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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 1988 IN THE  
CAFETERIA OF ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL.

COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &  
BUDGET PRIORITIES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
EDUCATION & CULTURE  
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION  
HOUSING  
LAND USE  
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION  
YOUTH

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

I. Gallery Session

A. Melvin Hirsch - HRA Advisory Board Districts 11/12

Mr. Hirsch commented on the letter sent by the Community Board to Commissioner Grinker of the Human Resources Administration regarding the closing of the Office of Family Services Office at 4101 White Plains Road and the consolidation of District #11 cases to the OFS office on Colgate Ave. Mr. Hirsch also stated that there will be fourteen (14) homeless families relocated from welfare hotels to the Pelham Parkway Houses as apartments become available. Mr. Hirsch stated that the HRA has no plans to provide the services needed by these families to help them assimilate into their new communities. He stated that there will be a Public Hearing on the HRA's three year plan on Thursday October 27 from 1 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the Harlem State Office Building. He asked that someone from the Board attend the hearing and testify on its behalf.

There was much discussion among Board members concerning the process that is or is not being used to screen prospective tenants of Pelham Parkway Houses. Lew Goldstein stated that the schools in the district are presently overcrowded and are not ready for the possible influx of hundreds of school age children into our schools. Frank Muccioli explained that there is a process that the prospective tenants go through before being allowed to take an apartment in the complex. Leslie McHenry stated that the process that Mr. Muccioli mentioned has been superseded by the federal government's directive to provide housing for the homeless.

B. Cliff Tietjen

Mr. Tietjen spoke about the possibility of establishing a fishing pier at Orchard Beach. Mr. Tietjen gave a brief synopsis of his plans for the fishing pier.

Bob Black explained that it would be to Mr. Tietjen's advantage if he spoke to Community Board #10 since they have

a more direct working relationship with Orchard Beach than we do.

## II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Lew Goldstein and seconded by Leslie McHenry - That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed

## III. Chairman's Report - Dominic Castore

Dom Castore spoke about the community breakfast sponsored by the 49th Precinct Community Council held last week in Aging in America. He stated that Police Commissioner Ben Ward spoke at the breakfast and told the gathering that the precinct would not be getting any additional officers and no rally would change that decision. Dom felt that the Commissioner told the community that we are on our own.

Dom then commented on the police rally that was held last week which was sponsored by Community Board #11 and various community, religious, educational and civic associations. Dom stated that he was disturbed by the small number of people who attended the rally. However, he was impressed by the quality of the people present. He thanked the members of the Board and the various civic, community and elected officials who did attend. However, Dom stated that he was looking for quantity as opposed to quality. Dom stated that despite the small turnout at the rally he will continue to work with the community. He stated that he had come close to giving up. He said that most of the people here tonight are the same people who were at the Morris Park Columbus Day Parade, the Community Police Breakfast, and the rally. He said that if anybody is going to protect this community it is the people present here tonight. Dom urged that community organizations organize mobile patrols, tenant patrols etc. so that we can become the eyes and ears of the community.

Dom stated that he went to visit Norman Engel in the hospital where he is recovering from being brutally beaten and mugged. He said that Norman urged him to speak out on the need for additional police manpower. He also stated that Norman was making phone calls from his hospital bed urging that people go to the rally.

Helen Frank asked if the community is willing to take Commissioner Ward's answer of No as final.

Bob Black stated that he had received a directive from the Mayor's Office to cut 10% of his agency's budget in order to fund the TNT program. Joe Reda added that the cops for the TNT program are going to come out of the precincts. He also said that these units are not going to be seen in this community.

Bill Ricevuto stated that he felt that the time and day for the rally was inconvenient to the many people who would have liked to attend the rally but were unable to leave work in time to make it uptown. Dom stated that the time and day of the rally was carefully considered by the sub-committee before a decision was made. Bill also

commented on the need for the community to be informed of what is happening in the neighborhood so that they can better understand the consequences of their lack of participation. Pat Quaranta stated that the members of the Morris Park Community Association receive two local newspapers, The Bronx News and The Bronx Times Reporter.

Dom expressed frustration at the lack of participation of Community Board #10 which was invited to attend the rally. He stated that this Board supported Board #10 when they were fighting the Homeless shelter in Throggs Neck. Pat Quaranta suggested that a letter be sent to the chairperson of Community Board #10 expressing our disappointment at their lack of participation.

Annette Marchitello stated that the Borough President had fought during the budget negotiations for 1000 additional cops for the city. However the city has reneged on its promise to hire these cops this fiscal year. Annette further stated that the Borough President is currently negotiating at City Hall for one and hopefully two TNT units for the Bronx.

