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DOMINIC CASTORE,  
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 19, 1983

AT PARKSIDE SENIOR CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. O'Neal Freeman - President, Allerton Coops Tenants Association.

Mr. Freeman asked that swings and basketball hoops be installed in Zimmerman Playground.

B. Lilly Languis - President, Parkside Center

Ms. Languis welcomed the Board to the Parkside Center and asked for money to expand the Senior Citizens Center.

C. Maude Hayman - Van Nest Library

Ms. Hayman read an emergency resolution from the Branch Libraries Council of New York Public Library on the cuts in service. She asked for the Board's support.

D. Alberta Saunders - Allerton Coops Association

Ms. Saunders requested a Crossing Guard for Olinville and Allerton Avenues. She stated that there had been one several years ago, and asked if it was possible to get a new one.

Tom Brown stated that there are a certain number of Crossing Guards allocated to each precinct. Tom said that he was familiar with the request, and that to the best of his knowledge the 47th Precinct does not have enough guards allocated, and that he did not know why there is no longer a guard assigned to this post. Tom explained that the guard may have retired or did not want to work any more, and was not replaced because of the allocation of guards. He said there is very little flexibility in moving guards from one post to another. Tom said that the solution is to get more money.

E. Angelo Campanaro - President, Chester Civic Association

Mr. Campanaro thanked the Board for the resolution it had passed at last month's meeting on the Gun Hill Road station. He stated that the next speaker would speak on what has to be done.

F. Vienna Swenson - Chairperson, Arnow-Adee Midsection Neighborhood Association

Ms. Swenson stated that this Association has just been organized. She said that she had gone for a charter as of Wednesday. Ms. Swenson played a tape she had been carrying protesting the conditions of the #5 Dyre Avenue trains and service. Ms. Swenson stated that last week she had sent 4,000 signatures to Simpson, Ravitch, Mayor Koch, President Reagan, and all the elected Councilmen and Assemblymen in this District. She said she had an additional 2,000 signatures. Ms. Swenson said she was here tonight to request Community Planning Board #11's support. She asked for additional signatures and stated that she was working with Eunice Marchiselli to put together a demonstration in June protesting the service on the line at Gun Hill Road, at Baychester Avenue and Dyre Avenue. Ms. Swenson stated that she had spoken with Henry Arce of the Transit Authority, who is the Director of Community Affairs of the M.T.A., and she had told him that she had 4,000 signatures. Ms. Swenson said that Mr. Arce told her he was sorry but he could not help her because her group is not recognized as an organized group. She said that was why she is formally organizing her Association.

Tony Funigiello asked if there was any response to the letter that the Board had written and Tom said there was not.

Tom stated that copies of the Testimony he gave at the Capital Budget Hearing were in the envelopes the Board received, and that in that Testimony he had requested emergency repairs at the station.

## II. Minutes

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Joe Reda - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed.

## III. Treasurer's Report

Tom stated that a copy of the Treasurer's Report was in the envelope given out earlier.

Leslie McHenry reported that at the last Executive Committee meeting a resolution had been passed that not more than \$1,400 of the Fiscal Year 1984 budget be allocated towards the salary of the Project Director for the Summer Youth Employment Program, and that the District Manager be authorized to process the employment of the Project Director to an appropriate personnel line. Leslie stated that the \$1,400 is money that the Board would not normally use for any other items, and is an excess and not being taken away from any other Board expenditures.

Motion by Lee Mager - Second by Rhoda Gogatz and Lewis Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 appropriate \$1,400 of the Fiscal Year 1984 budget to allocate for the salary of the Project Director of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Passed.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Lee Mager - That Community Planning Board #11 accept the Treasurer's Report as received at the Planning Board meeting.

Passed with 2 abstentions.

## IV. District Manager's Report

Tom reported that there were several items in the envelopes distributed earlier

including the Treasurer's Report, Cabinet Minutes and a copy of the Testimony which he had given on May 9th at the combined Hearing of the Board of Estimate and City Council.

1. Street Activity Permits

Tom explained the Board's responsibility with respect to Street Closings for the benefit of the newer Board members. He stated that there are five applications which the Board received, and that four of them need Board action tonight as it takes up to a month for all the agencies to give their input to the Community Assistance Unit.

a. Morningside Nursing Home - 1100 Pelham Parkway South

Tom said that this is an application to close Lurting Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and the Esplanade on Saturday, June 11th, with a rain date of Sunday, June 12th, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. for a street fair. Tom said they have had this for the last 4 or 5 years and there have never been any problems. He stated that there is only one apartment building on that block which has a garage in the building, and the tenants are informed to try and get their cars out early.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 support the request from Morningside House.

