

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15, 1982

AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Ottilie Fiealt

Ms. Fiealt spoke about the cleanup that was to take place on April 17th at the Botanical Garden.

Ruth Burko introduced Carolyn Giuffre, the new On-Site Coordinator for the Community Education Resource Center at Columbus High School.

B. Carolyn Giuffre

Mrs. Giuffre stated that she has been the On-Site Coordinator for only two weeks. She said that the center is open during school hours, after school and evening hours. Mrs. Giuffre stated that before taking this position she had been on the Advisory Board and had raised her own doubts about the program. She said that they did not want to duplicate any services in the community. Mrs. Giuffre stated that they wanted to increase and expand the services available to the community. She invited the community to attend the meetings. Mrs. Giuffre gave the Board her background before assuming the position of On-Site Coordinator. She asked the community to let her know what services it wants or needs so she can try and implement them.

Discussion took place on the duplication of after school programs, as there is also a Youth Board funded program sponsored by the Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association at J.H.S. 135, which is available to students attending P.S. 96, P.S. 89, J.H.S. 135 and St. Lucy's. The question was asked as to why Columbus was charging for this program as it is free at J.H.S. 135.

Mrs. Giuffre stated that the children enrolled in her program were from P.S. 89 and that they were supplying an escort service, and not trying to duplicate services. She stated that she could be reached at the school at 231-4620 or at home at 829-4602.

II. Minutes

Motion by Lew Goldstein - Second by Myra Rose and Nora Fox - That the Minutes

be accepted as presented.

Unanimously accepted.

III. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes were not ready for tonight's meeting and would be mailed out when they were completed.

Tom stated that he had attended several meetings. He said that one meeting he had attended on Wednesday was on the proposed bus stop at the Mosholu Gate of the Botanical Garden. He stated that this was a fairly high priority of Community Board #11. Tom said that another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. Tom said that the plans are supposed to be finalized and that shortly thereafter they would ask the Commissioners of the appropriate agencies to sign off on them. Tom stated that both he and Lee Mager had attended a meeting on the hazardous conditions along Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard.

Tom stated that the rumors that a methadone clinic will be established at 2401 White Plains Road are untrue. He stated that the Visiting Nurse Service is moving its offices there.

Rhoda Gogatz spoke about the zoning variance which was granted for manufacturing at that site. She stated that rumors were being spread about this building. She asked that the information on this go into the papers. Rhoda said that something new is going on there now and that it should go into the paper.

IV. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that there is going to be a Community Board orientation on Sunday, April 18th, at Lehman College from 12-4 P.M. She asked those Board members who plan to attend and have not as yet contacted the Borough President's Office to call 590-3561. Annette stated that the Board of Estimate has approved the Tan Place property for the Pelham Bay Little League, and the property adjacent to P.S. 96 to the Pelham Parkway Little League on March 18th. Annette stated that in reference to the Community Consultant Contracts, the Borough President is very concerned about the possibility of the elimination of funding for the Community Consultant Contracts. She stated that he has set up a meeting for Friday at 1:30 P.M. with the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and 11 community organizations concerning this matter. Annette stated that she would keep the Board informed of any further developments. She said that Jewish Community Council/Bronx House and Einstein/Beth Abraham will be represented at the meeting.

Councilman Joe Savino spoke about the Lodovick Avenue Site. He asked Community Board #11 to challenge the Variance so he could take it to the Board of Estimate and solicit the Borough President's help. Councilman Savino spoke about the letters that had gone back and forth between the Planning Board and himself. He spoke about the fact that the Corporation Counsel is currently fighting the decision by Justice Lehner in reference to the challenge brought by Community Board #4 in Manhattan.

A great deal of discussion took place on how could the Board challenge a Variance that it knows does not exist.

Tony stated that he had made a motion on this last month. Tony read the motion (That Community Planning Board #11 challenge the granting of the variance by the Board of Standards and Appeals to 2225 Lodovick Avenue, and stated that it had been tabled until this month.

Councilman Savino asked that the Board vote on this motion.

Discussion took place and it was decided to begin the Committee Reports with the Health and Social Services report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services

1. 2225 Lodovick Avenue

Myra Rose stated that the Corporation Counsel is nominally the Board's lawyer.

Lew Goldstein repeated the motion made by Tony Funigiello last month and seconded by Romolo Imundi. Myra stated that there is no variance to challenge and asked that the wording be changed.

Discussion took place on the wording of this motion.

Andrea Pereira explained the zoning and parking requirements in that area and stated that there was no variance necessary or granted.

Tony Funigiello amended his motion to read That Community Planning Board #11 challenge the granting of any Variances or permits issued to the current operators of 2225 Lodovick Avenue.

Dom asked Andrea if there was anything that the Board could challenge. She stated that there was nothing to challenge on parking; that it exists as of right per Zoning Resolution.

Motion by Tony Funigiello - Second by Romolo Imundi - That Community Planning Board #11 investigate the granting of permits, variances and waivers in order to challenge the operation of 2225 Lodovick Avenue.

