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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION & CULTURE

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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 1987 IN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Dr. A. Benedict - Society for Psych. Study of Social Issues

Dr. Benedict stated that she was here tonight to do a follow-up on a study that was done in 1984-85. She stated that questionnaires on attitudes toward the homeless were being given out. She stated that the Society wants to know how the community feels about the homeless. Dr. Benedict stated that the questionnaires could be given to Mr. Brown, and she would get them from him.

II. Minutes

As the January meeting had been cancelled there were no Minutes from January.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio, Seconded by Dominic Castore and passed unanimously that the December Minutes be accepted as received.

III. Chairman's Report - Mr. Lee Mager

A. Introduction of new Board Members

Lee Mager introduced the two new Board members, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs and Thomas Lucania. Chairman Mager introduced the new representative from City Planning, Manny Lagares.

B. Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

Lee reported that the Executive Committee has decided that in the future all licenses for alcoholic beverages will be placed before the Community Board during the months in which it is in session. He stated that due to the cancellation of the January 22nd meeting, the Executive Committee had to make recommendations on those licenses that were to have come before the Board at that meeting. (See attached Chairman's Report)

Lee stated that there were several alcoholic beverage licenses needing action tonight.

1. 817 Restaurant Corp. (Gino's) 817 Allerton Avenue

Tom Brown stated that there were no problems reported by the police.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, seconded by Raymond Locascio and Bill Liblick - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

2. Bill & Ray's Restaurant & Bar Inc. - 2123 White Plains Road

Tom stated that he had spoken to several Board members and the police and that there were no problems.

A Motion was made by Raymond Locascio, seconded by Anthony Rizzo - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

3. Alex Dier's Liquor Store - 736 Lydig Avenue

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, seconded by Bill Liblick - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

4. Pelham Mall Deli - 2144 White Plains Road

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, seconded by Bill Liblick - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

5. Lena & Daniel Vecchiola - 1634 Eastchester Road

Tom stated that no problems have been reported.

A Motion was made by Dominic Castore, seconded by Anthony Rizzo - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

6. P. M. & J. Restaurant Corp. (Jack's) - 76 Westchester Square

A Motion was made by Anthony Rizzo, seconded by Dominic Castore - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

7. The Astor Restaurant - 2300 Eastchester Road

A Motion was made by Anthony Rizzo, seconded by Fred Pocci - That this license be recommended for approval. It was carried unanimously.

C. Newsstands

Lee reported that the Executive Committee had recommended denial of two newsstands. (See attached Chairman's Report)

Leslie McHenry reported that the newsstand at Allerton Avenue and White Plains Road has been operating. Lee instructed Tom to look into this newsstand.

D. HWXP077 - Reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North Service Road. (See attached Chairman's Report)

E. Assistant District Manager

Lee reported that Tom Brown and Dom Castore had interviewed 9 candidates for this position on Thursday, February 12th. He stated that on Tuesday, February 17th the Officers had interviewed 3 of those 9.

He stated that the Officers recommended that the Board hire Thomas Lucania. Lee stated that prior to becoming a Board member, Tom Lucania had submitted his resume for the position of Assistant District Manager. He stated that if Tom Lucania is hired, he would resign from the Board. Emil asked Tom Lucania to give his background and experience. Tom Lucania spoke.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board #11 hire Tom Lucania as the Assistant District Manager. It was carried unanimously.

Lee announced that the Borough President, in conjunction with the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, is sponsoring orientation for all new and old Board members. He stated that the sessions would be on Monday, February 23th and Tuesday, February 24th from 6-9 P.M. in the Rotunda of the Bronx County Building. Those desiring to attend please use the Walton Avenue entrance. Call Verallynn Hamilton at 590-3561.

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

Tom stated that everyone should have received the December District Service Cabinet Minutes. He stated that the January Minutes had just been mailed out.

Tom reported that he had attended 2 meetings having to do with the commercial revitalization of Morris Park commercial strip and one also dealt with the commercial revitalization of Allerton Avenue. Tom stated that at the meeting dealing with both Allerton Avenue and Morris Park he learned that they should be starting the sidewalk improvement along both strips in the spring.

Tom stated that he had spoken with both merchants associations and N.I.D.C. to make sure that there would not be any major inconveniences.

Tom reported that at a second meeting, the Morris Park Businessmen's Association made a presentation to the Office of Economic Development for a commercial revitalization project which would use Community Development Program funds.

Tom reported on the newsstand on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue. He stated that another inspection was made, and that it indicated that the newsstand was oversized. He stated that he was awaiting the inspector's report.

V. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Raymond Locascio

(See attached Treasurer's Report)

Discussion took place on the purchase of a new mimeo machine that the Executive Committee had approved. It was also stated that there is not enough space in our present office to accommodate the staff.

Tom reported that the Board has requested additional space on the same floor, and is awaiting word from the hospital.