Passed.

b. Mary Cammarata-2549 Tenbroeck Avenue

Mary Cammarata and her neighbors on the 2500 block of Tenbroeck Avenue want to close Tenbroeck Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues on Sunday, July 3rd, with a rain date of Monday July 4th, from 11 A.M. to 11 P.M. for a block party. Tom said that they have had this in the past and there were no problems.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Rhoda Gogatz and Bill Liblick - That Planning Board #11 recommend the granting of a Street Permit for the residents of the 2500 block of Tenbroeck Avenue.

Passed.

c. Lucy Palazzolo - 2067 Hering Avenue

Tom said they want to close Hering Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on Saturday, July 3rd, with a rain date of Sunday, July 4th, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. for a block party. He stated that there have been no problems with this closing before.

Motion by Joe Reda - Second by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Planning Board #11 approve this street permit application.

Passed with 3 against.

d. Victor Dinnen and Michael Gesmundo

Tom said that they want to close Taylor Avenue between Morris Park Avenue and Van Nest Avenue on Monday, July 4th for a block party. He explained that there had previously been a block party on Taylor Avenue, and gave the background on it. Tom said there had not been one there for a few years. He said he recommends that, pending the receipt of petitions from the residents, it be approved.

Motion by Nick Cremonese - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 approve this application if the necessary petitions arrive.

Passed.

Tom explained that the next application he was going to discuss had not been received by the Board as yet. He stated he had just given the application to the applicant to be filled out. Tom said he might receive it in a day or so, and if the Board so approved, the Executive Committee could make a recommendation on it. Tom stated that they want to close Pinchot Place between Naragansett and Seminole Avenues on Monday, July 4th. Tom said he did not know the hours. He said he would like to wait until he receives the petitions to check out how the neighbors feel about it before a decision is made.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 designate the Executive Committee to make a decision on the Pinchot Place application.

Passed.

Tom reported that Sol Lirtzman had remarried on May 1st.

Rhoda Gogatz recommended that a letter be sent to Sol Lirtzman and his wife from the Board congratulating them and wishing them years of happiness.

#### V. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello reported that the Board of Estimate approved an application for the disposition of city-owned parcels.

1. East side of Holland Avenue, 375 feet north of Rhinelander Avenue
2. North side of Maran Place, 75 feet west of White Plains Road
3. South side of Allerton Avenue, 49 feet west of Yates Avenue

#### VI. Committee Reports

##### A. Housing

1. 754 Mace Avenue

Frank Muccioli stated that a copy of the Housing Committee Report could be found in the envelopes Tom had distributed. He read the report which he said had to be voted on tonight.

Lewis Goldstein suggested that the Board vote on each of the resolutions separately.

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 accept the Report of the Housing Committee, and that Community Planning Board #11 vote in favor of the 4 resolutions as a package.

A great deal of discussion took place on whether each resolution should be voted on separately. The Board also discussed the problems at the building.

Passed.

2. Allerton Coops

Frank requested that the Board read the report as prepared by Ted Weinstein. He said that it will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

3. Resolution on Jewish Community Council's Community Consultant Contract

Frank read the resolution: That Community Planning Board #11 recommend to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development the refunding of the Community Con-

sultant Contract which H.P.D. has with the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway, in the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation.

Motion by Elizabeth Brown - Second by Bill Liblick - That Planning Board #11 support the resolution as written in the Agenda.

Passed with 2 abstentions.

Rhoda explained that she was abstaining as she is the President of the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway.

Henry Yuspeh asked about the Brady Avenue houses.

Tom explained that he had received a report on the rehabilitation project from Ted Weinstein but did not bring it because he did not know the matter would be raised.

Dom asked Frank to look into the Brady Avenue rehabilitation.

#### B. Youth Services

##### 1. Approval of hiring of 4 Crew Chiefs

Lewis Goldstein reported that the Youth Committee had interviewed 12 candidates for the 4 Crew Chief positions. He stated that the candidates were interviewed by Ernie Odierna, Brenda Petrie, Tom Miller, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Leslie McHenry, John Cifichiello, Jerry Riconda the Project Director, and himself. Lewis said that the Committee had voted unanimously to hire 4 of the applicants. He called on Jerry Riconda to give a report.

Jerry reported that registration for the participants is set for May 31st from 3 - 7 P.M. in the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. He asked for volunteers to help at the registration. Jerry stated that the 4 chosen applicants were outstanding. He stated that there were two new Work Sponsors, Eastchester Gardens Tenants Association and the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway.

