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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,
 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 FY'2012 Budget Priorities

The following people spoke:

a. Joe Bombace – He requested a Holster for Sanitation District 11, more officers assigned to the 49th Precinct, and reconstruction of Van Nest Park

b. Joann Terrelonge: She requested funding for youth programs and after schools programs.

II. Gallery Session

a. Nancy Dawson

Ms. Dawson announced that MADD would be holding its 5th Walk on September 25th beginning at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road beginning at 10 AM. She also reported that the Bronx Times did a story on her son who died in a traffic accident.

b. Brian Adams

Brian reported that streets signs are missing on the southeast corner of Mace and Matthews Avenues and the southeast corner of Yates and Waring Avenues.

c. Marie Santillana

Ms. Santillana spoke about a car that has been parking on the sidewalk in front of 621-623 Meade Street. She stated that he was parked there again and when she spoke to him he turned up his music. Ms. Santillano stated that she called the 49th Precinct but a car never came.

John asked her what time the cars was parked there and she said between 5-6 PM. John also told her that if she

sees him there again not to confront but call the police and call him on his cell.

d. Lorraine Ritter

Ms. Ritter stated that she is an animal activist. She stated that people throw their pets into the street and she picks them up. Has them spaded and neutered and sees that they get their shots. Ms. Ritter stated that she is inundated with kittens and asked if anyone wanted a kitten. She stated that they provide and bowls. Ms. Ritter stated that they are looking for cases to keep the cats in. She thanked the Board for its time and patience.

d. Monica Major – CEC 11

Ms. Major reported that CEC met last night. She stated that she was no longer the president, but was vice president. Ms. Major reported that the ribbon cutting for the new Charter School will be on October 14th at 9:45 AM. She asked for addresses of the Associations and others to be invited to the ribbon cutting. Ms. Major stated that the Fire Department will be there among other agencies.

III. Elected Officials

a. John Doyle– Representing Senator Klein

John stated that the Senator worked on getting liquor license procedures in place. He also reported that on Monday the MRI trailer was removed from the parking lot at Astor Avenue by the owner. John reported that the City and Suburban bank has submitted papers to come into the Van Nest Avenue. He stated that there will be a ground breaking in 4 weeks.

IV. Minutes

A Motion was made by Dom Castore, Seconded by Bob Potter – That the Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED

V. Chairman’s Report – Dom Castore

Dom reported that John Fratta will be retiring.

At his point Susan Nolan asked to speak. She spoke about her 26 years of working for the Board. She spoke about her being able to help the people who called with complaints dealing with street lights

out, flooded catch basins, tree requests, removal of trees and other complains. She stated that she would be leaving as of August 12th.

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

John reported that he would be retiring from the Board as of January 28, 2011. He stated that it has been a pleasure working for the Board. John stated that this is the best board in the Bronx, with the most dedicated people. He stated that you made my job easier. John stated that without the leaders and associations this would not be the area it is. He stated that it was a hard decision. John stated that his has been with the City for 36 years. John thanked Senator Jeffrey Klein, Councilman Vacca (do you want to list the rest of the elected officials) as well as Madeline Provanzano and Guy Velella who he worked with. John stated that working with the Morris Park Association, Chester Civic Association, Pelham Parkway North Association, Van Nest Alliance, Allerton Association, Northeast Bronx Association and NIDC as well as the Borough President has been tremendous. He stated that he will miss the Board.

John reported that the Personnel Committee will be starting the process for hiring a new District Manager.

John reported that the new school opened on Bronxdale Avenue. He stated that he is working on getting parking for the teachers. John invited everyone to come to the grand opening and get a tour of the 3 school. The Icon School. PS 498 and DS75. He reported that Carol Ann Gilligan is the Principal of the public school.

John reported on a charter school that is coming into our community. He stated that the charter school representatives met with our Youth Committee.

John spoke about the school on Water Place near Mercy College. John stated that they need a letter of support from us. He stated that they are looking to target our kids. John reported that Aging in America is closing. He stated that a charter school is going in there, but they are not talking to us about it because of a confidentiality clause.

John reported that the charter school proposed for Columbus High School was denied. He stated that they will have to resubmit it.

Blanche reported that Columbus High School will not be a charter school.