VI. Borough President's Report - Mrs. Annette Marchitello

Annette Marchitello reported that:

The Board of Estimate on February 5, 1987 approved a contract between the New York City Department for the Aging and Associated Food Systems of New York, Inc. for the period of 2/1/87 through 3/31/87 in the amount not to exceed \$140,500.00 for the provision of emergency meals for the nutritionally at risk homebound elderly of New York City.

The Board of Estimate on February 5, 1987 approved an amendment to an existing contract between the Coordinator of Criminal Justice and the Research Foundation of Mental Hygiene, Inc. in the amount of \$147,124.00 in federal funds, beginning 12/1/86 through 11/30/87 for the continuation of services to male adolescent sex offenders ages 13-18 who have been charged, adjudicated or convicted of a sex crime. The program will evaluate 75 additional juvenile sexual offenders who meet the above qualifications and will complete treatment for at least 40 of these youths. It will also ensure a success rate of 90% for those youth who successfully complete the program, and will ensure less than 10% of these youth will be rearrested. The program will provide clinical assessments, 26 weekly group therapy sessions and follow-up evaluations to program participants. Standardized reports will be provided to City and State agencies as stipulated in the Amendment.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services

Bill Liblick stated that the Board had invited staff at Jacobi Hospital to explain the proposed A.I.D.S. Day Center and answer questions. He stated that there was nothing to vote on. Bill introduced Jean Richardson, Director of Public Relations.

Ms. Richardson introduced the following: Harold Levine, Acting Executive Director; S.J. Avery, Associate Executive Director; Marge Fenn, a nurse in the A.I.D.S. program and Peter Nyquist, a physician's assistant.

Ms. Avery reported that the hospital administration has been meeting with community groups for the purpose of serving as a resource to the community on A.I.D.S. A fact sheet was distributed (see attached).

Ms. Avery stated that presently A.I.D.S. patients are being treated in many different clinics of the hospital. She stated that what B.M.H.C. proposes to do is to have one location where all facilities for the A.I.D.S. patients will be located in one area. She stated that this was thought about before additional monies became available. Ms. Avery stated that currently B.M.H.C. is treating 78 A.I.D.S. patients, and that Van Etten can accommodate 100 patients.

Ms. Fenn spoke. She stated that she is married and has four children, and that if she thought that A.I.D.S. was easily transmitted, she would never have taken the position.

A great deal of discussion took place and many questions were asked.

B. Land Use

1. Intro 667 - Proposed Charter Amendment regarding transmittal of documents related to zoning applications and amendments.

Lee Mager stated that information on this had been previously distributed.

A Motion was made by Bob Black, seconded by Leslie McHenry - That Community Board #11 approve this bill.

Passed unanimously.

C. Youth

Ray Locascio reported that the Board has received an application for the 1987

Grantmakers Summer Program. He stated that due to time limitations he was requesting the Board's permission for the Youth Committee to make all decisions on this.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, seconded by Fred Pocci - That Community Board #11 authorize the Youth Committee to make any decisions with regard to the proposal submission process of the Grantmakers application.

Motion approved.

D. Membership

Frank Muccioli stated that this Committee is composed of Dom Castore, Ray Locascio, Tony Rizzo and himself. He stated that they were empowered to look into the attendance of those Board members who had poor attendance. Frank Muccioli stated that those Board members were: Murray Lewinter, Charles Lefkowitz and Al Tartaglia.

Frank Muccioli stated that letters were sent to these three members asking the reasons for their poor attendance. He stated that Lee Mager had received a letter from Murray Lewinter stating that he was resigning from the Board. Frank stated that there has been no response from Al Tartaglia or Charles Lefkowitz. He said that Al Tartaglia was here tonight, and he had spoken with him. He stated that Al Tartaglia said he would be sending a letter explaining why his attendance had been poor.

Frank stated he was setting up a meeting of his Committee on Wednesday, February 25th, at 7:45 P.M. in the Pelham Bay Diner, to consider the removal of Al Tartaglia and Charles Lefkowitz. He stated that at the time if a letter is received from Al Tartaglia, it would be taken under advisement. He said that after the meeting, to which these Board members will be invited, he would place on the Agenda a report from the Committee.

Lee Mager reported that letters had been sent to several Board members about their poor attendance, and that a number have resigned -- Lillian Holtzman, Rabbi Greenberg, Steve Zarkin. Several others have asked not to be reappointed -- Gloria DiGianni, Arnold Eisen, Renee Biller and Irene Gertel.

E. Community Development and Budget Priorities

A Motion was made by Bob Black, seconded by Tony DelGaudio - That the Board empower the Community Development and Budget Priorities Committee to make the recommendations as it relates to the F.Y. 1988 budget.

Motion carried.