Motion by Leslie McHenry - Second by Joe Reda - That Community Planning Board #11 accept the recommendation of the Youth Committee to hire the 4 applicants.

Passed.

##### 2. Recommendation on 1983-84 After-School Program

Lewis said that on May 11th there was a meeting of the Youth Services Committee. Lewis said they voted to recommend the approval of the After-School Program for 1983-84. Lewis said that School Board #11 had a representative at that meeting and the School Board is supporting Community Board #11's recommendations. The After-School Programs approved are:

- a. Morris Park Community Association - \$20,000 at P.S. 83
- b. Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association - \$20,000 at J.H.S. 135
- c. Parents Association of P.S. 105 - \$10,000 at P.S. 105

Motion by Henry Yuspeh - Second by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Planning Board #11 support the approval of these three groups for After-School Programs.

Passed.

Rhoda stated that the three organizations came to the Committee and gave very

detailed reports and answered all questions. She said that the meeting was well run, and that the organizations were well prepared and well represented.

### 3. Formation of Youth Services Committee

Lewis Goldstein stated that Community Board #11 is almost ready to submit an official listing of members of the Youth Services Committee. He said that he is awaiting letters from several community groups naming a representative. Lewis stated that, as some of these letters may not arrive until after the June meeting, he would like to recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to formally submit the list of the Youth Services Committee to the Youth Board.

Motion by Lewis Goldstein - Second by Sal Napolitano - That the Executive Committee be authorized to formally submit the list of the Youth Services Committee to the Youth Board.

Discussion took place on the composition of the Committee.

Passed.

### C. Nominations

Mike Prisco reported that at the April meeting the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee was as follows:

Chairman - Dominic Castore  
First Vice Chairman - Lee Mager  
Second Vice Chairman - Frank Muccioli  
Secretary - Lewis Goldstein  
Treasurer - Leslie McHenry

Mike said that the following Board members were nominated from the floor:

Chairman - Elizabeth Brown  
First Vice Chairman - Frank Muccioli  
Second Vice Chairman - Ruth Bernstein

Mike said that no one was nominated from the floor for Secretary and Treasurer. He opened the floor to nominations.

Bill Liblick nominated Rhoda Gogatz for First Vice Chairman - Second by Barbara Fried

Mike said that letters were sent to all those who were nominated at the last meeting asking them if they wish to run. Mike said that Dom and Elizabeth have accepted as candidates for the position of Chairman. He said that Lee Mager accepted as candidate for the position of First Vice Chairman. Mike said that Frank Muccioli declined the position of First Vice Chairman, but had accepted the candidacy of Second Vice Chairman.

Tom said that Ruth Bernstein had called to decline as a candidate for Second Vice Chairman.

Mike stated that Lewis had accepted, and there is no opposition, as Secretary. He stated that Leslie McHenry had also accepted, and that she is unopposed, as Treasurer.

Rhoda Gogatz accepted her nomination for the position of First Vice Chairman.

Barbara Fried asked if the By-Laws provide for absentee voting. Lewis said that they do not.

Dom said that the By-Laws could be changed, but that it was too late for this year's elections.

Mike Prisco thanked the Committee for its hard work.

Motion by John Cifichiello - Second by Nicholas Cremonese - That nominations be closed.

Passed.

Dom stated that elections would take place at the June meeting.

Bill Liblick stated that as a member of the Nomination Committee he wanted to thank Mike for his excellent work as Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

Dom thanked the Committee for a job well done.

#### D. Education

##### 1. Community Education Resource Center

Blanche Rifkin reported that she had attended a meeting of the Community Education Resource Center at Christopher Columbus High School. She explained about the difficulty that Carolyn Giuffre, the Director, had been having, and said that it has all been straightened out. Blanche said that the program has been restored and everything is running smoothly. She said there are three classes being offered on Monday for adults:

12 - 1 P.M. - Individual Diets

1 - 2 P.M. - Neelecrafft

3 - 4:30 P.M. - Exercise and Health

Blanche said that all the classes are free, and that classes are offered on Thursday:

1 - 2:30 P.M. - Scrape craft class.

Blanche said that the Center is waiting for approval of this class.

3 - 4:30 P.M. - Aerobics

For children:

3 - 5:30 P.M. - Ceramics on Monday and Wednesday

Thursday - 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. film feature.

Blanche said that for the summer, the Girl Scouts have requested a day camp program, and that they are working on that now. She also said that the Department of Parks has offered to sponsor an indoor gymnasium program for ages 7 - 72. Blanche said that it would be a 15-week program.