Frank Muccioli suggested that a meeting of the area's community associations be held to revitalize the Coalition of Mobile patrols which patrolled and protected our community in the past.

Also Dom announced that John Cifichiello recently celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Board sent Get Well Balloons to Norman Engel in the hospital.

Vincent Zarcone resigned from the Board.

#### IV. District Manager's Report - Tom Brown

Tom thanked District School Superintendent Frank Arricale for allowing the school principals in District #11 to distribute fliers to the school children.

Board members should be receiving the Cabinet Minutes shortly. They went out a little late this month because of mechanical difficulties.

Tom stated that the staff of the District Office worked on the mailings for this evening's public hearings and on the distribution of the fliers for the rally.

Tom stated that he and Tom Lucania met yesterday with representatives of the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation and N.Y.C. Traffic Department officials regarding recent safety improvement made to Kazimiroff Boulevard. Leslie McHenry asked if the lights along the roadway have been repaired. Tom stated that he hoped that they will install vandal-proof lighting along the road.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette Marchitello submitted that following information to the secretary.

1. Bronx Private Sector Jobs Soar to 173,300 in 1987
2. Modular Home Factory to Rise in Port Morris
3. Borough President's Statement before the Board of Estimate regarding the ENFORTH Proposal
4. Borough President's Statement before a special Congressional Sub-Committee on Drug Abuse
5. Ferrer's New Bronx Corps Opens

At this point, First Vice-Chairman Robert Black took over from Chairman Castore.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Community Development and Budget Priorities -Robert Black

Bob Black stated that he was very upset with the lack of participation among board members during the budget process. Mr. Black stated that he is recommending the budget priorities to the Board as presented tonight.

Emil Eisdorfer moved that Expense Budget priority #3 Intergrate Elevator and Plumbing Code Enforcement into the Environmental Control Board System be replaced with Increased Funding for the Office of Business Development to include an Arbitration Program for Community District #11. This is the program that the board voted to support at last month's meeting. This would move the present priority #3 to #4 and all other priorities down one number.

Bob Black suggested that Emil's item be added to #9 Increase in Funding for Community Consultant Contracts.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry and Seconded by Ray Locascio That Community Board #11 approves of the Budget Priorities as submitted by the committee. This includes adding the Arbitration Program to Expense request #9.

Passed

A Motion was made by Bob Black, seconded by Bill Liblick -

That the Chairman of the Community Development and Budget Priorities Committee in conjunction with the District Manager be authorized to complete Form-3 Community Board Services Program Priorities, and that this be done on the basis of those forms submitted to the district office as of the close of the meeting of October 20, 1988.

Passed

B. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick

Ken Gelnick read off the five (5) city owned properties which the city would like to dispose of.

A Motion was made by Ken Gelnick, and seconded - That the Board conduct a Public Hearing on these five parcels.

Passed

Ken reported that the Board had received an application to re-establish a lapsed variance and a change in use from the owners of a gasoline service station and parking garage at 2030 Bronxdale Avenue.

A Motion was made by Ken Gelnick and seconded by Leslie McHenry - That Community Board #11 hold a Public Hearing on this request.

Passed

C. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer

Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

1. 2159, 2159A, 2161 White Plains Road aka. The Original Six Brothers

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer and seconded - That Community Board #11 recommend to the State Liquor Authority that this liquor license be granted.

Passed

2. 2212 White Plains Road

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer and seconded - That Community Board #11 recommend to the State Liquor Authority that this liquor licenses be granted since no one spoke during the Public Hearing against this application.

Lew Goldstein spoke about the problems the community had with the former owners of this establishment. Lew stated that he wants to be sure that these are not the same owners just using a new name. He also said that since the owner did not appear at this evening's Public Hearing, it appears that she is not concerned about the community's feelings.

Motion defeated with one abstention

3. 2055-57 Williamsbridge Road

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer, seconded by Lew Goldstein - That Community Board #11 recommend to the State Liquor Authority that this liquor license be denied.

Bob Black stated that he felt the the biggest complaint that the residents brought up tonight was the lack of parking in the area and the prospect of having young people hanging around the area. He stated that there are already 20-30 young people hanging on the corner near the pizza parlor. He stated that there are no reasons for denying the application. Bob added that bars are among the most closely regulated businesses and they can lose their licenses if they do not comply with all the regulations.

Ray Locascio stated that the bars in this area have often been the sites for problems. He cited one recent incident in which a young man was killed. He stated that he is against the application.

Joe Reda stated that bars only bring trouble into the area. He said that these type of bars usually attract drugs and gambling. The 49th precinct does not have enough officers to monitor this establishment.

Motion passed with one abstention.

