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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 1986 IN THE

CAFETERIA OF ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL AT 830 MACE AVENUE

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Lee Mager, Chairman.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio - Seconded by Frank Muccioli -
That the Gallery Session be waived. It was passed unanimously.

*What follows is a synopsis of approximately a two-hour session with the Police. Although the meeting was orderly, it was difficult for the Secretary to identify speakers at all points, especially as there were many people both from the Police Department and general audience who do not regularly come to Board meetings and therefore are unfamiliar. Apologies are made beforehand to anyone who does not see his/her name in the following synopsis. However, the synopsis is meant to highlight the salient points and responses.

Lee Mager introduced City Councilman Jerry Crispino, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the City Council, who would be moderating this meeting.

There were Police in attendance from the 43rd, 47th and 49th Precincts.

Tonight's discussion was to be on the need for additional police coverage in the Forty-ninth Precinct. Present were Chief Robert Colangelo, Chief DeForrest Taylor, Inspector William Maughan, Inspector James McKenna, Captain Bernard DiGregorio, Captain Edgar Roggie, Captain Austin Mulryan, among others.

Chief Colangelo spoke about negotiations with the Policemen's Benevolent Association regarding Commissioner Ward's announced measures for rotation of police from precinct to precinct. The P.B.A. has objected to this. He said that new police are hired in January and in July, upon completion of academy courses. He spoke about the crack epidemic and stated that there is a lack of education.

Chief Taylor spoke about the guard situation at Jacobi Hospital which Dom Castore brought up. Since Jacobi Hospital is located in the 49th Precinct, the first three prisoners brought to the hospital are to be guarded by the 49th Precinct. Thereafter, they are to be guarded by officers of the precinct in which the apprehension took place.

Chief Colangelo spoke about the Community Patrol Officer Program (C.P.O.P.), when questioned as to why the officers assigned to the program are not replaced.

Ray Locascio noted that the 49th Precinct was supposed to have 150 police officers, and presently has only 118. The Police representatives did not respond to that figure directly but explained briefly the Rand Corporation formula.

Eli Goldsmith asked what determines the amount of manpower for each precinct. It was explained that the Rand Corporation has developed an allocation formula based on radio calls and reported crimes. This formula is applied against the budget available for police to arrive at a fair share allocation. However, there are extenuating circumstances and the Rand Corporation formula is used as a guideline which may be put aside if conditions warrant.

Bob Black stated that since the 49th Precinct opened there is less coverage in the district than when the district was covered by the 43rd and 47th Precincts.

Charles Re read a statement from the 49th Precinct Community Council.

Frank Muccioli also spoke about the lack of police, and asked for a specific commitment of officers.

Discussion took place on the fact that even with two hirings a year, taking into consideration promotions and retirements, not enough police are hired. Councilman DeMarco said that during the budget development process for Fiscal Year 1987 he had asked Commissioner Ward several times if he needed more officers, and was told that additional police were not necessary.

Following the discussion on police coverage, the regular business meeting of the Board began.

Lee Mager stated that due to the hour (10:26 P.M.) he was exercising executive privilege and postponing the vote on the Minutes until the December meeting.

I. Chairman's Report

Lee Mager reported that the Executive Committee had recommended that the position of Assistant District Manager be offered to the only candidate they deemed qualified for the position, Linda Loeb. He stated that Linda Loeb had declined the position, and that the Board will be re-advertising it.

Mr. Mager stated that the District Manager's report and the Treasurer's report would be postponed until the December meeting.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Dom Castore - That Community Board #11 postpone the items on the November Agenda, except for those items needing a decision tonight.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Black expressed dissatisfaction over the manner in which the session with the Police was conducted. He suggested greater structure and planning by the Board for any similar sessions in the future.

II. Borough President's Report

Annette Marchitello submitted her report to the Secretary. This report is attached.

III. Committee Reports

A. Land Use

1. Reconsideration of Community Board's position on City-owned parcel at Boston Road and Allerton Avenue (a.k.a. 2700 Boston Road)

Lee Mager stated that Senator Abraham Bernstein was here tonight in his capacity as attorney representing a client who is requesting that the Board reconsider its position on this City-owned parcel which was taken In Rem. He said that the Land Use Committee had no report, as it had not been asked to make one.

Mr. Mager stated that the Board was giving Mr. Bernstein and his client an opportunity to appear before the Board to discuss this parcel. Mr. Mager stated he had to take issue with a statement made in Mr. Bernstein's client's letter that the City or perhaps the Board had not followed all of the rules in regard to the way this parcel was taken In Rem. Mr. Mager said that as far as he could see, and as had been reported to him by the District Manager, all the steps taken by the Board were properly taken.

