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PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS
PUBLIC SAFETY
SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 1987 AT
COMMUNITY CENTER OF ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

The meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M. by Lee Mager, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mel Hirsch

Mr. Hirsch stated that in the minutes of the April meeting, (bottom of Page 1 to top of Page 2), the street location should read Southern Boulevard and Boston Road.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, seconded by Mike Prisco - That the minutes be accepted as amended.

Passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report

Lee Mager announced that a Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Koch and his staff will take place in our district on Wednesday, June 24th. Place and time will be set shortly, and all Board members will be notified.

IV. Treasurer's Report

It was noted that the Treasurer's report was attached to the April minutes.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette Marchitello reported that an A.I.D.S Education Forum was being held this evening, sponsored by the Borough President. Also, she announced that an A.I.D.S. Hotline has been set up (665-4906) to deal with educational and training programs.

VI. District Manager's Report

Tom Brown reported that the April Cabinet minutes had gone out in the mail. He also noted that his testimony at the joint City Council/ Board of Estimate Budget Hearings was attached to the April Board minutes.

Tom Brown stated that he attended a meeting at the Bronx Developmental Center concerning the anticipated closing of the center. Tom stated that a full report will be given during the Health and Social Services Committee report.

Tom also announced that the Mayoral Number to transfer money to Other Than Personal Services (O.T.P.S.) had been approved. This is the money that will be used to purchase the new mimeo machine and scanner. Tom stated that Councilman DeMarco should be thanked for his efforts on our behalf.

Eli Goldsmith asked about the status of the safety zone near Hooper's on Boston Road and Olinville Avenue. Tom stated that he had received an informal commitment from the Department of Traffic to install "No Parking" signs in the safety zone. Tom stated that the owners of Hooper's have been cooperative. Tom mentioned that the safety zone parkers may also include White Plains Road shoppers and residents of the area. Tom has asked the Police Department not to start ticketing until the signs have been put up and until after the management of Hooper's has been given the opportunity to advise patrons and employees that they are liable for summonses if they park in that zone.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Nominations

Steve Lovitch read the proposed slate:

Chairman	-	Dominic Castore
First Vice Chairman	-	Lee Mager
Second Vice Chairman	-	Tony Rizzo
Secretary	-	Lew Goldstein
Treasurer	-	Raymond Locascio

Robert Black advised the Board in writing that he declined the nomination for Second Vice Chairman. Also, Mike Prisco declined the nomination for the same position.

Bill Liblick stated that he received a Code of Ethics to sign from the Borough President's office. He suggested that the Board write a letter to the Borough President to find out if he had any problems with a Community Board electing to its Executive Board a member who is an elected party official.

Lee Mager emphasized that Community Boards are independent agencies, and he does not want to subject the Board and its members to unnecessary scrutiny from the Corporation Counsel or Borough President. If there are grounds for a member's dismissal, it is up to the appropriate agencies to notify us. Lee stressed that he will not give up the Board's independence to any other city agency.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, seconded by Ray Locascio - That nominations for the position of Chairman be closed.

Passed.

A Motion was made by Bill Liblick, seconded by Ray Locascio - That nominations for the position of First Vice Chairman be closed.

Passed.

Abe Pereira nominated Emil Eisdorfer for Second Vice Chairman, seconded by Dom Castore. Mr. Eisdorfer accepted.

A Motion was made by Abe Pereira, seconded by Dominic Castore - That nominations for the position of Second Vice Chairman be closed.

Passed.

A Motion was made by Bill Liblick, seconded by Ray Locascio - That nominations for the position of Secretary be closed.

Passed.

A Motion was made by Dom Castore, seconded by Abe Pereira - That nominations for the position of Treasurer be closed.

Passed.

Lee Mager stated that the election for Second Vice Chairman will take place at the June meeting.

