms. Rangel spoke about the poor lighting in the development and that there is only 1 security person from 11 AM-6 PM to cover 800 units and three blocks. She stated that they will be meeting with management in two weeks.

John stated that management did promise to turn the community center over to the tenants. He stated that they don't want to have a community center without structured programs.

Ms. Rangel stated that she knew people who are qualified to run programs.

John stated that he would look into it.

Janice Walcott spoke. She stated that they met with management and Hazel Miura representing NIDC. She stated that management would not let any other tenants in.

John stated the he will try and set up a meeting in our office and have the elected officials there.

Janice reported that she saw management building apartments in the community room.

Hazel stated that Senator Diaz was there and that he made it clear that we would not put up with this. She stated that the issue of the community was put on hold because of the fire. She stated that she has not heard from management. She stated that she saw the community room and it is useable for meetings. Hazel stated that staff is using the room for parties.

John stated that we will have them at the meeting. He stated that we will discuss the lighting and security issues and have HPD as well as the elected officials at that meeting.

d. Brian Adams

Brian asked about if Popi Nice was going to open. Joe Thompson explained that they are in litigation and can't build or open until this is resolved.

Brian asked what was happening at the southeast corner of Lydig Avenue and Pelham Parkway and the southwest corner of White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway.

Brian asked for stop signs east and west side of Astor and Wallace Avenues.

John reported that DOT did a study and it is not warranted.

e. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library

Ms. Samberg reported that due to the budget cuts the libraries have lost hours. She stated that the Van Nest branch is open Monday-Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 11-7. Friday 1-5 and Saturday 10-5. She stated that there have been no staff cuts.. She thanked the Board for its support. She stated that on February 19th there will be a special program for children "Mighty Action Racket Theater Workshop"

John reported that the libraries are becoming an after school program site. He stated that it is no longer quiet. John stated that the programs need to be put in separate places in the library.

IV. Minutes

Correction Jeremy and Mike's names were incorrectly listed. It should have read Jeremy Warneke and Mike Frittola. Jessica Dewberry stated that she presents bids to City Planning not the Mayor.

A Motion was made by Frano Zagreda, Seconded by Joe Bombace – That the Minutes be accepted as corrected. PASSED

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

John reported that the Board has a new phone system. If you get the machine your first option is information on meeting, complaints next button, and then staff buttons. John reported that the budget cuts are still in the plans for mid year of \$10,000. He stated that OMB has told him not to do anything yet.

John reported that he has heard a rumor that the Mayor has a plan to house all 59 District Managers in a room at 100 Gold Street. He stated that the Boards need to get a charter revision that would give them an annual budget that the Mayor can't cut. He stated that we need 100,000 signatures to get this referendum on the ballot. The

voters will need to vote on this. He stated that he hoped that the voters see that this would be detrimental to the community boards. We need local government.

Joe Bombace suggested that we put articles in the paper.

John reported that there was a fire in the Pelham Parkway Houses. He stated that 12 people were injured. John stated that the apartment was used by many people. He also reported that there was a fire on Van Buren Street. John stated that there were no residents Injured, but a fire fighter was injured.

John reported that we have a petition to fight the proposed MTA cuts. He asked everyone to sign it.

John reported that we are monitoring Tomlinson Avenue, and there seems to be no negative effect to the change. He stated that people from the block have told him that there was no impact. John reported that the speed bump will go in as soon as the weather allows.

VI. Borough President's Report – Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that he received word today that the proposed cuts to community boards and borough presidents are scheduled for March. He stated that we will hold a citywide meeting to fight these. Thomas reported that the Borough President, Senator Klein and Councilman Vacca have gone to the BSA hearing on Astor Avenue medical center. He stated that this was the fifth meeting. Thomas reported that the Department of Education and the Education Council voted to close 19 schools. He stated that the borough President voted against closing these schools.

Thomas reported that new community board applications are going to the City Council members. He stated that appointments should be made by the middle of April

Thomas reported that:

1. Borough President Diaz Announces the Gun Buyback Success; Nearly 1,200 guns taken off the streets.

2. Borough President Diaz Announces the Creation of a New "Green" Job Program

3. 2010 Census Road Tour Visited the Bronx

3. BCHN, Borough President & the AHA Launch Healthy Heart brain Campaign

4. State of the Borough February 26th

VII. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Community board and Friends of Treasurer's Reports had been distributed. Anyone with questions can contact Harriet or me.

Silvio requested that a letter be sent to the Mayor.

John reminded the Board members to look at the calendar for the dates of their meetings. He also informed the Board members that they can not call city agencies and use their title as board members. He also spoke about the Pelham Gardens Committee whose location was changed last month due to a public hearing that had to be held and that not all the members knew about the change and showed up the Board office for the meeting. He stated that these members would be marked excused.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Bronx Park East/Olinville Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor Licenses

a. Kambousi Restaurant d/b/a Royal Coach Inn – 3260 Boston Road for on-premises consumption RENEWAL

Joe reported that the Board has dealt with the Royal Coach Inn with respect to the noise emanating from their parking lot. He stated that we will meet with them again on the room that they promised to the neighborhood association for their use.

