

COMMUNITY PLANN BOARD #11, THE BRONX BRONX MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL CENTER NURSES RESIDENCE—ROOM 11N22 PELHAM PARKWAY SOUTH & EASTCHESTER ROAD BRONX, NEW YORK 10461 (212) 892-6262

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 1986

AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-MARY QUEEN OF PEACE LODGE

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

Ms. Helen Frank

Ms. Frank stated that for the last 3-4 years she has been asking for a sidewalk from White Plains Road to Boston Road (one block) going West. When it rains, people walk in mud, when it doesn't, they walk on pebbles. Would like a sidewalk on that one side of the street, so they can be able to walk, otherwise they're walking on grass. She stated that she was in touch with the Borough President's office and they sent a letter to the proper authorities and she hasn't heard since. She would now like assistance from the Community Board regarding this matter.

Mr. Melvin Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board 11/12 - Dept. Chairman

Mr. Hirsch stated that you do not have to be destitute to get Medicaid. You don't have to be poor to get Food Stamps. There are five Food Stamp offices who deal with people who are not on welfare. They might be people who are retired. They have dealt with teenage pregnancies. For the last 4 years, 360 young women through the age of 19 have become pregnant. 86% of those young women are unmarried. This statistic hasn't changed in 4 years. People from Planning Board #12 come to their meetings and no one from Board #11 has ever come. Mr. Hirsch suggested that someone from Board #11 be designated to attend their meetings so that they can update the Board on what's going on.

Mr. Mager reported that State Senator John Calandra passed away. He stated that the wake is at Giordano Funeral Home on Crosby Avenue. He asked that the Board observe a moment of silence in memory of State Senator Calandra.

II. Minutes

Mr. Thomas Brown asked that his statement thanking the Borough President's office for their assistance in the office, the Board members, and the community for their calls, cards and prayers and staff for the job they did in his absence, be reinserted back in the minutes.

Mr. Frank Muccioli asked that his statement reporting that Councilman Crispino's mother passed away be reinserted back in the minutes.

 $\,$ Mrs. Brenda Petri stated that the minutes are done according to the Robert's Rules of Order, but she will accept these two corrections and they will be put in the minutes.

Action on Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Anthony Funigiello, seconded by Mr. Raymond Locascio and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: THAT the Minutes of December 19, 1985, be approved as amended.

III. Borough President's Report - Mr. James Cerosoli

Mr. Cerosoli reported that the Board of Estimate approved a contract between Dept. for the Aging and R.A.I.N. for the amendment to existing contract. This amendment is to increase the budget by 10,000. Totaling 182,000, for the period July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

Mr. Cerosoli reported that the Board of Estimate approved a contract between the Dept. of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services and Institute of Applied Human Dynamics for renewal of existing contract, totaling \$331,000.

Mr. Cerosoli reported that the Board of Estimate also approved a contract between N.Y.C. Dept. of H.P.D. and Peter Woll Architects for various consultant services to H.P.D. and community groups in the Community Management Program, totaling \$328,000.

Mr. Cerosoli stated that Westway monies became available to the City of New York. He spoke to the Highway Department and although it's good from a financial point of view, but the effect of it would be bad from a scheduling point of view. Any reconstruction project that will be funded by the Westway trade-in will be delayed for one year.

IV. <u>District Manager's Report - Mr. Thomas Brown</u>, District Manager

Mr. Brown stated that since he's been back on a full time basis he's gone back to handling complaints and he's prepared and circulated the agenda for Tuesday's District Service Cabinet meeting.

In addition, Tom stated that he has been analyzing the response from the agencies regarding the F.Y. '87 budget.

Tom has received a street closing permit request on behalf of St. Athanasius, Father Giganti and the Sons of Italy, to conduct the Feast of Agillio on part of Waters Place between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue. It would be opened on weekends from 12:00 Noon to 11:00 p.m. and on weekdays from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The kinds of activities they'll have will be rides, games and there won't be a solicitation of funds.

It was stated that this event had been held before on Middletown Road in Pelham Bay. There were complaints from residents about the feast being held in a residential area.