John reported that the Pelham Parkway Project is on track. He stated that the Board's position is that the work has to be done. John stated that the Board took a position supporting removing the minimum number of trees that have to be removed. He stated that the Borough President asked for an explanation of the number of trees that need to be removed due to accidents, and the number of accidents. The Borough President also asked for a tree by tree evaluation

Joe McManus reported that News 12 did a story on all the issues of the other side.

John reported that he has been responding to the blogs. He stated that the Bronx News stated that we were removing 200-240 trees. John reported that he has been getting emails also. He spoke about the Regis Philbin piece in which he referred to our community on White Plains Avenue. He said Regis also said that the city was spending \$32 million to take down the trees and put up guard rails. John stated that not once did Regis mention the sewer work that has to be done. John stated that people are being misled about the project. He stated that we need to get the story out. John told about when the Board had to change the flow on traffic on Tomlinson Avenue, which that block was against. He stated that there have been no cars on Tomlinson Avenue. John reported that DDC is beginning the project by doing paper work and getting the necessary permits in order.

John reported that the Board will hold another public hearing in October with the contractor. He stated that we are looking for a new location to hold this hearing. He reported that on July 24th he attended a preconstruction meeting with agency representatives and elected officials as well as Edith Blitzer of the Pelham Parkway North Association and Larry Prospect from the White Plains Road BID. John stated that this committee will stay in force for the duration of the project.

Joe Reda stated that Pelham Parkway was built for horse and carriages. He spoke about the flooding by Jacobi Hospital when it rains.

Marcy Gross asked what would happen with the water mains.

John stated that they might have to shut the water down in the area they are working on. He stated that they are starting on Stillwell

Avenue and working west. John stated that they will affect Lydig Avenue.

Joe McManus reported that the police will have an officer there everyday. He asked if the same person could be there every day.

John stated that traffic agents will be there

Edith Blitzer stated that she was upset by Regis' remarks. She stated that he does not live or drive in our area. She reported that Captain Nicholson was at her meeting and gave the statistics on accidents.

John reported that there will be one person from the Alliance on the task force.

Joe Thurston asked how many task forces there would be.

John stated that there would be one task force with Dom and myself on the committee. He stated that we don't need another committee.

Sal Conforto asked if all the organizations would be involved.

John stated that only organizations that touch Pelham Parkway will be involved as well as Einstein, Jacobi and Calvary Hospitals

John reported that a young man was killed on the parkway. He stated that the tree did not kill him, but had it not been there he would have survived. John stated that this is going to be a massive project, and it will be hard on the residents in the area that they are working in.

Sal stated that he lost a young child. He stated that he loves trees, but he loves people more.

John reported that 247 new trees will be planted in the fall of 2012. He stated that they will be 4" diameter trees.

Joanne Rubino asked about the schematics for the 72 trees that will be removed.

John stated that he asked the city to give him schematics for each block where the trees are coming down. He stated that they will be working 2 years on the south side and then 2 years on the north side.

Joanne Rubino reported that with the closing of Aging in America the Seniors are not being serviced.

John stated that he would have to ask the Indian Village Committee to get someone from HRA to come to their meeting and explain what will affect the seniors.

Edith asked why the seniors could not use Bronx House.

Marcy Gross reported that the bottom floor of the building on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue is still vacant.

Tony asked why Aging in America is leaving.

Sal reported that the building is owned by the Archdiocese and the building is being sold.

Edith asked about Young Israel on Lydig Avenue. She stated that she heard that it was going to be an annex for P.S. 105.

John stated that he will find out.

John spoke about the new policy for liquor licenses as proposed by the Senator Klein, Community Boards 10, 11 and 12. As several people had not had a chance to look this over a vote was delayed until later in the meeting.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Board's Treasurer's Report as well as the Friend's of had been distributed. He stated that he had requested that OMB make a change in the codes as listed. Silvio stated that a deficit of \$8,000 before the end of the year. He thanked John and Susan for their service.

John reported that the Borough Budget Consultations will be held on Tuesday, October 5th at Fordham University. John stated that we have the best turnout of any community board. He stated that this is your opportunity to tell the city where money should be spent. John stated that anyone who would like to submit a priority for FY'2012 budget and give it Silvio or myself. He stated that Police are not listed as one of the agencies the Board would be meeting with. John stated that every year OMB adds another agency to the list that do not meet with individual community boards but rather as a joint meeting. This year they added police. John stated that he would like to send a letter objecting to these joint hearings. John stated that holding these joint budget consultations during the day does not allow many people to attend. He stated that this is the community board's process.

