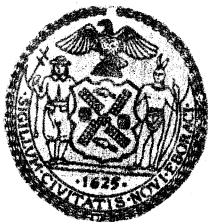


COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 1981 AT THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

No one spoke during the time allotted for Gallery Speakers.

II. Minutes

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Charles Re - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted.

II. Reports

1. Borough President

Annette Marchitello reported that Borough President Simon and the Advisory Council of the 2424 Boston Road Senior Center join in inviting the community and Mayor Koch to the groundbreaking of the Senior Citizen Center at 2424 Boston Road on Friday, October 23rd at 11 A.M.

2. District Manager

Tom Brown reported that most of his time had been spent working on the budget. He stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes for September would be sent out next week.

3. Committee Reports

a. Community Development and Budget Priorities

As Ruth Bernstein was not present, Bob Black gave the report. Bob stated that the Committee had met on Tuesday. He said that they had spent a considerable amount of time on the budget. Bob said that the Committee's first priority was to select what would be best for the community as a totality. He stated that they next considered whether the project was started, where it was now, and whether giving it a high priority would help complete it sooner. Bob stated that copies of the Committee's priorities were distributed earlier.

Bob stated that although he was presenting the Committee's report he personally was opposed to giving a high priority to the Housing Programs. He said that he felt H.R.A. had not been doing a good job and should not be rewarded with a high priority. Bob said that is now up to the Board to make a decision on these priorities.

Tom spoke about item 6 (the installation of escalators at White Plains Road-Pelham Parkway Station of I.R.T.). He stated that the current scope provides for two escalators on one side only. He explained that the request as made by the Committee diverges from the MTA's current plans and that this may necessitate some delays as an accomodation or compromise is sought.

Bob asked if voting would have to take place at this meeting. Tom stated that he needed a Board decision before October 23rd.

Discussion took place on reversing item #2 (Housing Programs) and item #7 (Construction of New Kitchen for Parkside Senior Citizen Center). Leslie McHenry and Myra Rose explained why the Committee had prioritized them as such, emphasizing the fact that since senior citizens comprise such a percentage of those living in buildings which would benefit from the priority #2 programs, priority #2 would benefit senior citizens even more than a new kitchen at one senior center.

Rhoda Gogatz asked that priority #12E (Improve Street Conditions at Merger of White Plains Road and Boston Road) be made #12A and the others moved up.

Tom explained that it is quite possible that upon study, the Department of Transportation might very well change the order of street priorities depending on the nature of work involved.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Shirley Rubman - That #12E be reversed with #12A.

For 8 Against 12

Motion defeated

Motion by Sol Lirtzman - Second by Sal Napolitano - That Community Planning Board #11 accept the Community Board Budget Priorities as submitted by the Committee, and that Ruth and Tom be authorized to complete Forms 3 and 4.

For 24 Abstentions 2

Passed.

Dom complimented the Committee on a job well done.

b. Land Use

1. Lease of 2000 White Plains Road by the Department of Traffic (S810599PLX)

Steve Lovitch reported that the Traffic Department wants to lease this property for the Borough Engineer's Office and shop. He stated that he felt that the Board should waive a Public Hearing on this.

Tom said that a decision is needed before the November meeting.

Discussion took place on this.

Steve explained the problems with the present site. He stated that two other sites had been considered by the Traffic Department, but had been rejected because of the cost of rehabilitating them. Steve then explained why this application was not brought to the Land Use Committee.

Motion by Bob Black - Second by Lew Goldstein - That the Land Use Committee make a decision as to whether or not a Public Hearing should be held and that the Executive Board be advised of the decision.

Amended by Sol Lirtzman - That a Public Hearing be waived unless the Land Use Committee upon inspection finds a need to recommend to the Executive Committee that one be held.

For 17 Against 7 Abstentions 1

Passed

Rita Bolstad stated that she felt that nothing should be done until the present site is looked at.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

Steve suggested that the Land Use Committee meet on Monday at 8:00 P.M. to look at the property. He stated that those who could not make this meeting should look at it at their convenience and let him know their feelings by Thursday.

Tom introduced Andrea Pereira and Maria Imperial. He stated that Andrea is the new liaison from the Department of City Planning, and that Maria is an intern with the Department of City Planning's Bronx Office. Tom said that it has been a while since this Board has had a permanent liaison from City Planning. He stated that Joe Hayman was the last permanent liaison the Board had. Tom said that he hoped that they would continue to come to Board meetings.

c. Housing

Simeon Goldstein stated that the Housing Committee had not met this month. He stated that the Board office had asked the Department of Buildings to inspect 1630 Taylor Avenue. Simeon stated that the Buildings Department felt that it was not necessary to demolish this house. He stated that he himself had looked at the property and while it is in disrepair he felt that this house should not be demolished.

Pat DeMartino stated that he had spoken to people on Taylor Avenue and that they wanted it demolished. He stated that he would like to see someone buy it, repair and occupy it.

Tom said that he had heard that it was City owned. He stated that he would look into having it rehabilitated for rental, but did not think that the City would rehabilitate a small home if it intended to sell it.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

Frank Muccioli suggested that the Housing Committee take a look at the house and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

d. Parks

1. Concession in P.S. 121 Playground

Elizebeth stated that the Committee was polled on a request from the Director of Concessions for a permit to sell hot dogs from a pushcart in the playground adjacent to P.S. 121.

Motion by Charlie Re - Second by Ira Alexander - That Community Planning Board #11 reject this application.

For 23 Against 1 Abstentions 2

Application rejected.

Tom explained that this action is only a recommendation; the Parks Department has the final say.