F. Parks

John Cifichiello stated that the topic of the bridle path has been brought before the Board before, and that the Board had previously asked for its removal. He asked that it be discussed again.

A Motion was made by John Cifichiello, seconded by Leslie McHenry - That the community be invited to discuss the bridle path at its next meeting.

Motion carried.

G. Police

Joe Reda reported that the 49th Precinct has 10 new men, but they have lost 10 who became Sergeants, and 8 men to special detail. He stated they are now down 8 men.

Joe reported that the next Precinct Council meeting would be held on March 3rd at 8:00 P.M. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. He stated that the speaker would be Efrain Alvarado, Chief of Narcotics.

VIII. Old Business

Bob Black reminded the Board members to think about the budget.

Emil Eisdorfer asked about the newsstand on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue. He stated that there were grounds for an investigation.

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer, seconded by Ray Locascio - That Community Board #11 hereby request the Department of Investigation to investigate the actions of the Departments of Transportation and Consumer Affairs in granting an approval of newsstand #810599 located on the northwest corner of White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue, and the Board shall authorize Tom Brown to, at his discretion, forward all the necessary documents which would aid in said investigation.

Passed unanimously.

Joe Reda asked about the study on Seminole Avenue. Tom Brown said there was nothing new on it. He stated that a cut-through on Pelham Parkway between Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue will not be recommended.

Discussion took place on the Bronx #5 bus stop at Esplanade and Pelham Parkway. Tom reported that this bus runs from Simpson Street to Pelham Bay, and thereafter has an identical route to the #12 bus along Pelham Parkway to Esplanade at the #5 train. Tom said the official stop of the bus is at the triangle. He stated that there is no sign (but there might have been once). Tom stated the police will not ticket parked cars there as there is no sign. He asked for direction. He stated that the Board could request that the signs be replaced, which would result in a loss of parking spots, or the bus stop could be moved.

A Motion was made by Frank Muccioli, seconded by Ray Locascio - That Community Board #11 ask that the last stop of the #5 bus be moved.

Motion carried.

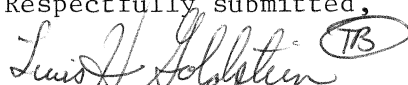
Bob Black asked about parking for teachers around the schools. He recommended that teachers be allowed to park along the school as long as they display stickers and obey alternate side parking regulations at all times.

Tom Brown stated that he had raised this issue at the Cabinet, and that Traffic had responded that a certain number of feet around a school is needed for safety of buses. He stated that the main offices of Traffic and the Board of Education have worked out the parking regulations around each school, and that changes would have to be made through the main offices rather than locally. Tom said that perhaps through changes in alternate side parking, some of the parking problems around the schools might be relieved.

Annette Marchitello reported that the Department of Traffic is routinely turning down all requests for parking for teachers around the schools throughout the city.

Rabbi Fuchs asked about parked cars at Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue. Tom said he has asked Traffic to install the appropriate signage all the way to Stillwell Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Goldstein, Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1987

PRESENT

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| Robert Black | (2) | Lee Mager | (2) |
| Ruth Burko | (3) | Leslie McHenry | (2) |
| Dominic Castore | (1) | Joseph Milone | (2) |
| John Cifichiello | (0) | Frank Muccioli | (4) |
| Nicholas Cremonese | (4) | Ernest Odierna | (1) |
| Anthony DelGaudio | (3) | Brenda Petri | (2) |
| Emile Eisdorfer | (0) | Fredric Pocci | (1) |
| Michael Fanelli | (4) | Joseph Reda | (3) |
| Rabbi Moshe Fuchs | (0) | William Ricevuto | (4) |
| Lewis Goldstein | (2) | Blanche Rifkin | (2) |
| Abraham Kleinman | (5) | Anthony Rizzo | (1) |
| William Liblick | (2) | Madeline Saltaformaggio | (2) |
| Raymond Locascio | (0) | Alfred Tartaglia | (5) |
| Steve Lovitch | (4) | Vincent Zarcone | (3) |
| Thomas Lucania | (0) | | |

ABSENT

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| Norman Engel | (2) | Charles Lefkowitz | (6) |
| Stella Fernandez | (2) | Jay Nadler | (5) |
| Kenneth Gelnick | (1) | Abraham Pereira | (5) |
| Eli Goldsmith | (2) | Michael Prisco | (3) |

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - for Councilman Michael DeMarco

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Brown - District Manager, Community Planning Board #11
Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Planning Board #11
Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Planning Board #11
Annette Marchitello - Borough President Simon's Office
Manuel Lagares - Bronx Office of City Planning

GUESTS

Mel Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board 11/12
Harold Levine - B.M.H.C. Acting Executive Director
S.J. Avery - B.M.H.C. Associate Executive Director
Peter Nyquist - B.M.H.C. Physician's Assistant
Marge Fenn - B.M.H.C. Nurse

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