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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1988  
IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE LODGE.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mrs. Florence Roth

Mrs. Roth stated that she lives at 2224 Esplanade Avenue, which is near the train station. Mrs. Roth stated that she was here tonight to speak against the proposed parking lot on Pelham Parkway North and Astor Avenue. She stated that the lot will attract derelicts and drug addicts to the area. Mrs. Roth also said that traffic will be increased, and that this will increase the carbon monoxide in the air in that area.

b. Thal Davis

Mrs. Davis thanked Bob Black, Tom Brown and Dom Castore for coming to the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center Advisory Board meeting and informing the board member about the workings of the New York City budget.

Mrs. Davis spoke about the Bronx Park East Association, which she stated is a newly formed association of young people and many senior citizens who have enjoyed the Botanical Garden for many years. She stated that the Garden has closed the gate on Waring Avenue without notifying the residents of the area.

Mrs. Davis spoke about the enjoyment that could be had by people who use the gate on Waring Avenue. She explained the hardships placed on people who now have to use the other gate. Mrs. Davis asked the Board to look into this.

c. Mel Hirsch - HRA Advisory Board Districts 11/12

Mr. Hirsch stated that he had testified at the City-wide HRA Hearings on the new three year plan which has to be submitted to the New York State Department of Social Services. He thanked the Board for sending Thomas Lucania who also testified at the hearing.

Mr. Hirsch stated that rather than read his testimony from the hearing he would submit it to the Board secretary.

Mr. Hirsch stated that he had testified on the placing of homeless families in the Pelham Parkway Houses without proper case management.

Mr. Hirsch stated that on December 13 he was going to be testifying at a City wide Hearing of the Office of Family Services, at which he would once again press for case management of the homeless families being placed in city housing developments.

Mr. Hirsch asked that the Board take action on the decision that the HRA Office of Family Services at 4101 White Plains Road be closed with Board #11 cases going to Colgate Avenue and Board #12 cases going to the office at Bainbridge Avenue and Fordham Road.

d. Rebecca Sunshine

Ms. Sunshine spoke about the closing of the Waring Avenue gate of the Botanical Garden. She stated that first the Garden closed the gate on Pelham Parkway, and this summer they closed the gate on Waring Avenue at 5:00 P.M. She stated that the Garden was open until 7:00 P.M., and anyone who wanted to enjoy the Garden would have to use the entrance on Southern Boulevard.

e. Mary Healy

Mrs. Healy spoke about the closing of the Waring Avenue gate. She gave the history of the Garden. She stated that it sits on city land and is funded by the city.

Dom announced that the Garden is willing to sit down and speak with a group of residents and work something out.

Tom Brown explained that he was told by people from the Garden that there are two reasons for the closing of the gate on Waring Avenue. One is that there has been a lot of vandalism, because the Garden does not receive more than sporadic police coverage (this is due to the manpower shortage). He also stated that the Garden has started collecting donations and they do not have enough manpower to man all the gates. Tom stated that the Waring Avenue gate is only closed during the winter. Tom stated that he had spoken with Ms. Leslie Loring of the Botanical Garden, and that he was also in touch with the Parks Department to find out the legality of the closing of an access to a public park. Tom said that he was told this information was being sent to him.

f. Max Korman

Mr. Korman thanked the Board for the wonderful job it does. He spoke about the beauty of the Garden and how he and other residents use the Garden every day.

g. Louis Avitible

Mr. Avitible asked if there were any statistics on the vandalism at the Garden. He spoke about what the community has done to help upgrade the area, e.g., clean-up days etc. Mr. Avitible stated that he wanted someone from the Garden at the meeting who could make a decision on the Gate.

Dom stated that a meeting would be set up with the Garden and he asked Mr. Avitible to contact Tom Brown about it.

Dom stated that the members from the Board would be John Cifichiello, Lewis Goldstein, Pat Manfredonia, Eli Goldsmith and Helen Frank.

Tom stated that the Garden has asked to set up a meeting .

h. Manuel Sanchez - attorney for Eileen D'Andrea

Mr. Sanchez stated that he was here tonight representing Ms. D'Andrea who is an applicant for an on-premises liquor license. He stated that she plans to open an Italian seafood restaurant at 2027 White Plains Road.