2. Ball Field Complex at Allerton Avenue Traffic Circle.

Elizabeth reported that she had received a request for a football field at the complex near the traffic circle. She stated that there is a ball field there now and that someone would like to develop that ball field. She then read the letter requesting this. Elizabeth then read Tom's response to the request, which was basically to defer any action until further information was forthcoming.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Sol Lirtzman - That Community Planning Board #11 confirm the District Manager's response.

Unanimously approved.

e. Health and Social Services

Myra Rose stated that her committee had not met this month and she explained that there had been no developments in any of the areas concerning her committee.

Questions were asked about the two new sites that the Board had approved and the Kennedy Home.

Myra stated that the Kennedy property is not in use yet. She stated that one of the buildings was leveled. She also said Victor Street is about to open and that work is proceeding at Wallace Avenue.

f. Sanitation

Ernie Odierna stated that his Committee had met last week. He said that his Committee decided to meet with individual groups in the community and explain the functions of his Committee to them. Ernie said that they had met last night with the Van Nest Blocks Association, and that it had been a very productive meeting. Ernie said that they will let Tom and the District Superintendent of Sanitation and Environmental Protection know what suggestions these people had. He stated that his Committee will hold meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month with different Community Organizations. Ernie said that next

month's meeting will be at Parkside Tenants Council on November 4th, and the December meeting with the Morris Park Community Association. He said that they hoped to see each organization twice a year.

Discussion took place on the problems with enforcing the pooper scooper law.

Suggestion by Steve Zarkin - That Tom request more vigorous enforcement of the pooper scooper law.

Tom announced that a preliminary scope has been prepared on reconstructing the sewers on Mickle Avenue. He stated that a meeting is being held with the Mickle Avenue residents (between Mace and Allerton Avenues) along with the Budget Committee and the Chairmen of the Environmental Protection and Highways Committees, Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association and the Chester Civic Association. Tom explained that this meeting was not for all the members of those organizations, but for those that live on Mickle Avenue. He stated that the meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, at the East Haven Nursing Home.

g. Youth

Shirley Rubman stated that the Youth Committee had met on September 24th. She said that they had discussed and reviewed the formation of the Youth Services Committee. She then explained the differences between the Youth Committee and the Youth Services Committee. Shirley stated that the Youth Services Committee membership is very specific and she elaborated on the guidelines for membership to this Committee. She said that the Committee is now submitting names to the Youth Board for the Committee. Shirley stated that the Youth Board must approve this Committee. She said that when this Committee is approved the Board can hire a Youth Coordinator. She said that the Youth Coordinator will work with the Committee and do the everyday work for the Committee. Shirley stated that the goals of the Youth Services Committee are:

1. To determine what programs exist at the present time within the Community District #11 area for youth.
2. To assess the needs of the youngsters age 0 - 21.
3. To propose programs to meet the needs of our youth.

Shirley stated that funding for services comes from the Youth Board and she elaborated on this. Shirley then explained why Community District #11 receives less funds than other areas. She stated that she hoped that when the Committee is approved this will change.

After School Centers

Shirley said that four centers were recommended by Community Board #11. She said that the approvals come from the Youth Board. Shirley said that the Board has not received official notification from the Youth Board on these centers, but that she had heard unofficially that two of the centers were approved. She stated that they were P.S. 83, sponsored by the Morris Park Community Association, and Junior High School 135, sponsored by the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association. Barbara Fried said that the Morris Park Community Association had received their contract. Frank Muccioli said that the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association was still negotiating with the Youth Board.

Shirley said that the Bronx Council on the Arts had received a small grant from the Youth Board.

Shirley said that the Youth Services Committee would meet before the November

meeting.

h. Highways

As Silvio Mazzella was not there Tom Brown spoke. He said that there was no report from the Highways Committee. Tom stated that he needed a resolution or direction from the Board on the escalator problem with the MTA.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 give Tom permission to continue to look into this.

Passed

i. Education

Tom explained that Ruth Burko was not here tonight because of a meeting at Columbus High School which Dom had directed her to attend. He stated that the meeting that Ruth was attending related to a new grant for a Community Education Program which Columbus will be operating.

j. Membership

Charlie Re stated that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 21st of his Committee, and that he will have a report next month.

k. Other

Lew Goldstein thanked everyone who helped out with the Planning Board's table at the Salute to Israel Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lew Goldstein (H2)

Lewis Goldtstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT OCTOBER 15, 1981 MEETING **

PRESENT

Ira Alexander
Robert Black
Rita Bolstad
Elizabeth Brown
Dominic Castore
Pasquale DeMartino
Barbara Fried
Rhoda Gogatz
Lewis Goldstein
Simeon Goldstein
Romolo Imundi
Michael LaGuardia
William Liblick
Solomon Lirtzman

Steve Lovitch
Lee Mager
Leslie McHenry
Joseph Milone
Frank Muccioli
Salvatore Napolitano
Ernest Odierna
Charles Re
Joseph Reda
Myra Rose
Shirley Rubman
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Henry Yuspeh
Steve Zarkin

ABSENT

Ruth Bernstein
Ruth Burko
Edith Conato
John Cifichello
Eileen D'Allessio
Thomas Daly
Ann Danisi
Gloria Di Gianni

Anthony Funigiello
Simon Konovitch
Silvio Mazzella
Abraham Pereira
William Ricevuto, Jr.
Blanche Comras Rifkin
Jerry Santarpia
Stephen Vento
Ruth Weiss

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Alfred C. Tartaglia - Rep. Hon. Jerry Crispino
Patricia O'Hanlon- Rep. Aileen Ryan
Debby Linhardt - Rep. Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11
Andrea Pereira - Department of City Planning
Maria Imperial - Department of City Planning

GUESTS

P.O. Thomas Cunningham - 47th Precinct
Margaret Grasso - Parkside Community Center

**During the last several weeks the Board has received notification of resignation of Allan Kalish, Amy Tomashevsky and Belle Vogel