##### 2. Libraries

Motion by Henry Yuspeh - Second by Rhoda Gogatz - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record and send a letter that it supports the resolution of the Branch Library System and requests that library hours be restored.

Passed.

### 3. Adult Centers

John Cifichiello spoke. He stated that at a recent meeting he had attended Dr. Nieto, Chairman of the three evening schools, had said that with Dr. Alvarado as Chancellor there was a possibility that he might push for funding for people taking courses at Columbus. John said that if state funds are released, more people will be able to attend classes.

### 4. School Board #11 Elections

Ruth Burko gave the results of School Board #11 elections:

Guy Velella, Sam Lambert, Loretta Jones, Richard Lipsky, Frieda Israeloff, Cora Diamond, Emily Sanchez, Betsy Dorsett, and Arlene Siegel.

John explained how the votes were counted. He stated that they spent 27 hours counting the votes.

### E. Health and Social Services

Rhoda Gogatz reported that she and Tom Miller had attended a meeting of the Advisory Board of Health and Hospitals Corporation. She stated they were taken on a tour of the four clinics at Jacobi. Rhoda said they went to the Adult Emergency, Pediatric Emergency, Cardiac Care Unit and the Intensive Care Unit. She said they then went on the MER Van crash bus. Rhoda said they were able to see what goes on at the various emergency rooms and other parts of the hospital from the inside as opposed to going there as a patient. She said that one could get a whole different outlook on the needs of the hospital. Rhoda said that what they saw there showed a tremendous dedication on the part of the hospital staff in treating patients as quickly as possible depending on the nature of the illness. She stated that she felt there was a tremendous need for public relations on the part of H.H.C. and the Emergency Medical Service division in working in conjunction with the Planning Board. Rhoda stated that one of the feelings she got was that the hospital didn't feel it was important enough to go to the budget hearings that were held in Bronx County. She said that the hospital seemed to feel that its input has to be made downtown. Rhoda said she felt that there should be some type of on-going meeting between the various representatives of H.H.C., the Planning Board, and possibly the Borough President's office and other elected officials, and try to establish a rapport between the various City agencies so that we can all appreciate and realize what we can possibly do by helping and working together.

Tom spoke. He stated that we are about to start planning for Fiscal Year 1985. Tom said he hoped that the Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen would be getting the process started. Tom said that for the last 4 - 5 years he has been sending letters to School Board #11, and Len Piccoli and John Olyha of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center asking for their input into the budget. He said they have made input, at least in the case of H.H.C., which has participated on the local level. Tom spoke about the funding at B.M.H.C.

### F. Other

#### 1. Land Use and Housing

Tom reported that there was going to be a hearing of the City Planning Commission on June 1 to consider P.S. 34 site that the Board voted on last month. He stated that he hoped to be down at the hearing to give the Board's testimony.

#### 2. Transportation

Tom reported that he had received a call from the Department of General Services -



Public Structures Division, asking him how he and the Board felt about the rental of a building on Blondell Street for space for a Traffic garage and offices. Tom gave the background on another site that the Board had approved several years ago on White Plains Road, which had fallen through. Tom said he told D.G.S. that the Board has a policy where neither he nor the Board can give a preliminary position on something that a Public Hearing has to be held on. He said that he had added that there would be a tremendous concern about parking. Tom said that D.G.S. told him that the facility they were talking about would have internal parking for the building staff.

### 3. Parking Request

#### a. Chesbrough Textiles Corp.

Tom stated that this company is located on Blondell Avenue and they would like to have some of the parking signs in the area changed so they can get deliveries. He said that what they are requesting is to have "No Parking 9 - 4 except for loading" signs. Tom said that with the Board's approval he would ask the Division of Parking to inspect the conditions to see if they make sense in terms of truck traffic logistics in the area, parking logistics in the area, and if it does, that these signs be put up.

Dom requested that the Transportation Committee look into this and give a response to Tom before the June meeting.

#### b. Parking around Bronx House

Tom stated that he had pursued Richard Lipsky's request for parking around Bronx House with Nat Kolodney, the Executive Director of Bronx House. Tom said that Mr. Kolodney had sent him a letter stating that what they would like is special parking privileges for taff. Tom said that the rest of their request was truly logistic involving their activities with buses for young children, elderly and some handicapped. He said that the Committee should study this before making a recommendation to the Department of Traffic.

Rhoda reported that last week had been Bronx Week. She stated that WCBS had done an excellent job of presenting Bronx Week and presenting a very "up" aspect on the Bronx. She said that she had written a letter to WCBS as President of the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway, and that it had been read on the air several times. She stated she had thanked WCBS in her letter.

