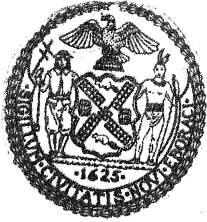


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LEE MAGER,  
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 1984 IN THE  
CAFETERIA OF P.S. 105

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

I. Gallery Session

There were several speakers who expressed their opinions regarding an Adjudication Unit of the Traffic Citations Bureau contemplated for 2028 White Plains Road. Those speaking against this facility were:

- a. Senator Abraham Bernstein
- b. Councilman Michael DeMarco
- c. Steven Parness for Assemblyman Eliot Engel
- d. Lillian Holtzman for Assemblyman George Friedman
- e. Esther Lustig for Congressman James Scheuer
- f. Guy Velella, President of School Board #11
- g. Andi Cioffi for Nicholas Cicchetti, Superintendent of School District #11
- h. Kathy Williams for Senator John Calandra
- i. Ronnie Albert for Assemblyman John Dearie
- j. Thal Davis
- k. Amedio DiGianni for Pelham Bay Block Association
- l. Nat Nevens for Pelham Parkway Block Association
- m. Frank Sprovieri for Morris Park Businessmen's Association
- n. Johanna De Luise for Crosby Community Association
- o. Vincent De Luise for Helping People Fund, Inc.
- p. Gladys Lund
- q. Fran Kaplan for Dr. Rahla Gold, Principal of P.S. 105
- r. Rose Ann Capozzoli for P.A. of J.H.S. 127
- s. Jerry Drillings for Pelham Parkway Block Association
- t. Andi Cioffi for P.A. of P.S. 105
- u. Dominick DeProspo for Morris Park Community Association

Those speaking in favor were:

- a. Larry Prospect for Pelham Parkway Mall Local Development Corporation
- b. Lee Bialin
- c. Rose Autro, President of Local CSEA
- d. Howard Camac

Those opposed focussed on the additional parking and traffic congestion problems which such a facility would create. Several suggested that a facility of this sort should be established in other areas of the Bronx which have less activity. Others expressed the desire to have the space returned to community shopping commercial occupancy, a day care center or senior citizens facility.

Those favoring the facility refuted the alleged negative impact on traffic and parking and described the benefits to local merchants which would result from more people in the area. The representative of CSEA spoke of the deplorable conditions in the current facility on Sedgwick Avenue.

In addition to the above speakers the following spoke on non-related matters:

a. Dr. Anthony Pisacano of Vision Restoration Ophthalmology Associates, P.C. described the facility which he and his partner, Dr. Levy, are building on Pelham Parkway North and Esplanade.

b. Dr. Annette Benedict complained about speeding on Seminole Avenue on the periphery of BMHC. As a representative of the 43rd Precinct was present, he was asked to have the appropriate personnel address this problem.

Dr. Benedict also asked Board Members to complete a survey on their perceptions of the area to help her in a study which she is conducting.

c. Nathan Shapiro of the Morris Park Hebrew Center complained about incidents of graffiti perpetrated on the synagogue.

d. Dr. Richard Bolstad complained about the conditions resulting from sewer and bridge construction in the vicinity of Stillwell Avenue and Pelham Parkway North. Tom Brown explained that the Stillwell Avenue sewer construction has encountered several design problems, one of which involves a water main connecting to Co-op City. In sum, the Department of Environmental Protection has several decisions to make as to how to complete the job. In the meantime, he said that he has received assurances that the construction area will receive more secure fencing. Tom said that the bridge construction must move along slowly because the railroad has granted access for only two or three hours a day.

NOTE: From this point on the Minutes of the June 21st meeting will be spotty. The recorder was not re-set properly and no one took written notes. Board members are requested to bring missing items to the Chair's attention at the September 20th meeting.

A motion was made to lay over all matters on the Agenda which do require Board action. This matter passed overwhelmingly.

## II. Minutes

Tom noted that Andi Cioffi had not directly stated at the May meeting that Borough President Simon opposes the Traffic Violations facility, but had reported that at another meeting Senator Calandra had made this statement.

The Minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Chairman's Report

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IV. District Manager's Report

Tom reported that the June Cabinet Minutes were available for distribution at the meeting. He said that he has been actively engaged in the District level consultations with the agencies on the budget for Fiscal Year 1986. He said that most of these have been held and noted that Eli Goldsmith had attended the one with the Department of Environmental Protection with him. Tom also said he hoped to have the Register of the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 1983 soon, so that we can see how well our requests fared.

V. Borough President's Report

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Among the highlights in the budgetary additions obtained were:

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Annette reported the following budget additions in Community Board #11:

New Bronx Municipal and Executive Office Building (site acquisition funds)  
A new collection wing and various renovation work at New York Botanical Garden (design funds - partial in Board #11)  
Modernization of Christopher Columbus High School (additional design funds)  
A Kosher Meals program in Pelham Parkway area (\$61,000)  
Installation of a Panic Alarm System at N.Y.C. Housing Authority Senior Housing located at 2424 Boston Road (\$55,000)  
An information and referral program at North Bronx Association for New Americans (\$25,000)  
New York Zoological Society (\$81,000. Partially borders Board #11)  
Morris Park Community Association (\$15,000)  
New York Botanical Garden (\$140,000. Partially borders Board #11)  
A Laboratory Information Center at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (\$300,000)  
Completion of Satellite Pharmacy at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (\$600,000)  
A Surgical Attendant in OB/GYN at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (\$934,200. Partially in Board #11).