For	13	Against	9	Abstention	5
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Passed.

2. Einstein and Montefiore Hospitals

Myra stated that a copy of the report on this matter was included with the Minutes. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

B. Parks

Elizabeth Brown stated that the mini pools will be closed during the summer. She stated that once they are closed, they will begin to deteriorate and probably never be reopened again. She asked for a vote to send letters.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That letters be sent protesting the elimination of mini pools in the Community Planning Board #11 area.

Unanimous.

Elizabeth announced that the Pelham Parkway Pacer will be held on Sunday at 10 A.M.

C. Sanitation

Pat DeMartino stated that no meeting had been held. He said that Ernie Odierna was trying to set up a meeting with Superintendent Oliva.

Tom spoke about the motion that was made by the Sanitation Committee last month in reference to an anti-litter, anti-graffiti poster contest. He stated that the Board had received a letter from the Principal of P.S. 97 stating that they are interested in a poster contest. Tom said that maybe the Parents Association could pay for the prizes.

Elizabeth thanked the Borough President for obtaining the lot adjacent to P.S. 96 for the Pelham Parkway Little League.

D. Youth/Youth Services

Leslie McHenry stated that the Youth and Youth Services Committee had not met this month. She stated that the filing date for submission of the Summer Youth Employment Program applications for youth 14-22 has been extended until April 23. Leslie said that there are no more applications available in the Board office, but that they can be obtained at the libraries and public schools when they resume classes.

Leslie stated that the Youth Committee will be meeting on Monday in the Board Office to interview applicants for the four Crew Chief positions.

Leslie stated that the Youth Services Committee has received approval from the Youth Board to hire a Youth Coordinator. She stated that information on this will be placed in the local newspapers and that it will be sent to the various organizations. Leslie thanked the following people for their help in processing the applications: Madeline Saltaformaggio, Lew Goldstein, Myra Rose, John Cifichiello, Rabbi Israel Greenberg and Tom Miller. She stated that a special thanks should go to Shirley Rubman who started the program and gave her time.

E. Public Safety

Lee Mager stated that in March he and Tom had met with Margo Sklar, representing the Mayor's Task Force, and representatives of the State and City of New York Departments of Transportation regarding conditions on Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff Boulevard. He stated that the others were told that accidents were still happening here every day despite the improvements installed by Traffic and Highways. Lee said that the State said that they had plans for this roadway, but that construction is two years away. He stated that it is now up to the City to make additional temporary improvements until State construction can begin.

F. Housing

Simeon Goldstein stated that there was no report, but that he wanted to introduce the two new members of the Housing Committee, Tom Miller and Kenneth Fleisser.

G. Land Use

1. C820787PPX - Sale of City Property

Steve Lovitch stated that the members of the Land Use Committee had been contacted and asked to view this property and call in their responses as to whether a Public Hearing should be held on this matter. He stated that the vote was 4 - 3 in favor of a Public Hearing. He explained the problem with holding a Public Hearing, withing the time frame, as the Board received this application late because it was

sent to another Board in error.

Tom stated that if the Board votes to hold a Public Hearing, it would have to be held on the night of the May meeting, and he explained what the City Planning Commission had said on this.

Discussion took place on whether there was a house near the property to be sold.

Dom asked what the Committee's vote was. Steve said that Arthur DeLuca, Rita Bolstad, Pat DeMartino and Barbara Fried had voted "Yes" and that Frank Muccioli, Lee Mager and he had voted "No".

Motion by Steve Lovitch - Second by Arthur DeLuca - That Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on this item.

For 5 Against 16

Motion defeated.

Steve suggested that no recommendation be given by the Board.

H. Economic Development

Tom spoke as Abe Pereira was not present. He stated that at the last meeting he had reported on an application for a tax abatement for Albert Constantine and Sons, Inc. Tom explained that the Planning Board had voted against a zoning change for the firm last year, and that the Board of Estimate had overruled the Planning Board on this. Tom explained that the Board's options were to

1. make no recommendation
2. make a recommendation in favor
3. make a recommendation opposing the abatement

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 request the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board to deny this application based on the same reasons which were contained in the statements submitted to the Board of Estimate in opposition to the rezoning request.

Discussion took place on the pros and cons of recommending denial of this tax abatement request.

For 21 Against 4 Abstention 1

Passed

I. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Tom reported, as Mike LaGuardia was not present, that he and Andrea Pereira had attended a meeting on Wednesday of the Pelham Parkway Mall Corporation and several people from Traffic on a consultant's study regarding parking in the Pelham Parkway area. He stated that proposed changes are just in the talking stages. Tom explained some of the possible changes: re-metering Bronxdale Triangle at Bronxdale Avenue and White Plains Road, possible expansion of the current lot at Maran Place, etc.

Discussion took place on these possibilities.