B. Economic Development

The following notifications for renewal of licenses to sell beer for off-premises consumption were received:

- a. Whipil Food Corporation, d.b.a. C-Town at 2244 White Plains Road
- b. P&J Deli at 997 Morris Park Avenue
- c. Super Kay Market, Inc. at 1196 Morris Park Avenue
- d. Pelham Foods Emporium at 2102 Eastchester Road
- e. Rosa Frasca Grocery at 1028 Morris Park Avenue
- f. Lee's Corner Grocery at 1895 White Plains Road
- g. Rosario's Deli at 1450 Allerton Avenue
- h. Staino's Grocery and Deli at 1703 Taylor Avenue
- i. F.J.J.D. Corporation, d.b.a. C-Town at 2504 Eastchester Rd.
- j. G.'s Deli at 2515 Boston Road
- k. Ann Claires' Salumeria, Inc. at 1130 Morris Park Avenue
- l. Valatine Grocery at 1418 E. Gun Hill Road
- m. Gran Cafe at 1050 Morris Park Avenue

The Police report that there are no reports of complaints against any of the applicants.

A Motion was made by Abe Pereira, seconded by Bill Liblick - That the Board handle the applications with one vote.

Passed.

A Motion was made by Steve Lovitch, seconded by Dom Castore and Madeline Saltaformaggio - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend renewal of all the applications as listed.

Passed with 1 abstention.

Street Activity Permit

Hering Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on July 4th - rain date July 5th.

Tom Brown reported that there have been no problems with this street closing in the past.

A Motion was made by Joe Reda, seconded by Eli Goldsmith - That the Board recommend that the street closing permit be granted.

Passed.

C. Land Use

1. Variance Application No. 327-87-BZ.

Application to establish variance (825-28-BZ) to permit the operation of a gasoline service station at 1982 Bronxdale Avenue (Getty) in a R3-2 zoning district.

The Executive Board recommended that a Public Hearing be waived. The Committee also voted that no recommendation be made.

A Motion was made by Dom Castore, seconded by Bill Liblick - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend that Variance Application 327-87 BZ be approved without a Public Hearing.

Passed.

2. S-4695 (A-5469) S-4696 (A-5470)

Legislation introduced by Senator Guy Velella and Assemblyman Nadler.

A Motion was made by Dom Castore, seconded by Joe Reda - That Community Board #11 support S-4695 (A-5469) and S-4696 (A-5470).

Tony Rizzo stated that he asked Senator Velella to include the Board of Standards and Appeals in the bill.

However, as of yet, the Board has not received an amendment to the bill.

Tom Brown stated that some of the stiffest battles have been played out with the BSA and not the City Planning Commission or Board of Estimate. Tom suggested sending a letter to the appropriate City Council committee endorsing the concept and requesting that the Home Rule message include the BSA. Tom also stated that presently the bill only deals with the actions with a negative vote. However, there are situations where a community board votes in the affirmative, but the Board of Estimate, City Planning Commission or BSA denies an application. These should also require a 3/4 vote.

John Cifichiello asked what the feelings were amongst the other 58 Community Boards. Tom stated that for the bill to have come this far, there probably is support amongst the boards.

Lee Mager amended the motion to include "to urge the addition of the BSA and include a 3/4 overrule or positive votes".

Motion passed.

D. Youth/Youth Services - Report attached

A Motion was made by Ray Locascio, seconded by Dom Castore - That

Community Planning Board #11 approve the hiring of the following individuals as crew chiefs:

1. Eileen Callwood
2. Helen DeLuise
3. Jonathan Friedman
4. Mary Loper
5. Christopher Quaranta
6. Antoinette Rocchio

and that Camille Molinari be hired at Office Aide for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Passed.

Linda Loeb reported that the reception for the Directory of Youth Services was held on May 14th at the New York Eye Center.

Linda also reported that Youth Day was held yesterday. This was an effort by the Bronx Youth Coordinators which was very successful. Finally, Linda reported that the Grantmakers application was approved in the amount of \$5,000.

Dom Castore mentioned that he was at the Youth Day event and was impressed with the amount of youths that attended and with the services/events that were provided. He also stated that he hoped that the Board would get more involved next year.

Ray Locascio commended Linda on the fine work she did on Bronx Youth Day.

Blanche Rifkin also complimented Linda on the work she did on both the directory and the reception.

E. Health and Social Services

Blanche Rifkin announced the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center received an award for its Volunteer Rape Companion Program.

