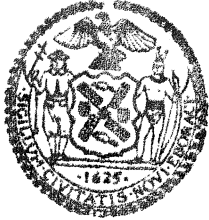


COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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DOMINIC CASTORE,
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 1982

AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Geraldine Del Gaudio - Church of St. Lucy

Ms. Del Gaudio spoke on behalf of the Community Action Committee of St. Lucy's. She spoke about the deterioration of stores on Williamsbridge Road. Ms. Del Gaudio stated that she had three requests for the Board.

1. That the police patrol the area.

2. That funds be allocated for next year's budget to work with the merchants and community organizations to form a merchants association and develop a scheme to improve the area.

3. That the Board investigate possible funding sources to improve the street environment.

B. Thomas Denaro - Representing Councilman Joseph Savino

Mr. Denaro stated that he was here on behalf of Councilman Savino on the Kingsland Avenue site. He said that the Councilman had received several communications from the community and civic associations who are opposed to the group home and are dissatisfied with the decision of Community Planning Board #11. Mr. Denaro requested that Community Board #11 rehear the issues on the proposed group home on Kingsland Avenue.

C. George Sabino Jr. - Chester Civic Improvement Association

Mr. Sabino spoke on the proposed Kingsland Avenue home for the retarded. He stated that the area is saturated with group homes and nursing homes. Mr. Sabino said that the Chester Civic Association held a meeting for the residents living around the Kingsland Avenue site. He said that those residents were against this home for the retarded.

D. William Cronin - Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association

Mr. Cronin stated that he lives at 2832 Tieman Avenue, which is two blocks away from where the home is to be built. He said that he is opposed to this home.

E. Sandra Karas

Ms. Karas spoke against the Kingsland Avenue site. She read statistics of a poll taken by another resident and herself on traffic on the street as follows:

7-8 A.M. 265 vehicles including 7 buses

8-9 A.M. 346 vehicles including 7 buses

3-4:30 P.M. 390 vehicles including 5 buses

4:30-6 P.M. 576 vehicles including 1 bus

F. Andy Karas

Mr. Karas spoke against the group home. He stated that he had attended the Public Hearing and that the community was opposed to the site, but that three fourths of the Board voted for it.

G. Angelo Campanero - Chester Civic Association

Mr. Campanero stated that he was representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel, Assemblyman Guy Velella and Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli. He said that Assemblyman Velella had received a notice of the meeting on Kingsland Avenue six days after the meeting was held. Mr. Campanero said that Assemblyman Marchiselli's letter to the Board stated that he felt that there should be a delay because of saturation and the traffic increase. He discussed the vote on Wallace Avenue. Mr. Campanero requested that the Board hold another hearing on Kingsland Avenue.

II. Minutes

Correction

Rhoda Gogatz stated that on page 7 when she spoke on the sound system it should read "She said that she knew that the Borough President's Office has requested that the sound system be repaired, but that no action was taken by the Parks Department".

Motion by Lew Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted

III. District Manager's Report

Tom stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes were distributed along with an article from the New Yorker magazine. He said that this article was about a walk across the Bronx. Tom said that there were some very complimentary sentences in the article about the Pelham Parkway area. He stated that he had attended a meeting with the MTA on art in the stations that were going to be modernized. Tom said that the White Plains Road station was one of those stations. He said that several motifs were discussed e.g., Bronx Zoo. Tom said that one of the consultants at the meeting spoke somewhat negatively in describing the area. He stated that he intends to send the MTA consultant a copy of the article. Tom announced that he had learned that the Mathews-Muliner mini-pool would be opened. He stated that it was most likely the letter that Board #11 sent to the Board of Estimate and Councilmanic delegation from the Bronx and other that helped. Tom said that thanks should go to Borough President Simon and the Bronx Councilmanic delegation for the restoration of the mini-pool.

Rita Bolstad spoke about the District Service Cabinet Minutes dealing with the Public Hearing on Kingsland Avenue.