Tom explained that various agencies must give their approval to this request. Police feel that given traffic conditions on Waters Place, it is their suggestion that it not begin until 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. He has been trying to reach EMS to advise them of this permit application and find out how the feast might affect their operations.

On a motion by Mr. Dominic Castore, seconded by Mr. Frank Muccioli and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 approve the permit application. Motion amended and board recommends that there be a 7:00 p.m. start instead of 6:30 p.m.

V. <u>Employee</u> Relations

On a motion made and seconded and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: To move to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The Board returned to public meeting at 8:40 p.m.

On a motion made and seconded and carried by a majority, it was

VOTED: To approve the promotion for Mrs. Susan Nolan from the position of Stenographic Associate to the position of Principal Administrative Associate - Level 1, and a raise increase to \$12.11 an hour.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development - Mrs. Brenda Petri, Chairperson

Mrs. Petri stated that in her meeting with the Public Development Corporation last month they reported that there would be sufficient funds for lights on Allerton Avenue going from Bronx Park East to Boston Post Road.

Brenda spoke about the need for parking on Allerton Avenue and stated that next week she would try to speak to the owners of properties near Allerton Avenue to see if these locations are available for parking.

Mrs. Petri stated that she felt an elderly couple wasn't treated fairly at the June Board meeting regarding their inquiries about the Stillwell Avenue Sewer. She requested the file from the Community Board office. Upon reviewing the file, Brenda stated that not one letter was written to any city agency for the past five years regarding this project. Mrs. Petri called the sewer department and the call generated a meeting between the sewer department and the controllers office and engineers. In conjunction with Chester Civic who held a demonstration, they recognized how serious the problem was. They came in and fixed the sewer.

Mrs. Petri wrote to the M.T.A. regarding ownership of the property between the Esplanade train station and Astor Avenue, because Mr. Frank Muccioli had been asking for the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. Highways owns that land. Highways said they will make that area safe by repairing the sidewalk.

Mr. Muccioli thanked Mrs. Petri for her work and mentioned that Councilman Crispino informed him of the same findings as Mrs. Petri.

 $\,$ Mr. Anthony Rizzo stated that Councilman Crispino was also very helpful in concluding the sewer project.

Mr. Lee Mager stated that the above was brought up at the District Service Cabinet meetings and the problem was not ignored.

Mr. Frederic Pocci stated that he was Chief of Sewer Construction at D.E.P. and attended District Service Cabinet meetings in this capacity at which time Mr. Brown raised the issue of the Stillwell Avenue Sewer.

 $$\operatorname{Mr}.$$ Lee Mager introduced Borough President Stanley Simon, who addressed the Board in three important areas.

- 1. He stated that the Board had a responsibility to find sites for the homeless in their district, but he was not going to recommend specific sites to them.
- 2. He stated that the Board had a responsibility under the Padavan Act to vote on sites for group homes in their district. Furthermore, Board members who refused to find sites for the homeless and the retarded should not accept appointment to the Community Board.
- 3. The Borough President stated that attendance is extremely important and that board members should make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible.

The Borough President swore in the re-appointed and newly appointed members to the Board and pictures were taken.

B. <u>Highways</u>, Traffic and Transportation - <u>Mr. Ernest Odierna</u>, Chairperson See attached report.

On a motion by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Mr. Steve Lovitch and carried by a majority, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on the regrading of Mace Avenue between Kingsland and Tiemann Avenue, and between Mace and Allerton Avenues to be held in February.

On a motion by Mr. Ernest Odierna, seconded by Ms. Leslie McHenry and carried by a majority, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 give the Highways, Traffic & Transportation Committee permission to make recommendations after a Public Hearing regarding Boston Road reconstruction.

C. Youth/Youth Services - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Raymond Locascio, seconded by Ms. Leslie McHenry and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 becomes the lead agency again with <u>Services Through Organized People</u> for the summer program.

Mr. Locascio reported on the numerous letters of praise and compliments that he has received regarding Mrs. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator, and the tremendous job she has been doing.

Mrs. Loeb stated that the Fiscal Year '86 after school program and $\underline{\underline{Y}}$ outh $\underline{\underline{D}}$ evelopment and $\underline{\underline{D}}$ elinquency $\underline{\underline{P}}$ revention program recommendations that were voted on and approved by the Board were submitted to the N.Y. City Youth Bureau.