Concerning the proposed A.I.D.S. Day Hospital, Blanche reported that no money from the Kroc Foundation grant has been received by either the Health and Hospital Corporation or the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. The Advisory Board was made aware of the opposition of the community to expanding the A.I.D.S. program.

The Advisory Board has recommended to the Health and Hospitals Corporation that Frank Maddalena be hired as the new Director of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

Frank Muccioli wanted to know if the A.I.D.S. program is a consolidation or an expansion. Blanche stated that it is basically a consolidation of existing programs at B.M.H.C.

Lee Mager suggested inviting Mr. Maddalena to our June Board meeting.

Dom Castore stated that they are consolidating and expanding the program. Presently there are approximately 58 patients; after the consolidation there will be room for 100 patients. He also stated that in today's paper there were reports of A.I.D.S. being contracted through contact with blood.

Joe Reda stated that at the meeting at P.S. 83, Senator Velella stated that there was a fear in the community on how A.I.D.S. is transmitted, since there is so much that

is not known about the disease. He continued by saying that this fear has been made worse by the news in today's paper.

Ray Locascio reported that at the last Chester Civic Association meeting he attended, Comptroller Harrison Goldin stated that all New York City hospitals have A.I.D.S. patients, and that there are 500,000 A.I.D.S. patients in New York.

Bill Liblick stated that all hospitals must treat all patients with or without A.I.D.S.

Tom Brown announced that on May 28th the Health and Hospitals Corporation will hold a public hearing on a proposed Second Community Residence for Autistic People. He will testify, endorsing the proposal, on behalf of the Board.

Tom also reported on the meeting he attended on the future of the Bronx Developmental Center. A series of committees have been formed to deal with the proposed shut-down. The sleeping quarters of the Center will definitely be phased out. However, there are no firm decisions on the supplemental services that the Center provides to developmentally disabled who live in the community. Tom stated that while many will be sent to upstate facilities, he believes there may be another push to establish additional community residences within Community District #11. There will be additional meetings that will continue to address this situation.

F. Traffic

1. Meters on Poplar Street

Tom Brown stated that he had looked at the site where the diner was proposing to put in meters. Presently, the street is unpaved and has no sidewalks. In order for meters to be placed on this street, a capital project to build the sidewalks would be needed. The cars are presently parking on what would be the sidewalk. Fred Pocci suggested that the diner lease the street from the City. At this point, there is no reason to further pursue this, unless the Board wants to put a project in the capital budget next year.

2. Sheridan Expressway

Annette Marchitello reported to the Board office that construction contracts will be let in October 1987 and be completed by July 1988.

Joe Reda asked what can be done about the traffic jams on Eastchester Road between Pelham Parkway South and Morris Park Avenue, and on Williamsbridge Road, during rush hours. He suggested building an entrance onto Pelham Parkway from Stillwell Avenue. Tom Brown stated that this would be a long-term solution that would take years to put into motion as a capital project, although it could possibly be included in the Pelham Parkway Rehabilitation Project. However, the Parks Department would have to give up land which it is not known to do easily.

It was also suggested that tougher parking restrictions along Eastchester Road from Pelham Parkway South to Morris Park Avenue be put into place.

Tom Brown stated that the problem on Williamsbridge Road was double-parked cars. Traffic Enforcement will not be assigned to direct traffic unless there is construction occurring.

A Motion was made by Ernest Odierna, seconded by Dom Castore - That the Board hold a public meeting at its June meeting to discuss traffic conditions on these streets. The Board will invite all the businesses on Eastchester Road between Pelham Parkway South and Morris Park Avenue, and those on Williamsbridge Road between Pelham Parkway South and Morris Park Avenue.

Passed.

G. Public Safety

Joe Reda stated that the traffic congestion around the Parking Violations Bureau on Williamsbridge Road is terrible. Double and triple parking in the area is very dangerous.

Joe also announced that at the June 2nd meeting of the 49th Precinct Community Council a presentation on "Crimes Against Senior Citizens" will be made by Detective Silverman.

VIII. Old Business

Tom Brown announced that planning for Fiscal Year 1989 has begun. We are presently scheduling district level consultations with agencies.

Father Piccinni has applied again for Section 202 Housing for elderly and handicapped on the P.S. 34 site. Tom stated that the Board has approved three uses for this site: 202 Housing, private homes, and library/community center.

