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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1993

IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY QUEEN OF PEACE HALL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Dino Puccio

Mr. Puccio stated that he represented F.T. Baked Products Inc. at 1455 Blondell Avenue. Mr. Puccio spoke about Blondell Avenue which was a one way street before the Westchester Square construction and is now a two way street. Mr. Puccio stated that there is no parking available and that they are parking on the sidewalk. He stated that everyone is getting ticketed by the D.O.T. people who are nasty. Mr. Puccio elaborated on this.

Al Locascio asked Mr. Puccio if he had brought these problems to anyone else's attention before tonight. Mr. Puccio stated that he had spoken to Annette Marchitello of the Borough President's office.

Annette stated that she and Mr. Puccio had spoken. She stated that the one of the Borough President's major roles is to keep business in the Bronx, and to continue to attract businesses to the Bronx. She stated that she had spoken with Chief Rachlin, and that she is trying to get Chief Rachlin to meet with the store owners.

Dom spoke about the parking problems in the area. He stated that the board could not help in the instance of someone getting a ticket for parking on the sidewalk which is illegal. He stated that board will help in whatever way it can. Dom stated that businesses have come into the area, but parking availability has not increased. He spoke about the board's efforts to get more parking in the Square. Dom also spoke about the board's efforts to work on the tickets being given out.

b. John Cummings - resident Seminole Avenue

Mr. Cummings stated that a few months ago he had come before the board concerning the problems with people from the methadone clinic hanging out in front of his house. He thanked the board for its help. Mr. Cummings stated that he had a meeting with the people who run the clinic.

He stated that some problems have been alleviated. He thanked Thomas for having a "No Standing" sign put up directly across from his house. Mr. Cummings also spoke about the traffic problems from Morris Park and Seminole Avenue into the back entrance of the hospital which is heavily used all day. Mr. Cummings stated that he would like to see the Eastchester Road gate opened. He also stated that there no cross walks or yellow lines painted in the streets. Mr. Cummings also spoke about the light at Seminole Avenue that works when it wants to. He stated that he had called the 49th Precinct.

Mr. Cummings asked for a "No Standing Anytime" sign on the west side of the street, or making the middle lane available for right turn only on Morris Park Avenue going west and left turn only going east.

Thomas stated that the crosswalk and yellow lines Mr. Cummings will be included in a future DOT contract. He stated that the request for the "No Parking" sign in front of the school will be submitted after he speaks with Einstein to see if they have a problem with this change.

Thomas reported that he had received a denial from Lydia Perez, the Director of Security on keeping the Eastchester Road gate open. He stated that this was because she was concerned about security near the storehouse. Thomas stated that he will speak with Bill Walsh on this issue.

c. Mort Twersky

Mr. Twersky spoke about the city bus on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway which stops under the trestle to pick up students. He stated that this makes the cars back up behind the bus blocking Pelham Parkway. Mr. Twersky stated that cars pull out from the passenger side of the bus, and that it is very dangerous.

Mr. Twersky stated that Citizens Concerned about Pelham Parkway successfully deployed its first mailbox watch patrol during December. He stated that new locks are being installed on many mailboxes in the area.

Mr. Twersky stated that the Bronx Park East Patrol will begin next month. He thanked Thomas for the repair of the 2 telephones on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway.

Mr. Twersky also thanked the P.E.P. officers for monitoring the dumping on Bronx Park East. He stated that signs were put up warning dumpers of fines and jail.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Ralph Lanzilli, Seconded by Leslie McHenry
- That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Passed unanimously.

III. District Manager's Report - Thomas Lucania

Thomas explained the ULURP procedure for the Land Use item on the Agenda tonight.

Follow-up from last month

1. Rodents on Pelham Parkway from Williamsbridge Road to White Plains Road.

Thomas stated that both areas were baited and that signs were out up stating "No Pigeon Feeding". He stated that PEP personnel are patrolling the area to catch anyone feeding the pigeons.

2. MTA - Thomas stated after last month's presentation he has been working on the vandalism program at the Pelham Parkway station. He stated that within the next 2-3 days the station is supposed to be painted and the vandal squad will monitor the station for a period of time especially from Friday to Saturday night. Thomas stated that while the MTA could not commit themselves to paint the stations more than once a week, they did say that if there is manpower it will be done.

3. Heat at Pelham Parkway Houses - Thomas stated Ms. Law who brought to the board's attention the issue of lack of heat was contacted by Housing Authority on November 30th and stated that at that point her heating situation had been taken care of.