Elizabeth spoke. She stated that the station appreciates any mail it receives and it would announce any events that were going to occur.

## VII. Old Business

### 1. Ad Hoc Committee

Rhoda reported that the hearing scheduled for May 10th was postponed until August 16th. She stated that Tom was at the hearing. Rhoda said the prospective owners have to present an Environmental Impact Study by that time. She stated that in the interim the Ad Hoc Committee was working in conjunction with the Citizens Committee Against the Arcade along with various community groups. She said that they would be organizing a rally near the site of the proposed arcade. Rhoda said they were still obtaining petitions along with the organizations. Rhoda said that the Planning Board has petitions for anyone who needs them. She said they would like to bring down 50,000 - 75,000 signatures to the Hearing on August 16th. Rhoda said they would also be organizing a couple of buses to go down to the Hearing unless there is reason to believe there might be another hold-over or that the applicant has withdrawn his request. She asked for the help of all the Planning Board members.

## 2. Office Relocation

Tom reported that he had received the plans from the architect and he was currently awaiting the hospital's signing of a Request for a Building Permit. He stated that once he receives it from the hospital he would walk it through the Building Department to get approval. Tom said that once he has Buildings' approval, we can start to advertise for a contractor to do the work.

Mike LaGuardia asked Tom about the traffic lights on Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway going north and south.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

## VII. New Business

Eli Goldsmith spoke about the sanitation in the area of Pelham Parkway North and South. He stated that it leaves much to be desired. Eli said that the streets under the el on White Plains Road and the side streets are filthy.

Eli reported that he had caught seventeen mice in two months in his apartment. He said that 2280 and 2300 Olinville Avenue are infested with mice. Eli said that he had not seen an inspector there. He stated that he had called Pest Control and that an inspector had come the next day. Eli said that the inspector reported that there was an infestation of mice.

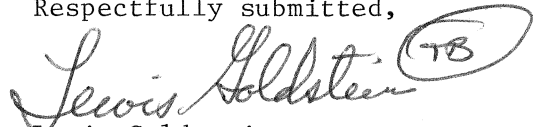
A great deal of discussion took place on this problem, where it was coming from and what could be done about it.

Tom said that there would be an educational and eradication campaign on the north side of Pelham Parkway, and that Eli would be invited.

Motion by Barbara Fried - Second by Bill Liblick - That the By-Laws be amended to include a provision for absentee ballots for future elections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lewis Goldstein,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MAY 19, 1983\*

PRESENT

Elizabeth Brown	(3)	Raymond Locascio	(2)
Ruth Burko	(4)	Steve Lovitch	(6)
Dominic Castore	(2)	Lee Mager	(3)
John Cifichiello	(2)	Leslie McHenry	(4)
Nicholas Cremonese	(0)	Joseph Milone	(2)
Silvana DeBellis	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(3)
Arthur DeLuca	(1)	Sal Napolitano	(4)
Pat DeMartino	(0)	Ernest Odierna	(4)
Norman Engel	(1)	Abe Pereira	(6)
Nora Fox	(5)	Brenda Petri	(0)
Barbara Fried	(3)	Michael Prisco	(0)
Anthony Funigiello	(2)	Charles Re	(6)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)	Joseph Reda	(5)
Eli Goldsmith	(2)	William Ricevuto	(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Abraham Kleinman	(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)
Michael LaGuardia	(1)	Henry Yuspeh	(2)
William Liblick	(3)	Steve Zarkin	(6)

ABSENT

Ruth Bernstein	(8)	Rabbi Israel Greenberg	(10)
Robert Black	(8)	Romolo Imundi	(6)
Gloria DiGianni	(7)	Rabbi Simon Konovitch	(10)
Stella Fernandez	(3)	Richard Lipsky	(2)
Kenneth Fleisser	(7)	Tom Miller	(3)
Simeon Goldstein	(1)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kenneth Kearns - Rep. of Assemblyman Eliot Engel  
Ronnie Albert - Rep. of Assemblyman John Dearie  
Robert McGuire - Rep. of Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli  
Daisy Jackson - Rep. of Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas J. Brown, District Manager of Community Planning Board #11  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary, Community Planning Board #11  
Annette Marchitello, Borough President Simon's Office

GUESTS

Priscilla Crowell - Concerned Parents of Eastchester Gardens  
Rita Allen - Tenants League of Eastchester Gardens  
Eileen Jones - Adeo-Tenbroeck-Pearsall Block Association

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