1. Newsstand on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue

The Department of Consumer Affairs cited the owner with violations and fined him \$100 for each violation. The first count was for the oversize; second was for dirt. He has 10 days to correct the size. Tom also mentioned that since the newsstand has not been open for over 60 days, he has asked the Department of Consumer Affairs to conduct another inspection to declare the stand abandoned. Finally, the request to the Department of Investigation to look into the handling of this case by the Department of Consumer Affairs is still pending.

2. Maestro's

The information that was requested by the Board of Standards and Appeals was sent to the Board office on the day of the hearing. The Board sent a mailgram to the B.S.A. asking it to delay a decision until the Board had a chance to review the information.

One of the points made by the B.S.A. is that there was no quorum present at the Community Board meeting at which the vote was taken. Therefore, the Board's decision is being considered unofficial by the B.S.A. Also, the B.S.A. is seriously concerned with parking. Maestro's has submitted an affidavit stating that it has its own parking lot across the street, and also has permission to use the lot of Triboro Restaurant Supplies.

Tom stated that upon further investigation he has found that Triboro is using that lot illegally. It presently does not have a certificate of occupancy to use that site as a parking lot. Tom further stated that if the Community Board and B.S.A. go on record in favor of granting a variance to Maestro's under the assumption that this lot will be used, such an act will condone a non-conforming use.

Ray Locascio stated that the variance application that came before the Board was to put a roof over an open parcel, not an increase in capacity. Tom stated that holding Maestro's to its commitment on capacity is unenforceable. When B.S.A. grants a variance, the Buildings Department will issue a Certificate of Occupancy for any use allowable under the terms of the Variance. Dom Castore stated that parking will not be affected because Maestro's is only asking to put a roof over an open space and not to increase capacity.

A Motion was made by Ray Locascio, seconded by Dom Castore - That Community Planning Board #11 recommend to the Board of Standards and Appeals that Variance Application No. 825-86BZ be granted.

Lee Mager stated that the applicant can apply for a special zoning permit that will not change the zoning.

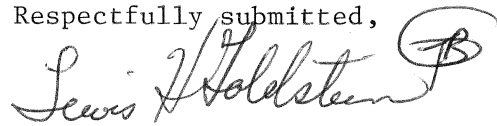
Approved unanimously.

Ernie Odierna stated that the Bronxdale Pool site needs to be checked again for violations. This is a privately owned lot which the city cannot do anything to improve. Tom will ask that the building be re-inspected.

Tony Rizzo stated that he owed the Board an explanation. At the last meeting he stated that he had become an officer in another organization and that it would interfere with his capacity to serve as an officer with Community Planning Board #11. He has since found out that this will not be the case. This is the reason he has decided to run for Second Vice Chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Goldstein". To the right of the signature is a circular stamp containing the letter "B".

Lewis Goldstein,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MAY 21, 1987

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(3)	Lee Mager	(2)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Leslie McHenry	(4)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Joseph Milone	(3)
Nicholas Cremonese	(4)	Frank Muccioli	(5)
Anthony DelGaudio	(3)	Ernest Odierna	(1)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(0)	Abraham Pereira	(5)
Norman Engel	(3)	Michael Prisco	(4)
Michael Fanelli	(5)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Eli Goldsmith	(3)	William Ricevuto	(6)
Lewis Goldstein	(3)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2)
William Liblick	(2)	Anthony Rizzo	(1)
Raymond Locascio	(0)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)
Steve Lovitch	(6)	Vincent Zarcone	(5)

ABSENT

Robert Black	(3)	Jay Ira Nadler	(8)
Stella Fernandez	(4)	Brenda Petri	(4)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Fredric Pocci	(3)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	George Sottolano	(1)
Abraham Kleinman	(7)	Alfred Tartaglia	(6)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS, STAFF AND GUESTS

Rose Gang - representing Assemblyman Eliot Engel
Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President's Office
Thomas Lucania - Assistant District Manager, Community Board #11
Linda Stone Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Board #11
Mel Hirsch - H.R.A. Advisory Board
Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11

NOTE: Number in parentheses denote absences since September 18th meeting including Public Hearing of September 29th. There was no January meeting.