V. Treasurer's Report - Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that the board is in the process of leasing a new duplicating machine from Gestetner Corporation. He stated that there will be no expenditure on the board's part and will include all supplies except paper. He stated that this one machine will do the work of the present 2 machines. Thomas stated that it is cleaner and neater. Thomas said that the annual cost is \$1,388.00, but that our cost this year will be only \$330.00 as we are getting a credit for the monies spent on a service contract for the other 2 machines. Thomas stated that we are presently testing this machine and that the Land Use and Sanitation reports were done on it.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette submitted the following report to Harriet:

1. The Bronx Honors Slain Officers

At a moving tribute honoring the memories of slain Police Officers Hector Fontanez and Hildario Serrano, Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer unveiled Bronze Plaques of the two Bronx heroes last week at the Veterans Memorial Hall in the Bronx County Building.

The ceremony, co-hosted by the Hispanic Society of the Police

Department, saw 70 police officers including Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, Walter Alicea, President of the Hispanic Society and Bronx Commander Dennis Ryan give their respects to the memories of the brave public servants.

"It is appropriate that we honor these public servants here in the Bronx County, said Ferrer, because it is here where they lived and served."

Ferrer then consoled the Serrano and Fontanez families, asking them to join Mayor elect Rudolph Giuliani to unveil the plaques..

The plaques will be at a permanent display at the respective precincts. The plaque of police officer Hildario Serrano will be at the 43rd precinct and Hector Fontanez at the 47th precinct.

2. Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer statement regarding the North American Free Trade Agreement

3. Parks and Playground to get facelift

4. Chase Manhattan Bank's Tax Advantage Installment Loan (TAIL) Program helps home ownership become a reality for Bronx families.

5. Reappointment applications will be mailed, not hand delivered and must be returned by mail to the Community Board Unit. The return address is on the application.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Land Use - Thomas Lucania

C920044ZMX - In the matter of an application by Frank Gabrielli to amend the zoning map to establish within an existing R3-2 district a C1-2 district on property located on Eastchester Road between Mace and Waring Avenues. This would facilitate the construction of a two-story building for store and offices with parking for approximately 80 cars in the rear and below ground.

Thomas stated that there is a deadline on this item which is before the board's next scheduled meeting in January.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Robert Potter - That this application be approved with the condition that the applicant attempt to market the building as medical/professional office space and agrees to meet with the Borough President's representatives regarding additional conditions.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

The Motion passed with 19 For, and one Abstention by Simeon Goldstein.

Those voting in favor were: Ruth Burko, Dominic Castore, Anthony DelGaudio, Emilian Eisdorfer, Mauro Fanelli, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Lewis Goldstein, Ralph Lanzilli, David Leavitt, Leslie McHenry, Joseph Milone, Frank Muccioli, Robert Potter, William Ricevuto, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli, Linda White and Lisa Winters.

B. Economic Development - Simeon Goldstein/Emil Eisdorfer

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Lydig Steakhouse Inc. , 708 Lydig Avenue for on-premises consumption (NEW)

b. Side Street - 1332 Blondell Avenue for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

c. Ed and Lou Caterers Inc. (Fratelli) 2507 Eastchester Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)

Simeon stated that in each case he spoken to a board member who either lived or had a business near these locations, and that they had no problems with any of them.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, Seconded by Frank Muccioli - That Community Board #11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Board that it has no objections to the issuance and renewal of these licenses.

Passed unanimously.

2. Application by the Community Merchants Association of Pelham Parkway to establish the White Plains Road Business Improvement District.

Emil stated that a Public Hearing had been held on this earlier this evening, and that there were no objections to this.

A Motion was made by Simeon Goldstein, Seconded by Leslie McHenry That Community Board #11 go on record as being in favor of the establishment of the White Plains Road Business Improvement District.

Unanimously passed.

C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs reported that work will be done on the milling/resurfacing of Kazimiroff Boulevard.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that he would me meeting with the Traffic Enforcement Division in January to improve the ticketing situation, as part of the Community Enforcement Program.

D. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ralph Lanzilli

Ralph reported that street cleanliness in the area has dropped off quite a bit. He stated that Board #11 was above 90% in August and September but was now at 70%. Ralph stated that this changes monthly due to holidays when the streets are not swept.

Ralph reported that the date for collection household hazardous waste will be June 18, 1994. He stated that the Department of Sanitation will collect hazardous household materials at BMHC's parking lot #8 on Eastchester Road.

Thomas stated that this program is designed to allow people to legally get rid of hazardous waste such as aerosol cans and paint cans which should not be included with regular garbage.

E. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that she and James Gisondi had met with Ms. Wendt the Coordinator of Bronx Libraries.

Ruth reported that there is no money for a mini library, and that even if there was money the catchment areas of the 2 existing libraries overlap. She also stated that there is not enough money to purchase materials for the present libraries. She asked for community support to help the libraries.

F. Public Safety - Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that the crime stats for the month of November had been distributed to the board members. They are as follows:

	1992	1993	% Change
Robbery	54	52	3.7 Down
Burglary	126	152	20.6 Up
Grand Larceny Auto	151	173	14.5 Up
Murder	3	4	
Rape	4	3	

	YEAR TO DATE		% Change
Robbery	664	623	6.2 Down
Burglary	1,248	1,265	1.4 Up
Grand Larceny Auto	1,974	1,675	15.1 Down
Murder	16	14	12.5 Down
Rape	23	32	39.1 Up

	ARRESTS	
Robbery	14	9
Burglary	5	3
Grand Larceny Auto	10	3
TOTAL FELONIES	338	384
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,132	1,370

Thomas reported that the VIN etching program which began in the fall is continuing at Courtesy Lincoln on Waring Avenue and White Plains Road on Saturdays from 11 A.M.-3 P.M. He also stated that car owners may be able to get a reduction in auto insurance.

G. Housing - Frank Muccioli

Leslie asked Annette about the Alternative Management Program which Murphy Consolidated may participate in.

Annette stated that she would have to check with the Celeste Ramirez the Housing Coordinator.

Leslie stated that she was told that the New York City Housing Authority is looking into the possibility of contracting out the management of Murphy Consolidated to a private management company.

H. Youth - Linda White/Richard Mancuso

Rich reported that his committee had met on Monday evening. He stated that the Department of Youth Services' Requests for Space Schools Proposal was distributed to community groups. The deadline for submission is Monday, December 20th. Rich stated that P.S. 105 and Columbus High School should be utilized when the proposals are approved. Rich further stated that this would go in effect in February at these schools for evening programs.

Rich reported that the Aging in America/Pathways for Youth Evening Basketball League will start next week. It is open to all community groups with supervision.

Rich also reported that the Community Share Allocation RFP has been delayed until the new Administration settles in at City Hall. The After School and Evening program bulletin will be available in the next few weeks. It will be distributed to the local newspapers and libraries.

Rich extended Holiday Greetings from the Department of Youth Services, and wished everyone a happy new year.

I. Employee Relations

1. Request by District Manager and office staff for merit increase.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. The board returned to business at 8:55 P.M.

A Motion was made by Anthony DelGaudio, Seconded by Ruth Burko
- That Community Board #11 grant the District Manager and the office staff the increases requested.

Unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00
P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gisondi ^(P)

James Gisondi,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 1993

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(3)(4)	Alfred Locascio	(2)(5)
Dominic Castore	(1)(1)	Leslie McHenry	(1)(3)
Anthony DelGaudio	(2)(3)	Joseph Milone	(1)(3)
Emil Eisdorfer	(2)(4)	Frank Muccioli	(2)(4)
Mauor Fanelli	(0)(1)	Robert Potter	(1)(2)
Harain Figueroa	(0)(1)	William Ricevuto	(1)(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)(5)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(2)
Lewis Goldstein	(1)(4)	Mark Shkreli	(1)(1)
Simeon Goldstein	(1)(1)	Linda White	(3)(1)
Ralph Lanzilli	(2)(1)	Lisa Winters	(2)(6)
David Leavitt	(1)(1)		

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(4)(8)	Gerald Launer	(2)(2)
Lory Alcalá	(4)(5)	William Liblick	(5)(5)
Robert Blacki	(5)(8)	Seymour Ostroga	(3)(1)
John Cifichiello	(1)(0)	Pat Quaranta	(3)(6)
Patricia Crowell	(3)(0)	Joseph Reda	(3)(2)
Patrick Dolan	(3)(3)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)(1)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)(5)	Scott Roveto	(2)(1)
James Gisondi	(2)(4)	Robert Torres	(3)(5)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2)(5)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Denise A. Pagan- Representing Councilwoman Lucy Cruz

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio - Representing Assemblyman George Friedman

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager - Community Board #11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary - Community Board #11

Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator - Community Board #11

Annette Marchitello - Representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer

Joseph A. Corofano -Bronx District Attorney's Office

*Numbers in parenthesis denotes absences from September 1993

Numbers in **BOLD** denotes absences from September 1992-June 1993