Questions were asked of Ms. D'Andrea by several Board members. Ms. D'Andrea stated that her restaurant would be open 6 days a week Tuesday - Sunday from 12 P.M. to 12 A.M. She stated that she wanted it to be a family restaurant. Ms. D'Andrea stated that there would not be any stools at the bar.

Dom asked Ms. D'Andrea for a copy of the plans.

j. Lorraine Bellagamba

Ms. Bellagamba stated that she was against the proposed parking lot because they are trying to commercialize a beautiful area. She stated that she had a signed petition against the parking lot.

Frank Muccioli spoke. He spoke about what the Eye Center would like to build. Frank stated that the Esplanade has been upgraded with new sidewalks. He stated that what the Eye Center wants to do is just in the talking stages and that the Center wants to know what the residents think. Frank stated that the Eye Center has stated that when it is ready to do whatever it plans to do everyone will be invited to a meeting to look at the plans and then the community can voice its opinion.

Fred Pocci spoke about a meeting he had attended last summer with Ray Locascio and Frank Muccioli at the Eye Center in order to learn what the Eye Center wanted to do. Fred stated that no one knows if this proposed parking lot will be allowed with the present zoning. He further stated that this is city owned property that has many city agencies involved with it, - Parks, Transportation, Department of General Services and the MTA. Fred stated that all of these agencies

would have to agree to it and then it would have to go through the U.L.U.R.P. procedure at which time it would come before the Board for its recommendation.

Some discussion took place about board members who do not live on the block not being affected by this.

Fred stated that while he does not live on that block he is a member of the Board and he would support the wishes of the people in the affected area. He asked that the residents along the block review the plans when they are available and then make an informed judgement.

k. Mrs. Goldie Borah

Mrs. Borah stated that she was against the proposed parking lot. She stated that there is no need for more pollution.

l. Mrs. Mollie Goldberg

Mrs. Goldberg stated that she is against the proposed parking lot.

m. Shirley Bomze

Ms. Bomze stated she is against the proposed parking lot. She stated that the many of the homeowners will have to look at the lot and that many will move. She thanked Tom for getting the grass mowed.

n. Martin Davis

Mr. Davis spoke about zoning which allows the building of motels in residential area. He stated that he was referring to a proposed motel at Adee Avenue and Boston Road. Mr. Davis thanked the Board, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and Frank Muccioli for letting his organization know about this proposed motel. He stated that his organization is fighting it. Mr. Davis distributed flyers.

Frank stated that the plans are presently on hold.

Leslie McHenry spoke about motels that are presently under construction in Community Board #12.

At this point in the meeting, Tom Brown, the District Manager fell ill and the remainder of the meeting was canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

*Raymond Locascio* (RL)

Raymond Locascio,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1988

PRESENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(0)	Lewis Goldstein	(1)
Robert Black	(0)	Jeffrey Klein	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Pat Manfredonia	(1)
John Cifichiello	(0)	Leslie McHenry	(0)
Nicholas Cremonese	(1)	Frank Muccioli	(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(1)	Fredric Pocci	(1)
Emil Eisdorfer	(0)	William Ricevuto	(0)
Helen Frank	(0)	Anthony Rizzo	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(1)	Kenneth Thompson	(2)
Eli Goldsmith	(1)		

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(1)	Richard Padro	(3)
Norman Engel	(2)	Michael Prisco	(2)
William Liblick	(1)	Pat Quaranta	(1)
Raymond Locascio	(1)	Joseph Reda	(1)
Lee Mager	(3)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Joseph Milone	(3)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Corrine Garofolo - Representing Senator Guy Velella

John Melia - Representing Assemblyman John Dearie

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

Annette Marchitello -Borough President's Office

Thomas J. Brown - District Manager, Community Board #11

Thomas Lucania - Assistant District Manager, Community Board #11

Linda Loeb - Youth Coordinator, Community Board #11

Harriet Lasky - Secretary, Community Board #11

GUESTS

Mel Hirsch, Co-Chairman HRA Advisory Boards 11/12

Manuel Lagares - Bronx Office of City Planning

Thal Davis -member of B.M.H.C. Advisory Board

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses denotes absences starting with  
September 22, 1988 meeting.