IV. Borough President's Report

Bob Nolan reported that the Board of Estimate and the City Council were meeting tonight on the budget. He stated that an agreement was reached late last night, and that O.M.B. was busy putting together resolutions and counting up the dollars that the Borough Presidents and the City Council added to the budget. Bob stated that information would be sent to the Board as soon as it was available for distribution to the Board members.

V. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services

1. Proposed Community Residence at the Nurses Residents of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center

Myra Rose stated that the Board had received notice from Bronx Developmental Services of a proposed Community Residence for ten autistic children to be operated by Group Live-in Experience (G.L.I.E.). She stated that it was to be operated on the eighth floor of the Nurses Residence of B.M.H.C. Myra said that G.L.I.E. already has a residence at the Nurses Residence, and that it is asking for an additional residence. She said that G.L.I.E. is presently dealing with the Health and Hospital Corporation. Myra said that her Committee had not met, but that the Executive Committee had discussed it. She said that the Executive Committee felt and recommends to the entire Board that a Public Hearing is not necessary and she elaborated on this point.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 not hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Community Residence to be sponsored by G.L.I.E. at the Nurses Residence at B.M.H.C., and that Community Planning Board #11 approve this group home.

Discussion took place on the type of residents to be in this home.

The Chair determined that the motion should be broken into its separate components.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 not hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Community Residence sponsored by G.L.I.E. at the Nurses Residence at B.M.H.C.

Passed with one against and two abstentions

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record as approving the Community Residence at the Nurses Residence at B.M.H.C.

Unanimously passed

2. Advisory Board for 2225 Lodovick Avenue

Myra stated that Mr. Bond, who will be running the facility is most anxious to form a Community Advisory Council, and had asked the Board for help in this. She asked those people interested in serving on the Community Advisory Board of 2225 Lodovick Avenue to give her their names after the meeting.

3. 2213 Wallace Avenue

Myra reported that there had been a fire at 2213 Wallace Avenue. She stated that Community Board #11 voted against this site but was overridden and she elaborated on this. Myra said that the Fire Marshalls have determined that the fire is of a suspicious nature, and that the F.B.I. is now involved. She said that she learned that O.M.R.D.D. intends to clean it up and open it.

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - Resolved that Community Planning Board #11, Bronx deeply deplores the fire which took place in the building being prepared for the mentally retarded at 2213 Wallace Avenue, and urges, if it can be established that it was set by any individuals, that such individuals be prosecuted, and if they are convicted they be given the maximum jail sentence provided by law.

Ruth Bernstein questioned this. She asked who the letter should be sent to.

Simeon added that it be sent to the newspapers, and that a copy be sent to the public officials and the District Attorney.

A great deal of discussion took place on this motion.

Amended by Ruth Bernstein - Accepted by Simeon Goldstein and Rhoda Gogatz - That the Board accept the premise of the maker of the motion that it deplores the situation that occurred, and that it requests a further and ongoing investigation, but that this letter be addressed only to the Borough President and the District Attorney of Bronx County.

For 22 Opposed 3 Abstentions 2

Passed

4. Kingsland Avenue Community Residence

Mr. O'Donald of Councilman Savino's Office spoke. He stated that what Senator Calandra and Councilman Savino would like is that the Board not vote on the home. He stated that they would like more information on the site.

Myra stated that the vote could not change because the clock had run out, and she elaborated on this. She said that the Board had already voted on this site.

Discussion took place on what had occurred with the Wallace Avenue site.

Tom explained that the Board has three options in responding to the State.

1. To approve
2. To suggest an alternate site
3. To disapprove

Tom said that in the case of 2213 Wallace Avenue the Board suggested an alternate site. He explained that according to the Padavan Law when that occurs the State and the agency have a period of time in which to consider the alternate site. If they then say no, it goes back to the Board again for another alternate site, or to reject the original site again. If the State then overrules the Board it goes to an administrative hearing. Tom said that this is what happened with Wallace Avenue, and that was why there was an extension of time before the State gave its final decision.

Discussion took place on how the Board could revote.

A great deal of discussion took place on the vote on Wallace Avenue.