Mr. Bernstein thanked Mr. Mager for extending him the courtesy of appearing before the Board. Mr. Bernstein stated that he was here tonight representing a client he has represented for 30 years. He said that he was here to get the Board to reconsider its original position on the application of the owner to reacquire the property. Mr. Bernstein explained that through a lack of communication, misunderstandings, and not knowing what was going on by a number of people including a City agency, this property was taken In-Rem. He gave the background of the parcel and explained that when it was purchased by his client Anastasios Manassis it was a level piece of ground with nothing on it. He stated that his client paid \$40,000 for the property, \$20,000 in cash, several thousand in closing fees and \$20,000 in mortgages. Mr. Bernstein stated that over the years this mortgage has been reduced to \$9,000 - \$10,000. Mr. Bernstein stated that 2 years ago his client had received a bill for water charges. He had called the Tax Dept. and explained that there was no water just a level piece of ground. He stated that the Tax Dept. told him to forget it.

A great deal more of discussion took place on this property. Some Board members suggested that it should have been inspected by the owner.

Mr. Bernstein stated that his client had bills to prove that he had paid to have the lot kept clean over the years. He discussed the fact that the lot was fenced. He stated that when his client finally inspected the lot, it was found that there was an open water pipe buried under the debris. He stated that his client paid a plumber to close the water pipe after it was taken In-Rem.

Questions were asked of Mr. Bernstein by Frank Muccioli and others as to the feasibility of his client's plans to build and operate a restaurant there.

Mr. Pat Farenga, President of the Allerton Avenue Merchants Association, spoke about the condition of the lot and passed pictures of it to the Board members. He stated that rats were seen there.

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer, Seconded by Leslie McHenry - That Community Board #11 recommend to the Department of General Services that the property be returned to its original owner, and that upon taking title the property be cleaned up.

Amended by Emil Eisdorfer, that it be fenced up immediately upon title being received. Amendment retracted after it was clarified that the parcel is currently fenced.

A great deal of discussion took place about this site before a vote was taken.

Mr. Bernstein stated that as soon as his client sells one of his other properties, he is going to start construction of a restaurant on this site.

The vote was: For - 14, Against - 1, Abstentions - 1 - Fred Pocci, who could not vote due to his position with the Division of Real Property.

Motion carried.

B. Youth/Youth Services

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Raymond Locascio - That Community Planning Board #11 delegate to the Executive Committee the responsibility of approving the recommendations to the Youth Bureau for the F.Y. 1988 Y.D.D.P. and A.S.P. funding, based on the recommendations of the Youth Services Planning Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein (173)

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 1986

PRESENT

Robert Black	(1)	William Liblick	(1)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Raymond Locascio	(0)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Lee Mager	(2)
Nicholas Cremonese	(3)	Leslie McHenry	(1)
Arnold Eisen	(2)	Frank Muccioli	(3)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(0)	Ernest Odierna	(1)
Norman Engel	(1)	Fredric Pocci	(3)
Stella Fernandez	(1)	Michael Prisco	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Anthony Rizzo	(0)
Eli Goldsmith	(0)	Vincent Zarcone	(2)

ABSENT

Renee Biller	(4)	Celia Lewis	(4)
Ruth Burko	(2)	Steve Lovitch	(4)
Anthony DelGaudio	(2)	Joseph Milone	(2)
Gloria DiGianni	(4)	Jay Ira Nadler	(3)
Michael Fanelli	(3)	Abraham Pereira	(3)
Anthony Funigiello	(3)	Brenda Petrie	(2)
Irene Gertel	(3)	Joseph Reda	(2)
Lewis Goldstein	(3)	William Ricevuto	(3)
Rabbi I. Greenberg	(4)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
Lillian Holtzman	(4)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)
Abraham Kleinman	(4)	Alfred Tartaglia	(4)
Charles Lefkowitz	(4)	Steve Zarkin	(3)
Murray Lewinter	(4)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Gerald V. Esposito - Democratic District Leader
Rosanna Greco - Representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel
Frank Garofolo - Representing Senator Guy Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AGENCY OFFICIALS AND GUESTS

Thomas J. Brown - Community Board #11 District Manager
Linda Loeb - Community Board #11 Youth Coordinator
Harriet Lasky - Community Board #11 Secretary
Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office
Angela Fowler - Mayor's Office, C.A.U.
Mel Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board 11/12

NOTE: Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences since September 18th meeting including Public Hearing of September 29th.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CB# 11

1. (#161) The Board of Estimate approved on October 23, 1986 an agreement between the Dept. of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services and Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center for the provision of mental health, mental retardation, and alcoholism services from July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987.

2. (#177) The Board of Estimate approved on October 23, 1986 a contract between the New York City Youth Bureau and Parents Association of I.S.144, Inc. for the term of November 1, 1986 through April 30, 1987 for the provision of reading and math tutoring and drama activities.