There was a great deal of discussion which took place on this location. It was suggested that they get a security guard and put up proper signage.

A Motion was made by Mary Paliotta, Seconded by Sal Conforto - That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have object to the renewal of this license unless he gets a part time security guard and put up signage in the parking lot. **PASS WITH OPPOSITION FROM FRANO ZANGREDA, JOE BOMBACE, DAVID LEAVITT, VINNY PREZIOSO, GENE TUTORA, JOE THURSTON AND DR. MAHENDRA PATEL**

b. Sahara Café – 1326 East Gun Hill Road (NEW) beer and wine for on premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, seconded by Joe Bombace – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA asking that this license be denied as the café is in a crime prone area, has no visibility from the street and is located down an alley way. **PASSED**

c. 767 Restaurant Corp – 767 Astor Avenue for on-premises consumption
NEW

Joe Thompson made a Motion that this license be denied based on the fact that the owner did not show up for the meeting. He stated that approval was contingent on the owner coming into the office within a week with his application.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Vinny Prezioso – That a vote on this license be tabled until next month.

Hazel Miura stated that there were a lot of problems with this location.

John stated that he would look into if this was going to be a 24 hour store.

Application by David Foster to close Throop Avenue between Burke Avenue and East Gun Hill Road from 7/24 to 8/1 with the exception of 7/31 from 6 PM to 10 PM for a religious event

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mary Paliotta – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that was have no objections to this street closing. **PASSED**

B. Indian Village/Westchester Heights – Dr. Mahendra Patel

Dr. Patel reported that the minutes had been distributed.

Liquor License Application

a. The Emergency Room – 1511 Wilkerson Avenue for on-premises consumption RENEWAL

A Motion was made by Dr. Mahendra Patel, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the renewal of this license. **PASSED**

C. Morris Park/Van Nest – Bernadette Ferrara

Bernadette reported that the minutes had been distributed.

1. Bronx Greenway Project

Bernadette reported that a presentation had been made to the Board.

A great deal of discussion took place on this project and the fact that the Board has rejected other bike paths.. It was stated that it would run near the Bronx Zoo's property.

John stated that there would be bike paths, and walking paths through the Bronx Zoo. He also stated that if this project goes through we will never get the ramp opened.

A Motion was made by Bernadette Ferrara, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to Parks rejecting this project. **PASSED**

Request to add the name Carl Paul Jennewein to Van Nest Avenue between Melville and Van Buren Streets

A Motion was made by Bernadette Ferrara, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to Councilman Joel Rivera asking that this name be added to the sign on Van Nest Avenue between Melville and Van Buren Streets.

PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSED BY JOE MCMANUS

D. Pelham Gardens – Joe Thurston

1. Christmas House on Pelham Parkway North

Joe stated that there seems to be code violations with this house.

John stated that it was on the agenda for his DSC meeting. He stated that he would ask the Buildings and Fire Departments to check for code violations.

E. Land Use – Joseph McManus

Joe reported that the Committee had not met this month.

1446 Astor Avenue

Joe reported that at the last BSA meeting they questioned the traffic study that was submitted. Joe stated that Councilman Vacca, Senator Klein and Borough President Diaz are supporting the Community Board against this proposed medical building due to the traffic it will create and the close proximity of the fire house. Joe reported that John Fratta was at the meeting.

John reported that for the four hearings that were held Steve Squiterra of City Car donated 6 buses for the community to attend these meetings.

IX. New Business

Bernadette reported that the Bronx and Queens are short changed in having no animal shelter. She stated that we need to change the laws and urged everyone to write or call Senator Klein.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010*

PRESENT

Joe Bombace	(0)	Hazel Miura	(4)
Ruth Burko	(2)	Mary Paliotta	(2)
Junior Campbell	(3)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Sal Conforto	(1)	Robert Potter	(1)
Jessica Dewberry	(2)	Vincent Prezioso	(2)
Patrick Dolan	(1)	Pat Quaranta	(3)
Rosemary Durso	(2)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(3)
Bernadette Ferrara	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(3)	Oral Selkridge	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thurston	(2)
Marcy Gross	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
David Leavitt	(1)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Frano Zagreda	(1)
Joe McManus	(0)		

ABSENT

Richard Angeletti	(5)	Diane Norris	(4)
Joe Bacote	(2)	Joseph Reda	(6)
Joseph Carfora	(5)	Blanche Rifkin	(4)
Michael Carriere	(5)	Joanne Rubino	(2)
Dominic Castore	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(4)
Albert D'Angelo	(3)	Vincent Taddeo	(3)
Estella Foley	(6)	Sandra Unger	(3)
Harain Figueroa	(4)	Anthony Vitaliano	(3)
Annette Marchitello	(4)	Linda White	(7)
Elizabeth Nazario	(6)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Jeremy Warneke – Representing Councilman James Vacca
Herbert Norat – Representing Councilman James Vacca

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Charesse Suarez – Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board #11
Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator – Community Board #11
Thomas Lucania, Representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library

* Absences include public hearings of 9/9 and 2/18