

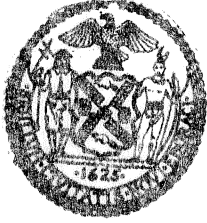
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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LEE MAGER,  
CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 1984 AT J.H.S. 135

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 P.M., by Chairman Lee Mager.

1. Gallery Session

a. Louis Salvati - 2233 Mickle Avenue

Mr. Salvati stated that he lives between Astor Avenue and Pelham Parkway North. He was here tonight representing the people living on that block; Astor Avenue, Westervelt and Kingsland Avenues. He read from a letter from Mrs. Madaloni on the proposed work to be done on Astor Avenue. Mr. Salvati stated that the homeowners are protesting this resurfacing and reconstruction from Eastchester to Tieman Avenue. Mr. Salvati stated that the Pelham Parkway North service road needs curbing. Stillwell Avenue from the light off of Pelham Parkway North entering on to the service road has no curbs, no sidewalks and during the inclement weather people have to walk through mud. He listed several areas that he felt could benefit from the resurfacing and reconstruction.

b. Peter Silagy - 2020 Hering Avenue (between Neill and Lydig Avenues)

Mr. Silagy stated that this area is where the new sewer work is to go in. He stated that the men who are doing the sewer work are very careless and have done much damage. His connection to the main sewer which he had installed three years ago was damaged. He was told that he had to fix it at his own expense and sue the City. Mr. Silagy stated that he was given three days notice that if it was not repaired his water would be shut off. He asked the Board to investigate this and that the contractor be responsible for repairing the damage. Mr. Silagy also stated that the contractor is not responsible for the sewer after he leaves. He asked the Board to find out how much the assessment would be.

c. Dr. Louis Filardi - 2253 Kingsland Avenue

Dr. Filardi stated that Astor Avenue, at this point, does not need resurfacing in the areas that they are speaking about. He suggested that the monies be channeled into Stillwell Avenue and Pelham Parkway for sidewalks and curbs and the surrounding streets that need it more.

d. William Taylor - Allerton Coops

Mr. Taylor asked the Board to request better streetlighting along Bronx Park

East. He stated that there had been a recent assault, attempted rap and muggings in that area. He also stated that extensive car stripping and car thefts take place there.

e. Rose Penzabene - 1512 Astor Avenue

Mrs. Penzabene stated that she lives on Astor Avenue between Eastchester Road and Woodhull Avenue. She stated that for several years she has appeared before the Board requesting sidewalks and curbs on that block. She discussed Mrs. Madaloni's petition and asked the Board to go ahead with the reconstruction.

f. Vincent Serpa - 2338 Eastchester Road

Mr. Serpa requested sidewalks and curbs on Astor Avenue, Eastchester Road and Woodhull Avenue. He explained the problems with the present grading.

## II. Minutes

### Corrections:

Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz stated that the Motion that she made was: A letter of appreciation be sent to Borough President Simon for the concerts in the Park presented this summer, and that they continue, and if possible have additional concerts throughout the Bronx.

District Manager asked the Board members to help stem the rumors about the methadone clinic.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz, and carried that the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Chairman Mager stated for the Board's clarification that any Board member wishing to attend a District Service Cabinet meeting as a nonparticipant observer should contact him and he will give them permission to attend.

## III. Chairman's Report - Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman

Chairman Mager stated that the rugs have been installed in the new Board Office, and that we are awaiting installation of the telephones. The move in date is the second or third week in November.

Chairman Mager reported that he had received an invitation from the Office of the Mayor to attend a Leadership Development Seminar from December 6th to the 8th, sponsored by the Community Board Institute. He stated that it would be held at the Holiday Hills Conference Center in Pawling, New York. The fee is \$35.00. If any Officers, Chairmen or Board members wish to attend, they are to contact the Board Office.

## IV. District Manager's Report - Mr. Thomas Brown, District Manager

District Manager reported that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been mailed out for the September meeting. He stated that the October meeting was held on October 23rd. The bulk of October was spent working on the budget priorities and putting together the recommendations received from various agencies and community groups as well as Board members.

## V. Borough President's Report - Mr. Robert Nolan

Chairman Mager welcomed Mr. Robert Nolan as the Borough President's Representative. Mr. Nolan stated that the Borough President's representatives work on a rotating basis of approximately six months. Mr. Nolan reported on two Youth Bureau items. He stated that at the last Board of Estimate session the Board of Estimate had approved a contract between the City of New York and the Morris Park Community Association for continuing support of their youth program. Mr. Nolan stated that earlier today the Board of

Estimate passed a resolution approving the sponsorship of youth programs on the north side of the Parkway with the Parents Association of J.H.S. 135. The program should be starting sometime in the next few weeks.