Annette also reported that the Board of Estimate approved for sale at public auction two City-owned properties in Community Board #11. These are:

Block 4026, Lot 29, a 50' x 100' lot on the north side of Baker Avenue, 78 feet west of Unionport Road, and 2016 Bronxdale Avenue (a.k.a. Bronxdale Pool).

Finally, Annette announced the approval of a contract between the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the Bronx Council on the Arts totaling \$42,500.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Land Use

Lee Mager introduced Bernd Zimmerman, the Director of the Bronx Office of City Planning. Bernd indicated his desire to work closely with the Community Board on planning, land use and budget matters. He also said that in Fiscal Year 1986, City Planning itself will be making a budget request this year. He urged the Community Board to submit a Capital Budget request to use computerized maps for census tracts in the district which are non-C.D. eligible.

1. Renewal of revocable consent for Horizon Restaurant (724 Allerton Avenue) to operate an enclosed cafe with eight tables and thirty-two seats (N840779TCX)

(At this point there was an objection to skipping the item dealing with the Traffic Violations Bureau. The Chair ruled that the Board would return to this item after the revocable consent was disposed of).

A motion was made and seconded to waive a Public Hearing and recommend the approval of the consent decree.

Passed unanimously (31 present and voting)

2. Report on meeting regarding contemplated Traffic Violations Bureau facility at 2070-80 White Plains Road.

Tom explained that he had attended a community meeting on this matter at which he represented the Community Board as an observer. He said that the community representatives at that meeting were in opposition to the facility for much the same reasons as expressed

during the Gallery Session. Lee said that the matter is not a U.L.U.R.P. matter in that it involves neither zoning nor transfer of property to or from the City and that the Community Board has not been asked by the State for any recommendation or comment. In the light of the action taken earlier in the evening regarding limiting Board discussion to items requiring Board action, it was suggested that the Agenda be moved.

Motion by Frank Muccioli - Second by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Planning Board #11 discuss and take a vote on the proposed Adjudication facility.

Defeated: In favor 13; Opposed 16; Abstentions 0

After a great deal of discussion as to what was the real intent of the motion to curtail discussion on items not requiring a Board decision, Ernest Odierna stated that he believed that most Board members and certainly those in the Gallery wanted and expected the Board to take a position one way or the other.

Motion by Robert Black - Second by Anthony Rizzo - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record as being opposed to the proposed Adjudication facility at 2070-80 White Plains Road.

Passed: In favor 18; Opposed 10; Abstentions 6

B. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

1. Pelham Gardens Street Project - HW-514

Ernie Odierna reported that his committee had held a meeting with residents of the affected streets on June 14, 1984 and that representatives of the engineering consulting firm of Andrews and Clark, Inc. were present to describe and answer questions about their proposed design. Ernie said that several members of the committee had also made on site inspections of the affected streets. He said that his committee feels that the design proposes to do more extensive work than is necessary to correct problem conditions.

Motion by Ernest Odierna - Second by Anthony Rizzo - That Community Planning Board #11 inform Andrews and Clark, Inc and the New York City Department of Transportation that the proposed design for HW-514 is too extensive and that the design should confirm itself to correcting those conditions necessary to safety, free flow of traffic and improvement of drainage.

Passed - Unanimously

2. Report on New England Thruway Ramp at Gun Hill Road

Tony Funigiello distributed the Minutes of a meeting which he attended on this matter. (Attached to Minutes).

C. Youth Services

Raymond Locascio reported that all staff for the Summer Youth Employment Program have been hired and that the registration took place. He said that everything is running smoothly.

D. Public Safety

Joseph Reda reported that a few more hitches have developed with the Precinct building construction, and that occupancy in October is expected.

E. Housing

Steven Parness of Assemblyman Eliot Engel's office described legislation currently being considered which would provide certain safeguards for tenancy and rents for Mitchell-Lama projects eligible for "buy-outs".

Motion by Norman Engel - Second by Eli Goldsmith - That Community Planning Board #11 request support by local legislators for pending Mitchell-Lama legislation.

Passed: 33 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions.

VII. Old Business

A. Office space

Tom Brown reported that the renovation of the office space will be completed by the end of the month and that telephones, carpeting and other finishings would be taking place during the summer, so that a Fall occupancy could be accomplished.

VIII. New Business

A. Elections

As only the positions of First Vice Chairman and Secretary were contested, the Secretary cast a vote for the body to elect the following:

Lee Mager - Chairman

Frank Muccioli - Second Vice Chairman

Nicholas Cremonese - Treasurer

Vote for First Vice Chairman:

Dominic Castore - 27

Lewis Goldstein - 11

Dominic Castore was elected First Vice Chairman

Vote for Secretary:

Rhoda Gogatz - 12

Brenda Petri - 26

Brenda Petri was elected Secretary.

B. Salute to Pelham Parkway Festival

Motion by Rhoda Gogatz - Second by \_\_\_\_\_ - That Community Planning Board #11 direct its District Manager to assist the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway where necessary to obtain services such as police coverage, etc. for its Salute to Pelham Parkway Festival to be held on September 23rd at Oscar Comras Mall

Respectfully submitted,

*Lewis Goldstein* (TB)

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Secretary