5. Advisory Board of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center

Myra read a letter from B.M.H.C. requesting two members from the Board to serve on this Advisory Board. She stated that the Executive Committee had recommended that Rhoda Gogatz, Assistant Chairman of the Health and Social Services Committee be named as the additional representative to the Advisory Board.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Leslie McHenry - That Rhoda Gogatz, Assistant Chairman of the Health and Social Services Committee be the additional representative to the Advisory Board of Health and Hospital Corporation.

Passed with two abstentions

6. Public Hearings and Police Presence

Myra spoke on this. She stated that a police presence has always been requested at all Public Hearings dealing with Community Residences, and police have been present. She said that the service is not perfect. Myra stated that her request is that a uniformed patrolman be present throughout the entire meeting. She said that the Executive Board recommends that as a matter of Board policy, that a uniformed patrolman be present at any hearing when requested, and that he stay for the entire hearing.

Ruth Bernstein spoke on this.

Motion by Ruth Bernstein - Second by Barbara Fried - That Community Planning Board #11 pro forma request a minimum of two police officers at every Public Hearing it holds, and that this letter be sent to the police commissioner.

A great deal of discussion took place on this and the need for police at Public Hearings.

For	13	Against	12		
Recount vote					
For	15	Against	12	Abstentions	2

Passed

C. Youth

1. After School Programs

Leslie McHenry stated that the Youth Committee had received a letter from the Youth Board requesting the Planning Board's recommendation on three program proposals submitted by organizations in Planning District #11 to operate After-School Programs. Two of the organizations making the applications are currently funded for After-School Programs--Morris Park Community Association at P.S. 83 and Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association at J.H.S. 135. Leslie said that the additional request came

from the Pelham Parkway Block Association to operate a program at P.S. 105.

Leslie reported that the Youth Committee met with the three organizations, and presented a recommendation to the Executive Committee. She noted that the Executive Committee had to act in the name of the entire Planning Board because of the Youth Board's deadline. The recommendation which the Executive Committee sent to the Youth Board and the Community School Board requested funding for the Allerton Avenue Home-owners and Tenants Association at current levels to operate an afternoon program at J.H.S. 135, increased funding for the Morris Park Community Association to allow it to expand its program at P.S. 83 to evenings, and funding for the Pelham Parkway Block Association for an afternoon program at P.S. 105. The latter had requested funds for afternoons and evenings.

Lew Goldstein stated that the Pelham Parkway Block Association had asked him to request that if its program is approved, that it be changed to an evening program rather than afternoon program. He asked that an amended letter go out to that effect.

Leslie stated that she had no objection to this.

D. Education

Ruth Burko reported that on June 3rd she had attended a meeting of the Community Education Resource Center. She said that there was a gentleman at that meeting from Cornell University, John McGuire, who had some suggestions for the Center. Ruth said that the next meeting is July 8th.

Tom stated that Carolyn Guiffre had informed him that Bambi would be shown at Columbus High School on Saturday.

Ruth stated that United Artists has a program of five Walt Disney films which they want to rent to the Summer Program. She said that the Bronx Council on the Arts is starting an After-School Program in September, and that the gym will be used.

Rhoda asked about using the schools on Sunday so that children of Orthodox families could attend. She asked that some of those programs be offered on Sunday.

Ruth said that she would make the request.

E. Sanitation

Ernie Odierna said that he had received an announcement today from Sanitation Commissioner Steisel stating that as of Monday the collection hours are being adjusted because of the summer work rules. He said that collections would start at 6 A.M. and end at 2 P.M.

Tom said that those who put their garbage out must now put it out an hour earlier or it might not be picked up.

Ernie stated that it is illegal to place garbage at the curb, it must be behind the building line. He said that you can receive a summons for putting it near the curb.

Ruth Bernstein suggested that the District Office notify the community organizations of the new hours.

Ernie said that he had no report on the Poster Contest. He stated that the Committee would be meeting next month with a community organization. Ernie said that one of the problems that was raised with Superintendent Oliva was dog litter. He stated that this was brought up at the last District Cabinet meeting, and is on the Agenda for the coming meeting. Ernie said that specific times and locations are needed.