## VI. Committee Reports

Chairman Mager stated that when a Chairperson concludes his/her report and a motion is required, they should conclude the report by making the motion.

### A. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Mr. Robert Black, Chairperson

Mr. Robert Black reported that the Budget Priorities Recommendations have been distributed tonight. Mr. Black stated that the most important thing that the Board does that gets action is setting the budget priorities. He stated that a Public Hearing was held at which only a handful of people attended. The meeting of Committee Chairpersons was held a few days after the Public Hearing and that less than a handful of the Chairmen were present. He received reports from only the Parks and Recreation and the Housing Committees. Mr. Black stated that the three basic things important to Community Board #11 are Housing, Parks and Recreation and Schools. These things keep a neighborhood intact.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore that these priorities, or the changed priorities as we submit them, be sent by our District Office to the powers that be and a presentation be made by the District Manager.

#### Discussion on the Motion

Mr. Ernest Odierna asked that in the future the Budget Priorities Committee not meet so soon after the Public Hearing to give the Committees a chance to digest the requests made at the Public Hearing.

Chairman Mager stated that a survey was also taken of the Board members themselves, many of whom wear other hats from other parts of the community at large.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown stated that the Park Department had notified the Board that it would only act on the first ten priorities given.

Discussion took place on moving several of the priorities as received.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown stated that the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation expressed an interest in doing work to improve the image of the community. Mrs. Brown discussed the importance of moving item #8 (Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway from Bronx River Parkway to Stillwell Avenue, between Pelham Parkway North and Pelham Parkway South) to item #1.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Seconded by Mr. Dominic Castore and carried with five opposed that item #8 become item #1.

Discussion on the moving of several Parks and Playgrounds to lower priorities was discussed.

Mrs. Brown stated that on October 10th the Parks Committee met with the Parks Department and community people as well as the District Manager at Zimmerman Playground and spent three to four hours looking over the plans. She stated that it is on the drawing board, and it would be wasting a priority to keep it as #2 when we were assured that it is in the works and waiting for the preliminary plans.

The final accepted changes were:

- Item #1 (Rehabilitation of Sid Jacobs Little Field) became item #25
- Item #2 (Rehabilitation of Zimmerman Playground) became item #26
- Item #3 (Rehabilitation of Philip Mazzei Playground) became item #5
- Item #4 (Rehabilitation of Alfred Loretto Playground) became item #27
- Item #5 (Restoration of Bronx Park between Bronx River Parkway and Curbline of Bronx Park East from Pelham Parkway North to Adee Avenue) became item #2
- Item #6 (Rehabilitate Waring Playground) became item #3
- Item #7 (Christopher Columbus Modernization) became item #8
- Item #8 (Rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway from Bronx River Parkway to Stillwell Avenue between Pelham Parkway North and Pelham Parkway South - Increase Funding) became item #1
- Item #9 (Rehabilitate Van Nest Memorial Playground) became item #7
- Item #10 (Rehabilitate Tennis Courts in Trojan Field, Bronx) became item #28
- Item #11 (Rehabilitate Lydig Playground) became Item #4
- Item #12 (Reconstruct Eastern Portions of Astor, Waring and Mace Avenues and Adjacent Streets) became Item #9
- Item #13 (Channelization of Intersection of Boston Road and White Plains Road between Thwaites Place and Pelham Parkway North) became Item #10
- Item #14 (Grade, Pave and Curb Williamsbridge Road between Bronxwood and Arnow Avenues) became Item #11
- Item #15 (Purchase Heavy Duty Vehicles and Equipment for Maintenance and Operations, Forestry and Recreation Divisions) became Item #12
- Item #16 (Purchase Heavy Duty Sanitation vehicles and Equipment) became Item #13
- Item #17 (Rehabilitate Eastchester Playground) became Item #6
- Item #18 (Expand Dining Facilities at Parkside Senior Citizens Center) became Item #14
- Item #19 (Repair and Correct Drainage on Eastchester Road between Sackett Avenue and Waters Place (Under Trestle) became #15
- Item #20 (Construct Pedestrian Ramps) became #16
- Item #21-28 (Dealing with schools) became item #17-24
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 121 - New Roof
  - Rehabilitate I.S. 144 - New Roof
  - Rehabilitate J.H.S. 127 - New Roof
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 96 - New Windows
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 105 - Replace Exterior Doors
  - Rehabilitate I.S. 144 - Replace Exterior Doors
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 105 - Energy Conservation and Heating
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 83 - Energy Conservation and Heating
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 121 - Energy Conservation and Heating
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 108 - Ultra Sonic Alarm System
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 89 - Ultra Sonic Alarm System
  - Rehabilitate P.S. 105 - Intercom Replacement

Rehabilitate P.S. 89 - Resurface Exterior Yard  
Rehabilitate P.S. 97 - Resurface Exterior Yard  
Rehabilitate P.S. 105 - Resurface Exterior Yard

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mr. Ernest Odierna and carried with one opposed and one abstention, that the Capital Budget Priorities be accepted as changed.

Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz stated that item #37 (Up-grade Radio Communication System of Transit Police) be given a higher priority, no allocation, a recommendation that it be put in the top ten.

Chairman Mager stated that this is a City-wide item. The Board tried to give high priorities to items that affect our Board itself.

Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz spoke on the Continued Support items and recommended that five of these items: Commercial Revitalization of Allerton Avenue - Williamsbridge Road; Improve Street Lighting in Morris Park Avenue - Williamsbridge Road; Install Escalators at Pelham Parkway Station; Modernization of Pelham Parkway Station; Modernization of East Gun Hill Road Station of Dyre Avenue - I.R.T. Line, be given a higher priority as in 1985 rather than Continued Support.

District Manager stated that Borough President Simon stated that consultants were hired for both the Allerton Avenue and Morris Park Commercial Revitalizations and these projects are moving ahead.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Mr. Ernest Odierna and defeated with four in favor to give a higher priority to item #37 (Up-grade Radio Communication System of Transit Police) and to give numbered priorities on the Fiscal Year 1986 budget to the first five items which are now listed as Continued Support, specifically the two items that had budget recommendations in Fiscal Year 1985.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mrs. Brenda Petri and carried with one opposed and one abstention that the Capital Budget recommendations be adopted as amended.

Discussion took place on moving item #2 (Increase Police Patrol Operations) to item #1.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded and Motion was defeated with one abstention and four in favor that item #2 become item #1.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mr. John Cifichiello and carried with three opposed, that the Expense Budget be adopted as proposed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz and carried that Community Planning Board #11 authorizes the Community Development and Budget Priorities Committee and District Manager to tabulate the Form 3 (Service Program Priorities) and present them in the name of Community Planning Board #11.

B. Education and Culture - Mrs. Ruth Burko, Chairperson

Mrs. Burko reported that she, Mr. Lewis Goldstein and District Manager met with Dr. Gold, Principal of P.S. 105 to discuss the naming of the school yard for Mr. Ben Abrams. Mrs. Burko stated that Dr. Gold felt that it would be an affront to name the school yard after anyone because of the condition it is in. Dr. Gold suggested that

the Lydig Playground be named for Mr. Abrams. The Education and Culture Committee met tonight and agreed. Mrs. Burko stated that she spoke with Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee who was in agreement on this issue.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Seconded by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz and carried with one abstention, that the Community Board contact Councilman DeMarco to request from the City Council that the Lydig Playground be known hence forth as Ben Abrams Playground.

C. Housing - Mr. Frank Muccioli, Chairperson

Chairman Mager stated that Mr. Frank Muccioli had submitted a written report which was distributed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz and carried, that Community Planning Board #11 supports the enabling legislation for New York City to establish an Administrative Tribunal for the imposition of penalties in the enforcement of housing maintenance laws, and that this support be communicated to local legislators as well as appropriate legislative leaders when the New York State Legislature reconvenes in January.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robert Black, Seconded by Mrs. Rhoda Gogatz and carried, opposed 0, abstentions 0, that Community Planning Board #11 strongly encourages the proposed rehabilitation of the Allerton Coops through New York City's Participation Loans Program and request all public officials and community organizations to communicate their support to Housing Preservation and Development and the Community Preservation Corporation.

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Mr. Ernest Odierna, Chairperson

Mr. Odierna stated that his Committee had met. He stated that since there is not enough money to do all the streets in the district needing repairs that the Board come up with a sequence of which streets should be done first. He asked the District Manager to contact the various community groups and ask them to give the Board recommendations on streets in their area that should be considered for priorities. Mr. Odierna asked for the Board's permission for his Committee to submit the priorities through the District Manager to the proper agencies. Mr. Odierna stated that a regular meeting with Traffic and Transportation will be held on the third Monday of the month. He asked that a letter go to the community groups requesting that they report back to the Board by the third Monday so the Committee could discuss them and make priorities.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, Seconded by Mr. Anthony Funigiello and carried, that Community Planning Board #11 give permission to the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee to make recommendations and set priorities for streets to be repaired.

Mr. Odierna reported that there are several private car services and safety patrols from the various community groups in the district. He discussed how these cars would keep us posted on traffic and safety problems in the area. He stated that if the Committee could have the District Manager communicate to these groups along with a reporting form that would come back to the District Manager, the Board and everyone would benefit from this.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ernest Odierna, Seconded by Mr. Nicholas Cremonese and carried, that the District Manager communicate to the private car services and the safety patrols of any traffic and safety problems in the area, and that a form be sent to those groups asking that they report back any problems they see or hear.