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J. Nominating Committee

As Ernie Odierna was not present, Sal Napolitano spoke. He stated that the slate was chosen and that Ernie had called it in to Tom. Tom read the slate of Officers as follows:

Chairman - Dom Castore
First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager
Second Vice Chairman - Myra Rose
Secretary - Lew Goldstein
Treasurer - No one

The following nominations came from the Board:

Bill Liblick nominated Leslie McHenry for Treasurer - second by Ruth Burko

Ruth Weiss nominated Elizabeth Brown for Chairman - second by Frank Muccioli

Barbara Fried nominated Rita Bolstad for First Vice Chairman - second by Nora Fox

John Cifichiello nominated Pat DeMartino for Second Vice Chairman - second by Nora Fox

Nominations can also be made at the May meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. New Membership Committee

Dom named the following people to the Membership Committee: Bill Liblick, Chairman; Elizabeth Brown; Joe Milone; and Leslie McHenry.

B. Relocation of Board Office

Tom spoke about his discussions with Mr. Kahn of Public Structures. He explained the problems with the current proposed lease as it was submitted to the Board. He stated that Mr. Kahn is no longer the Commissioner.

Lew Goldstein stated that the conditions of the office were terrible. He stated that he felt a cleaning service should be hired to clean the office.

Motion by Lew Goldstein - Second by Simeon Goldstein - That an office cleaning service be hired to clean the office.

Passed.

C. District Lines and Census

Myra reported that the Executive Committee had been empowered at the last Board meeting to vote the Board's position on this matter, as the deadline for a response prevented a decision at the April meeting. She stated that the Executive Committee had discussed it, and decided not to comment on possible changes throughout the entire borough. She stated that District #11's lines would probably not change as the population has not changed very much. Thus, she said the Executive Committee's position was that Community District #11's boundaries should not change. This position was communicated to the appropriate offices.

VII. New Business

A. Planned Elimination of the Community Consultant Contracts

Myra stated that the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation had come to the Executive Committee because its funding was going to be cut. She said that the Executive Committee had voted to send two letters, one to the Mayor and the other to other elected officials objecting to these cuts.

Bill Liblick asked if the Borough President had responded to the Board's letter about the swearing in of Board members.

Tom told him that he had not.

Rhoda stated that there is a need for a better electric system for sound in the Comras Mall area of Bronx Park. She asked if there was any way of installing proper electricity for this. Rhoda stated that she had received a request from Sam Wogar who would be giving two events in the Park in May. She spoke about having circuit breakers installed to tap the power.

Tom said that he would look into this with Parks.

Pat DeMartino spoke about the lighting conditions at Van Nest and Morris Park Avenues not being taken care of. He stated that the company is called but nothing is ever done about it.

Tom asked those who call in lighting complaints to keep a record of the complaint number they are given, and then if it is not taken care of, to call it in to the Board office and he would check it with his contact. He stated that he can only do this if he has a complaint number.

Annette Marchitello stated that the exact location is very important.

Elizabeth spoke about a hole in the sidewalk on White Plains Road and Morris Park Avenue. She stated that Sewer Repair Service is working there and that the sidewalk had been broken, the metal plate had been removed, and there is a plank lying across and there is a big hole in the sidewalk with nothing around it and no sign. She stated that people can walk right into it. Elizabeth said that it is on the south corner of White Plains Road and Morris Park Avenue.

Elizabeth spoke about street trees being damaged. She stated that these trees cannot be replaced easily. She asked for some news releases on this.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein (TB)

Lew Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 15, 1982

PRESENT

Rita Bolstad	(0)	Romolo Imundi	(1)
Elizabeth Brown	(0)	Mike LaGuardia	(0)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Bill Liblick	(1)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Steve Lovitch	(2)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Lee Mager	(2)
Arthur DeLuca	(0)	Leslie McHenry	(1)
Pat DeMartino	(0)	Joe Milone	(0)
Gloria DiGianni	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
Kenneth Fleisser	(0)	Salvatore Napolitano	(1)
Nora Fox	(0)	William Ricevuto	(0)
Barbara Fried	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)
Anthony Funigiello	(0)	Myra Rose	(0)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
Lew Goldstein	(0)	Ruth Weiss	(0)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)		

ABSENT

Ruth Bernstein	(2)	Ernest Odierna	(2)
Robert Black	(4)	Abe Perèira	(2)
Edith Conato	(4)	Charlie Re	(4)
Ann Danisi	(2)	Joe Reda	(1)
Israel Greenberg	(2)	Jerry Santarpia	(4)
Simon Konovitch	(2)	Henry Yuspeh	(2)
Silvio Mazzella	(4)	Steve Zarkin	(3)
Tom Miller	(1)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Alfred C. Tartaglia - for Hon. Jerry Crispino

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

D. A. Esposito - Rep. Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli
Sherry I. Verschleisen - Rep. Assemblyman Eliot Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office
Andrea Pereira - Department of City Planning
Det. Tom Lyons - 47th Precinct
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Planning Board #11

GUESTS

Thal Davis - Chairman, 2424 Boston Road Senior Center
Norman Engel - Tenants Council, Bronx Park East, 2334 Boston Road