John reported that the Board held its carnival in August for 6 days. He stated that we netted \$10,100.

A Motion was made by Joe Bombace, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board 11 send a letter to OMB against the joint hearings. PASSED

VIII. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that last week was the first week of schools. He reported on a program on September 21st Back to School. Flyers were available about parents with special needs.

Andy reported that on Monday Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. sent a letter to__ telling him to hold a public hearing on the low test scores this year in all 5 boroughs. He stated that the community boards will be notified of the dates.

Andy reported that the community board has collaborated with Bronx Borough President and the Bronx Clerical Task Force to increase the Peace Initiative Program. Andy reported that on September 21st will be the first meeting in Community Board 12, and it will be every other Saturday. Flyers were distributed.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Bronx Park East/Olinville – Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor licenses

a. 679 Allerton Avenue Corporation – Renewal beer & wine

b. Cosinita Restaurant Corporation at 651 Allerton Avenue – Renewal beer and wine

c. El Sazon Restaurant at 2233 Boston Road – New beer and wine

Joe reported that no one showed up from any of these restaurants to the Committee. He requested that a vote be tabled and notices be sent to the owners.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson. Seconded by Bob Potter – That a vote on these liquor licenses be tabled, and that notices be sent to the owners. PASSED

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

Dr. Patel thanked the office for putting out the Minutes and thanked Cece for doing the Minutes. The Minutes were submitted

Joe Reda spoke about the parking of cars on the grass at the 49th Precinct. He also spoke about the need to get the crime stats

John reported that the generator on the sprayer that the Committee uses to remove graffiti was broken and Joe McManus donated \$2,000 for its repair.

C. Morris Park/Van Nest – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Committee had not met and there were no minutes

1. Application from Roxanne Mendoza of Church Lily of the Valleys (691 Rhineland Avenue) to close Rhineland Avenue between White Plains Road and Amethyst Street on October 9th from 10 Am to 4 PM for a health fair.

A Motion was made by Bob Potter- Seconded by Edith Blitzer – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

Bernadette invited everyone to come to the Bronx Alliance Committee meeting on Wednesday October 6th in the gym of St. Dominic's School. She stated that Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. will be the guest speaker.

Bernadette also spoke about the fact that the Committee had not met this month. She asked that meetings not be canceled.

John stated that when the agendas are prepared for the committees they are based on mail and complaints that we have received. He apologized for the Committee not being notified about street closings in the summer.

A question was asked as to whether a petition to close a street needs the signature of 80% of the block. John stated that this is not true.

D. Pelham Gardens – Anthony Vitaliano

a. 1605 Pelham Parkway North

Tony reported that Donald Rashne from the Department of Buildings was at the meeting. He stated that we gave him the location of the Christmas House (1605 Pelham Parkway North). He stated that he received a call from the homeowner yesterday. They were issued violations and a Stop Order. He stated that if anyone sees work being done they will be arrested.

b. 2703 Woodhull Avenue

Tony reported that there is an illegal extension on the house. He stated that there is no way of collecting the money for violations.

John stated that the Department of Buildings does not have the ability to put a lien on a house for violations.

Tony reported that crime is on the rise. He stated that we need to know where the crime is occurring and where the arrests have been made. He asked that someone from the precinct be at the Board meetings.

Oral Selkridge spoke. He stated that there is a process where liens can be placed on a house but not with violations to as house. This would be where someone did something wrong, e.g. Work without permit. The homeowner pays the violation and has time to correct this. If you sell the house through the bank the new owners takes on the violation.

John reported that the violations stay on the house forever. He stated that DOT can put a lien on your house if you don't take care of the violation.

Ruth stated that when a house is sold the new owner must be made aware of the violations on that house.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

E. Youth and Education Denise Giocondo/Diane Norris

Denise reported that the Committee had met with Carol Ann Gilligan, Principal of PS/MS498, Van Nest Academy. She invited the Community Board members to the ribbon cutting on September 14th at 9:45 AM. He stated that there was a correction to the minutes, there is room in the first grade. Denise also reported that they have asked for a letter from the Board about the parking.

NYC 5 Borough World Series, LLC

Diane reported that John Torres came to the Committee requesting a letter of support for his program which builds diverse education. She stated that they are hands on education which adapts to the community. Diane stated that the location for this is the Golf Course on Gun hill Road, which is not in our district but abuts it. She stated that he is going to meet with Board 12.