D. Parks and Recreation -John Cifichiello

A Motion was made by John Cifichiello, seconded by Leslie McHenry That Community Board #11 send a letter to Parks Commissioner Henry Stern asking him to appoint Acting Bronx Parks Commissioner James Ryan to the permanent position of Bronx Parks Commissioner.

Passed with one abstention

John stated that the N.Y. Botanical Garden has stated that they wish to close the Waring Avenue gate to the garden. He stated that the Garden has had a security problem at that entrance. John stated that if the Garden were to close this gate the bridge over the Bronx River Parkway should also be closed to prevent this area from becoming a hangout.

A Motion was made by John Cifichiello, seconded by Ruth Burko -That if the Garden closes the Waring Ave. entrance, the Parks Department should close the bridge over the Bronx River Parkway.

Passed with one opposed

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Fred Pocci

Tom Lucania reported the following:

1. Best Way's City Wholesalers requests that the Department of Traffic provide them with a loading zone outside their warehouse on Bronxdale Ave. Tom reported that the Traffic Department had not yet investigated this request.

Referred back to Committee.

2. The Department of Traffic has approved a traffic light for the intersection of Williamsbridge Road and St. Raymonds Ave.

3. The Board has received information from the State Department of Transportation regarding projects which would be undertaken if the Bond issue were to pass this November. Kazimiroff Boulevard is not one of the projects included. Although some safety improvements were recently made along Kazimiroff Boulevard, we would like to see the reconstruction of this dangerous roadway put back into the state budget.

A Motion was made by Jeff Klein, seconded by Ray Locascio -That the Board send a letter to Governor Cuomo and our elected state officials asking them to include the reconstruction of Kazimiroff Boulevard in the projects to be financed by Bond funds.

Passed

F. Public Safety - Joe Reda

Joe Reda announced that Senator Velella and the Senate Committee on Cities will be holding a Public Hearing on the RAND formula on Thursday November 3rd at 270 Broadway. Anyone wishing to testify should complete a registration form which the district office has.

Joe Reda gave the following statistics on crime in the area:

August - 50 robberies down 5.6% from 1987  
227 burglaries up 62.1% from 1987  
192 GLA's up 47.7% from 1987

September - 41 robberies up 17.1% from 1987  
164 burglaries up 12.4% from 1987  
173 GLA's up 57.3% from 1987

Tom Brown spoke about the young man who was arrested last month at 660 Thwaites Place with an arsenal of weapons in his apartment. He stated that the landlord would like to evict the man but he will not do so unless he can obtain a copy of the police report from the District Attorney's Office. ADA Bob Voorhis from the DA's Office stated that he would work with Tom to get him any information that he may need.

G. Health and Social Services - Bill Liblick

Bill reported that he had received no additional information regarding the proposed group home at 1268 Adeo Ave.

Blanche Comras Rifkin reported that Jacobi Hospital is in very bad shape in regard to nurses. Blanche reported that Jacobi has lost over 90 nurses this year.

A Motion was made by Ray Locascio, seconded by Bill Liblick  
That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Mayor in regard to the shortage of Nurses a Jacobi and urging him to raise the salaries of nurses.

Passed

Blanche also reported that Bill Liblick was being honored by the Bronx Special Olympics.

H. Youth - Raymond Locascio/Linda Loeb

Ray stated that the Minutes of the last Youth Committee meeting were attached to this month's Minutes. He also announced that the next committee meeting is on Monday October 24 at Bronx House.

I. Housing - Frank Muccioli

Tom Lucania stated that the Housing Committee and community leaders had met recently with Father. Piccinni from St. Dominic's Church in regard to the proposed 202 Senior Citizen Housing. The consultant informed those present that they wish to build one story higher because of HUD regulations. There was no opposition from those present. This application will go through ULURP and subsequently a Public Hearing will be held on this item.

At this time the Board went into Executive Session.

The Board returned from Executive session with the following announcements:

Jay Ira Nadler and George Sottolano have been removed from the Board for cause.

Lee Mager should receive a letter asking him what his intentions are since he has missed 3 three consecutive Board meetings or Public Hearings.

VII. Old Business

Leslie McHenry spoke about the motel that is proposed to be built at the intersection of Boston Road and Adee Ave. She stated that there was a community meeting which Tom Brown, Tom Lucania, Frank Muccioli, Eli Goldsmith representing Councilman Crispino, Ken Kearns representing Assemblyman Engel and a representative from Assemblyman Seabrook's office attended. She stated that the owner of the property bought it with the purpose of building a motel on the site.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, seconded by Ray Locascio -  
That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Buildings informing them that the community is against the building of a motel at this location and requesting that the plans be carefully examined before the permit is granted.

Passed



The meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M. on a Motion made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Locascio,  
Secretary