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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY APRIL 21, 1994

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Frank Muccioli, First Vice Chairman.

Frank asked if there was anyone present from Parkside Houses. There was no response.

I. Gallery Session

a. Mrs. Mabel Ostroga

Mrs. Ostroga spoke about a woman who parked her car yesterday mostly in Mrs. Ostroga's driveway and went into the Russo building. Mrs. Ostroga stated that she called the 49th Precinct twice and no one came. She stated that her husband took pictures which she had with her. Mrs. Ostroga stated that when the woman came out of the Russo building at 6:00 P.M. she spoke to her about the way she had parked. Mrs. Ostroga was very upset that the police never came.

Frank said that the board would look into this and talk to the 49th Precinct.

Mrs. Ostroga also asked for a waste basket opposite the Russo building by the parking lot.

b. Mrs. Thal Davis

Mrs. Davis stated that she was here tonight representing 2 senior centers, the 2440 Boston Road and the Sue Ginsberg Centers. Mrs. Davis thanked Thomas Lucania and Madeline Provanzano for getting in touch with Mr. Ruiz the Manager of Pelham Parkway Houses to inform him about the lights that were out for days and weeks at a time and the sporadic heat and hot water.

Mrs. Davis also stated that she was here tonight for Rich Mancuso who has helped the youth of this community. Mrs. Davis talked about how important the after school programs are for the youth. She also spoke about the intergenerational programs. Mrs. Davis spoke about the cuts that the Mayor wants to make with the Youth Coordinator positions, and the various youth programs. She stated that everyone should come to the hearing on Monday and speak out against these cuts. She congratulated Rich for

the work he has done and stated that she did not want him to leave his job.

II. Guest Speaker - Ms. Naomi Lara, Director Bronx North, NYC Housing Authority

Frank welcomed Ms. Lara to the Board and apologized for the nonattendance by the residents of Parkside Houses. Frank spoke about the problems that the residents had brought before the board over a year ago. He stated that some of the apartments had been taken care of. As there was no one present from Parkside, Frank asked Leslie McHenry to speak.

Leslie stated that she is a former resident of Parkside Houses, she stated that at the last tenants meeting she attended she heard about the problems that the tenants were having. Leslie said that what she heard was a repeat of some of the problems that the Housing Committee saw when they visited some of the apartments over a year ago.

Leslie spoke about one apartment where the tenant has a medical problem and had asked for another apartment. Leslie stated that she learned that this woman was going to get another apartment.

Leslie spoke about the exterior lighting. She stated that they are on during the day and not a night. Leslie spoke about some employees who do not live at Parkside and park their cars in illegal spots.

Leslie stated that she told the tenants that the community board meeting was their opportunity to come before the board and tell them their problems. Leslie suggested that the board form a subcommittee to look at all the Housing Authority developments in the area and report back to the board and the Housing Authority.

Frank asked that the record indicate that three times he asked if there were any representatives from Parkside Houses and there were none.

Priscilla Crowell stated that there are 3 Housing Authority developments in Board #11 and that they are periodically under new management. She stated that there are meeting of the TSA Coalition on a regular basis.

Ms. Lara spoke. She stated that she was glad that the board had brought these complaints to her attention. As to the lighting, she stated that they will conduct a full lighting survey next Wednesday evening. Anyone from Parkside Houses who wishes to join them may do so. Ms. Lara stated that they would notify Ms. Kelly of this inspection. Ms. Lara reported that Parkside Houses would be receiving some additional security measures and outside lighting. Ms. Lara said that with regard to the parking she will take action. She also stated that as to the garbage problems they have been working with the Department of Sanitation to get extra containers.

She introduced Bill Brown, the Administrative representative

for all the developments in the North Bronx and that he is in charge of inspecting the apartments. She stated that as of January 7th 496 apartments had been inspected. She said that some have had on going heat problems.

Ms. Lara thanked the board for bring these problems to her attention an interest in public housing.

Rhoda Gogatz thanked the representatives from the Housing Authority for being here tonight.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Leslie McHenry -
That Community Board #11 send a letter should be sent to the President of the Parkside Tenants Association indicating the efforts that were made by the board in bringing the Housing Authority representatives to meet them, and that we cannot understand why no one was here tonight.

Unanimously passed.

Frank suggested that the representatives of the Housing Authority meet with representatives of all 3 Housing Developments. Frank asked Thomas to set this meeting up.

Frank introduced the representatives of the elected officials: Joseph Carofono representing D.A. Johnson; Helen Korman representing Councilman Michael DeMarco; Daniel Cestaro representing Senator Joseph Galiber; Phil Sanchez representing Mayor Giuliani; Annette Marchitello representing Borough President Fernando Ferrer; Sofia Quintero representing Councilwoman Lucy Cruz and Dominic Esposito representing Senator Guy Velella.

III. Minutes

Corrections

Rhoda Gogatz and Mauro Fanelli stated that they were present at the last meeting but were not listed as either present or absent.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin -
That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Passed unanimously.

Frank introduced Jodie Lancilotti, the new Community Association. Frank stated that Jodie will begin work on Monday.