F. Highways

Mike LaGuardia read a letter from Community Board #12 to Mr. John Nelson of the T.A. on the modernization of the Gun Hill Road Dyre Avenue line. He stated that they were requesting that:

1. the exposed portion of the station platforms both Southbound and Northbound be covered
2. a second stairway be provided
3. there be rest rooms for the public as well as for transit personnel
4. the station entrance be enlarged
5. the exterior canopy be eliminated and money be used instead for rest rooms
6. ramps and/or escalators for the handicapped and senior citizens be installed

Motion by Mike LaGuardia - Second by Ann Danisi - That Community Planning Board #11 work with Board #12 on getting the Dyre Avenue-Gun Hill Road Station modernized in a manner that will better serve the users.

For 18 Abstentions 1

Passed

G. Parks

Elizabeth Brown thanked the Borough President for his help in getting a parcel of land withheld from sale for use as a park. She explained how the park came about. Elizabeth thanked the Borough President for his help in getting this parcel removed from sale for another three years. She asked Bob Nolan to thank Bob Castellanete and the Borough President for their work. She stated that the park is not open daily, and that it is designed for senior citizens and not ball playing. Elizabeth said that it is dangerous and is not open unless there is supervision.

Elizabeth stated that the Parks Department informed the Board that the Board's recommendation that a request for a concessionaire to sell ice cream at the Comras Mall be denied has been sustained.

Elizabeth said that letters had gone to the various groups notifying them of the date of their mobile unit. She asked that these groups be prepared, have "No Parking" signs up before the unit arrives and have someone there to meet them.

Elizabeth reported that there are some gypsy moths in various locations in the area. She stated that spraying is not being done and requested that individual crews do spraying where it is needed.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 request that Parks crews individually spray trees where needed.

Tom spoke on this and explained why no spraying was being done.

Motion passed

H. Land Use

1. Disposition of City-owned property C821021PPX

- a. Block 4027, Lot 27 - Parcel on North side of Mead Street, approximately 48' West of Northwest corner of Unionport Road and Mead Street.

A great deal of discussion took place on this parcel as it was incorrectly described on the original U.L.U.R.P. application.

Motion by Ruth Bernstein - Second by Lew Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 request that parcel 4027 Lot 27 be withheld from sale at this time, and that the owner of the adjacent property be notified concurrently of the reasons for this request.

For 29

Passed

- b. Block 4036, Lot 16 - 1721 Barnes Avenue

Motion by Rita Bolstad - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the disposition of this parcel.

Unanimously passed

- d. Block 4509, Lot 5 - 2712 White Plains Road

Motion by Simeon Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the disposition of this parcel.

For 28

Passed

- e. Block 4527, Lot 55 - Parcel on Wilson Avenue - Stedman Place Northeast of Intersection of Bouck Avenue and Stedman Place

Discussion took place on this parcel.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Rita Bolstad - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the disposition of this parcel.

Passed with 1 abstention

- c. Block 4048, Lot 14 - 1830 Amethyst Street (Former site of P.S. 34)

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend that this property not be sold or leased.

Discussion took place on whether anyone was interested in buying this property, and whether there was money for the City to do anything with the parcel. Discussion also took place on the possible community uses of the property.

Unanimously passed

I. Other

Variance renewal for a parking lot at 1601-9 Van Buren Street (82-51BZ)

Tom spoke on this renewal and the background.

Motion by Abe Pereira - Second by Leslie McHenry - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend the renewal of this parking lot for an additional five years.

Passed with 1 abstention

J. Elections

Ernie stated that Dom Castore and Elizabeth Brown were nominated for Chairman. The vote was

Dom 17

Elizabeth 15

Dom Castore is the Chairman.

Ernie stated that Lew Goldstin was running unopposed for Secretary, and that Leslie McHenry was running unopposed for Treasurer. He asked that they be accepted and they were.

Ernie stated that Pat DeMartino and Myra Rose were nominated for Second Vice Chairman. The vote was

Pat 14

Myra 18

Myra Rose is the Second Vice Chairman.