Mrs. Loeb reported that the Youth Service Planning Committee meeting will be held January 27th at St. Lucy's, 7:30 p.m.

D. Parks and Recreation - Mr. Henry Yuspeh, Chairperson

Mr. Yuspeh stated that his committee will meet on February 4th at 3:30~p.m. at the Waring Avenue Playground.

E. <u>Health and Social Services</u> - Mr. William Liblick, Chairperson

Mr. Liblick indicated that Mr. Leonard Piccoli is retiring from Jacobi Hospital and they have recommended Mr. Jeffrey Menkes, Executive Director of City Hospitals to be the new Director of Jacobi.

 $\,$ Mr. Liblick stated that E.M.S. would like to make a 3 minute presentation at our next meeting.

Mr. Liblick indicated that his committee is looking into complaints that they have received regarding nursing homes in the area. If any Board members hear of any complaints, he would like to be called.

Mr. Liblick stated that in response to Mr. Martin O'Grady's complaints on an abortion clinic at 2100 Eastchester Road, the Department of Buildings has issued a violation on the lack of a certificate of occupancy.

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

Mrs. Burko stated that she spoke to Mrs. Theresa Martin, an administrator of the library, who has been checking on the site selections for the mini-library in the Morris Park area. Mrs. Martin's office has done an extensive study. However, Mrs. Burko did not receive the study in time for the meeting tonight. Mrs. Burko indicated she would want more time to discuss this item after she has received a copy of Mrs. Martin's letter.

On a motion by Mrs. Ruth Burko, seconded and carried by a majority, it was

VOTED: THAT the discussion for site selection for a mini-library in the Morris Park area be tabled until February 20th.

G. Land Use - Mr. Kenneth Gelnick, Chairperson

Mr. Anthony Rizzo asked the Board to send a letter to Mayor Koch.

On a motion by Mr. Anthony Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Raymond Locascio and carried, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 send a letter to Mayor Koch stating the M.T.A. is in violation of the Board of Estimate vote and Board #11 is upset that the M.T.A. is disregarding the Board of Estimate vote.

H. Public Safety - Mr. Joseph Reda, Co-Chairperson

Mr. Reda stated that the Skate Key is becoming a time bomb. The situation needs special attention. There was discussion on the seriousness of the problem that the Skate Key presents to the community.

Mr. Reda stated that the next Police Council meeting is February 4th at the 49th Precinct.

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

Capital Budget Priorities for F.Y. '87 was distributed to the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Frank Muccioli, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Petri and carried, it was

VOTED: THAT Community Planning Board #11 recognizes the request of the committee of Budget Priorities to allow the executive committee to set the priorities and present them to the Board.

VII. <u>Old Business</u>

Mrs. Petri asked to be brought up to date on the complaint of the entrance to the Bronx Zoo.

Mrs. Susan Nolan advised that the garbage is being picked up.

Mr. Henry Yuspeh requested again the removal of the ice box on the corner of Lydig Avenue & White Plains Road.

Mr. Norman Engel requested again the removal of the newsstand at White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway, North side.

Mrs. Susan Nolan reported that before the newsstand can be removed, the electrical service had to be cut. Once its cut, the Dept. of Sanitation will remove the newsstand.

District Manager reported on the triangle on Boston Post Road and Allerton Avenue. He stated that the review committee of the release center met on the above and referred it to Mr. Michael Dirzulaitis, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Real Property, who will be setting up a meeting with the former owner.

On a motion by Mr. Joseph Reda, seconded and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Petri, Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 1986

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EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Hilda Yuspeh - for Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

John J. DeGaetano - for Senator Abraham Bernstein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS AND GUESTS

John Lavin - Bronx Office of City Planning
James Cerosoli - Borough President Simon's Office
P.O. William Micelli - 49th Police Precinct, Community Affairs
Thomas Brown - District Manager of Community Board #11
Susan Nolan - Secretary, Community Board #11
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Board #11
Melvin Hirsch

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses denote absences since September 19, 1985