John reported that Mr. Torres is from Pelham Gardens. He stated that there are no sports programs for early teenagers.

**A Motion was made by Diane Norris, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin
– That Community Board 11 send a letter of support for this program.
PASSED**

G. Land Use – Joseph McManus

1. Guidelines for Street Co-Naming

Joe reported that the Committee has come up with a form that needs to be completed along with a resume for the process to start.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Sal Conforto – That Community Board 11 approve of this new format for street co-naming. PASSED

Hazel congratulated Dom for being named Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day parade. She asked about the parade route being cut.

John reported that the Mayor has cut all parades 25%. He stated that our parade will be cut 3 blocks. John stated that the Columbus Day Parade Committee is fighting this as the Caribbean Parade was only cut 1 block. He stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was not cut because the cut went into effect after the parade was held. He stated that the Board could pass a resolution against this cut.

A Motion was made by Hazel Miura, Seconded by Ruth Burko – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Mayor objecting to the cutting of the parade. PASSED

Sal stated that the parade was supposed to start on Bronxdale Avenue, but now it will be starting on White Plains Road to Williamsbridge Road. He stated that the stands will be on Williamsbridge Road by the Ridgeway Bank. Sal stated that the merchants on Williamsbridge Road are being slighted.

John stated that there is a moratorium on new parades.

John reported that there is going to be a dinner honoring Dom Castore as Grand Marshal on Friday, October 1st AT Maestro's. Information is in your packet

John thanked the staff for all their hard work over the years.

Edith reported on the barbecuing on Pelham Parkway.

John stated that he would put it on the agenda for the DSC meeting. He stated that we have a zero visibility for barbecuing on Pelham Parkway.

Liquor License rules and regulations

A Motion was made by Joe Thurston, Seconded by Denise Giocondo – That Community Board 11 accept these rules and regulations as received.

Joe Bombace asked that it be changed to no establishment be open after 3 AM.

John stated that any new licenses we receive will have to close at 2 AM for the first year.

PASSED WITH GENE TUTORO OPPOSES AND ELIEZER RODRIGUEZ ABSTAINING

Joe Thompson asked that DoT come to a meeting to discuss the bike lanes on Allerton Avenue. He also asked for help with the rats in Parkside.

Blanche reported that the Jewish Community Council will be holding its festival on Sunday September 25th from 1 -5 PM. She stated that it will be an all day music festival in Comras Mal at Bronx Park East and Lydig Avenue.

X. New Business

Bernadette reported that the Morris Park Merchants Alliance will be holding a sidewalk sale on Saturday, September 18th.

Joe Thompson reported that the 49th Precinct Council will be meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at 2401 White Plains Road. Joe also spoke about the complaints of cars being parking on the grass at the 49th Precinct.

John stated that if they can't park there then they will come into the residential areas and park.

Joe reported that on October 14th the Clergy Council, NIDC and the Coops will be having a march against crime and more youth programs. He stated that Morris Park has been in every march

John reported that last year was the first year that the Community Board marched in the Columbus Day Parade.

Dom reported that he will meet with Captain Nicholson and see about getting more land from Jacobi for the Precinct.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 IN LUBIN HALL

PRESENT

Joe Bombace	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Shradanand Pirtam	(0)
Edith Blitzer	(0)	Robert Potter	(1)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Joseph Reda	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Blanche Rifkin	(1)
Sal Conforto	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(0)
Bernadette Ferrara	(0)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Oral Selkridge	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Vincent Taddeo	(0)
Mary Gross	(1)	Joann Terrelonge	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(1)	Joseph Thurston	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Joseph McManus	(0)	Anthony Vitaliano	(0)
Hazel Miura	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Diane Norris	(0)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Mary Paliotta	(0)	Linda White	(1)

ABSENT

Richard Angeletti	(3)	Kenneth Gelnick	(2)
Joseph Bacote	(3)	Vincent Prezioso	(2)
Michael Carriere	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(3)
Jessica Dewberry	(3)	Marin Sacewicz	(2)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Frano Zagreda	(3)
Harain Figueroa	(2)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

John Doyle – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESEIDENT 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 Ruben Diaz Jr.

GUESTS

Cecilia Haas - AECOM