Ernie stated that there were three candidates for First Vice Chairman, Mike LaGuardia, Lee Mager and Rita Bolstad, but that Rita had declined. He asked the Board to vote for one of the other two candidates.

Mike 13

Lee 19

Lee Mager is the new First Vice Chairman.

VI. Old Business

New Office Space

Tom reported that the Division of Public Structures has just submitted to the

Board of Estimate, for its calendar of July 22nd, the rental agreement with Health and Hospitals Corporation for the space at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. He stated that he had spoken with Bob Castallente and asked that he be called if there were any questions.

Motion by Tony Funigiello - Second by Frank Muccioli - That Community Planning Board #11 rescind its vote of May 20th on the proposed group residence at Kingsland Avenue.

Rita read from Roberts rules and spoke on this.

Tony read from the November 1980 Minutes.

Rita spoke on the Lodovick Avenue site.

For	12	Against	10	Abstentions	5
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Passed

VII. New Business

1. Conditions of Auditorium at Nurses Residence at B.M.H.C.

Rhoda stated that she was embarrassed at the conditions of the dressing rooms and lavatories serving the auditorium. She said that the destruction on the stage and the destruction of the electrical lighting and sound system in the auditorium was a disgrace. Rhoda said that she felt that any group who used and abused these facilities should be made to pay restitution for the damage done.

Myra spoke on this and told Rhoda to write a letter to John Olyha on this.

2. Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway - "Salute to Pelham Parkway"

Rhoda stated that the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway is having its festival on Sunday September 12th. She stated that an invitation had been sent to the Planning Board Office. Rhoda said that this year the festival is a Salute to Pelham Parkway. She stated that last year the Planning Board had representatives there, and that they were very warmly received by the community. Rhoda said that she hoped that the Planning Board would be at the festival again. She thanked Tom and the Planning Board for the assistance given her in getting the necessary permits.

Leslie McHenry, Sal Napolitano and Dom Castore volunteered to man the Planning Board booth at the festival.

Rhoda said that the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway is running a benefit concert in support of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel on Tuesday at Bronx House. She said that the tickets were \$5, and those interested should see her.

Lew announced that on Sunday Rhoda Gogatz was installed as President of the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway. He also announced that Tom Miller became a father.

Dom thanked St. Lucy's for the reception it accorded the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein

(TB)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT JUNE 17, 1982 MEETING

PRESENT

Ruth Bernstein	(3)	Lee Mager	(2)
Rita Bolstad	(0)	Leslie McHenry	(1)
Elizabeth Brown	(0)	Tom Miller	(2)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(2)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Sal Napolitano	(1)
Ann Danisi	(3)	Ernest Odierna	(2)
Pat DeMartino	(0)	Abe Pereira	(1)
Gloria DiGianni	(2)	Charles Re	(5)
Barbara Fried	(0)	Joe Reda	(1)
Anthony Funigiello	(0)	Bill Ricevuto	(0)*
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(0)	Myra Rose	(0)
Simeon Goldstein	(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
Rabbi Konovitch	(2)	Ruth Weiss	(0)
Michael LaGuardia	(0)	Henry Yuspeh	(2)
Steve Lovitch	(0)*	Steve Zarkin	(3)*

ABSENT

Robert Black	(5)	Rabbi Greenberg	(4)
John Cifichiello	(1)	Romolo Imundi	(2)
Edith Conato	(6)	Bill Liblick	(3)
Arthur DeLuca	(1)	Silvia Mazzella	(5)
Kenneth Fleisser	(1)	Joe Milone	(1)
Nora Fox	(1)	Jerry Santarpia	(6)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Thomas Denaro - Rep. Hon. Jerry Crispino
Pat O'Hanlon - Rep. Hon. Aileen Ryan

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Sandy Glinsky - Rep. Hon. Abraham Bernstein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

Bob Nolan - Borough President Stanley Simon's Office
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11

GUESTS:

Thal Davis - 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizens Center

* Arrived late