IV. Chairman's Report - Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that the board had received a letter of resignation from Lory Alcalá.

Thomas reported that no appointments or reappointments have been made as yet. He stated that board members still have the right to vote until such time as they receive notice that they have not been reappointed.

Annette stated that there will not be any reappointments until

the board meets its youth requirement of 4 youth.

Thomas asked any board member who knows of a youth who would like to serve on the board to call him.

Thomas reported that Board #10 is meeting tonight and will discuss two proposals to change the board lines for Westchester Square. He stated that one proposal is to include Zerega Avenue and a piece of Westchester Square in Community Board #10. He stated that this recommendation is being made by Councilman Michael DeMarco. The other proposal which is from the merchants association is to include the remaining piece of Westchester Square into Community Board #11.

Thomas reported that the Mayor's office will be submitting its final report on Community Board lines on May 1st. The Community Board will make any comments necessary on the report.

V. District Manager's Report - Thomas Lucania

1. Report on meeting held with the Bronx Postmaster

Thomas reported that he is working with Borough President and other Community Boards to monitor the mail delivery in the different zip codes. He stated that consumer advisory councils are being established in each zip code area (forms attached). Each community association should have a representative on each council which affects their area.

A meeting was held with Postmaster Rafael Cintron regarding mail delivery in the district. He discussed the various measures that the Bronx Post Office is taking to determine the reasons for the delay in delivery. He spoke about a 1- 800 number to monitor mis-delivered mail, additional training for mail deliverers and the establishment of consumer advisory councils so that customers can have a direct contact with their local post office. The Postmaster indicated that he would be willing to meet with the board once again.

Robert Potter stated that at the meeting with the Postmaster it was suggested that the board talk with the elected officials about the post office problems and get them to put pressure on the post office to update their facilities so that our mail is processed in the Bronx and not elsewhere.

2. Update on Operation Sparkle

Thomas reported that the board had met with 25 groups who have agreed to participate in Operation Sparkle. He stated that CAPP, Chester Civic Association, Allerton Avenue Association, Morris Park Association and others have scheduled cleanups in their areas. Thomas reported that the board received calls from several people who read about Operation Sparkle in the paper. He stated that they were directed to the closest community association.

Thomas reported that he had attended a meeting at Columbus High School on the school's security. He stated that at the meeting were

members of the board, the police, residents of Pelham Parkway Houses and members of various community associations. Thomas stated that the students have ID cards and have to go through a scanner and have their bags X-rayed before they enter the school. He stated that there are some gang problems which are being addressed by the Police Department.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Alfred Locascio

Al stated that there was no report tonight.

V. Borough President's Report - Annette Marchitello

Annette submitted the following reports to Harriet:

I. FERRER CALLS FOR SWEEPING SCHOOL BOARD CLEANUP, GOVERNMENTAL REFORM IN STATE OF BOROUGH REPORT URGING BRONXITES TO "MEET THE CHALLENGE"

II. BRONX GETS SHORTCHANGED ON SUBWAY REPAIRS

III. FERRER LAUNCHES "DON'T DUMP ON THE BRONX" CAMPAIGN

IV. FERRER RELEASES GREENWAY PLAN: NEW ROUTES WILL LINK BOROUGH RESOURCES

V. BOEDC TO JUMP START EXPORTS WITH BEX

VI. BRONX-WIDE STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM - deadline is June 30, 1994

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Nominations - Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the following slate was proposed by the committee:

Frank Muccioli - Chairman
Dominic Castore - First Vice Chairman
Alfred Locascio - Second Vice Chairman
Lewis Goldstein - Secretary
James Gisondi - Treasurer

Blanche asked Frank, Al and Lew if they accepted the nomination. They replied yes. As Dom and James were not present Blanche stated that a letter would be sent to them asking if they accept or decline the nomination.

Blanche asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Chairman; First Vice Chairman; Second Vice Chairman; Secretary and Treasurer. There were none.

Blanche stated that nominations can also be made at the May meeting, but the person must be present or have indicated in writing their willingness to run.

B. Economic Development - Simeon Goldstein/Emil Eisdorfer

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Cafe Italia Inc. - 900 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

b. Grecian Garden Diner - 2200 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

c. Poro Cervo Restaurant Corp. - 1024 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption (New)

d. Rainbow Restaurant - 2197 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

Simeon stated that he had contacted a board member who lived near each of these locations and there were no objections. In addition the police did not have any objections with these location.

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

Passed.

C. Land Use - Thomas Lucania

1. C900634MMX - In the matter of an application submitted by Megell Construction Corp. for an amendment to the city map involving the elimination, discontinuation and demapping of Unionport Road between Sagamore Street and Birchall Avenue, the establishment of a park addition and the establishment of a turn around at the terminus of Birchall Avenue in order to construct 3 family homes.

Thomas stated that there will be a meeting of the Land Use Committee on Thursday regarding this ULURP. He stated that the ULURP application will come before the board at the May meeting, and that a Public Hearing will take place then with a vote to follow.

D. Health and Social Services - Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Red Cross had contacted her to let her know that they have emergency funds and clothing available if anyone needs them. They can be reached at (212) 635-3635.

E. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John reported that the board had sent a letter to Parks Commissioner Stern commended them for the snow removal in the Parks. He stated that the board had received a letter from the Commissioner in which he stated that he appreciated the board's letter.

John reported that Loretto, Matthew/Muliner and Zimmerman Playgrounds would be closed at night because of the vandalism that

occurred at Loretto 2 years ago. John reported that the band shell at Comras Mall is slated to go in for FY'95.

F. Youth - Richard Mancuso

Rich reported that the Minutes of the January and February Youth Services Planning Committee meetings were distributed. He also reported that the YSPC meeting scheduled for Monday at Bronx House has been canceled in order to allow people to testify at the Bronx County Court House on the budget cuts.

Rich thanked Thal for making the point about the importance of the Youth Coordinators. He also thanked the board for their support. He stated that if the cuts go through his last day will be May 20th.

Rich stated that the YSPC will meet on May 9th. He also reported there will be less Summer Youth Employment Program positions this year.

Discussion took place on getting a bus to enable people to go to the hearing.

G. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe reported that the Stats for March were not ready.

Joe reported that any persons caught doing graffiti, will go to jail instead of receiving a Desk Appearance Ticket.

H. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs reported that he received a letter stating that there will be construction on the tracks of the #6 train at Pelham Bay, but that it will not interrupt service. Rabbi Fuchs stated that Lenard Garrett from the Transit Authority would like to address the board to answer any questions on this.

A Motion was made by Rabbi Fuchs, Seconded by Lewis Goldstein - That Community Board #11 invite Lenard Garrett to the May board meeting.

Passed.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that residents of NYC are invited to review a draft of the 1994-95 Transportation Improvement Program as proposed by the NYC Transportation Board. In order to see it call Ms. Janet Merola (212) 878-7082 or Mr. Peter King at (718) 482-4559.

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the Traffic Enforcement Pilot Program whereby the board would review the excess of tickets given out to storekeepers and residents in Community Board #11. He stated that he was informed that with the new administration this program is in jeopardy. He asked that anyone who sees an increase in the amount of tickets given out to contact the board.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that the MTA is proposing to close, re-locate or reduce hours on 11 subway stations in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. He stated that a public hearing will be held on this on Thursday, May 19th at 345 Madison Avenue. Rabbi Fuchs stated that no stations in our borough are effected.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that certain streets in our district are going to be milled and resurfaced. They are: Bronxdale between Tremont and Van Nest Avenues; Van Nest Avenue between Bronxdale Avenue and 180th Street; Adams Street between Van Nest and Morris Park Avenues. He stated that in the next two months the following streets will be done: Rhinelander Avenue between Bronxdale Avenue and White Plains Road; White Plains Road between Astor and Adea Avenues and Kazimiroff Boulevard between Bronx Park and Allerton Avenue.

Frank reported that the Esplanade/Pelham Parkway #5 station is in disrepair. He stated that he called Mr. Garrett 2 1/2 weeks ago and it has not been painted or cleaned.

Frank stated that he wants the letter to Mr. Garrett to indicate that the board is very displeased with the response from the MTA.

I. Community Development and Budget Priorities - Thomas Lucania

Thomas stated that this is included in the packet distributed.

X. Old Business

Bill Ricevuto spoke about needing the "No Picnicking" signs on Pelham Parkway before the season starts.

Thomas stated that this is on the District Cabinet Agenda for next week.

Bill also spoke about tractor trailers that are being allowed to travel on Rhinelander Avenue. He stated that they pass the 49th Precinct is not doing anything. Bill stated that these streets were not made for this type of constant travel. Bill asked that a letter be sent to the Precinct.

Rabbi Fuchs stated that the signs on Pelham Parkway need to be spaced farther apart.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gisondi (R)

James Gisondi,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 21, 1994

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(4)(4)	Leslie McHenry	(2)(3)
John Cifichiello	(1)(1)	Joseph Milone	(1)(3)
Priscilla Crowell	(3)(0)	Frank Muccioli	(3)(4)
Patrick Dolan	(3)(3)	Seymour Ostroga	(3)(1)
Emil Eisdorfer	(3)(4)	Robert Potter	(2)(4)
Mauro Fanelli	(1)(1)	Patrick Guaranta	(3)(6)
Harain Figueroa	(1)(1)	Joseph Reda	(5)(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)(5)	William Ricevuto	(1)(1)
Rhoda Gogatz	(3)(5)	Blanche Rifkin	(5)(1)
Lewis Goldstein	(1)(4)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)(2)
Simeon Goldstein	(1)(1)	Mark Shkreli	(1)(1)
Gerald Launer	(3)(2)	Robert Torres	(4)(5)
David Leavitt	(1)(1)	Linda White	(4)(1)
Alfred Locascio	(3)(5)		

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(6)(8)	Ralph Lanzilli	(3)(1)
Dominic Castore	(3)(1)	William Liblick	(8)(5)
Anthony DelGaudio	(4)(3)	Scott Roveto	(4)(1)
Kenneth Gelnick	(4)(5)	Lisa Winters	(4)(6)
James Gisondi	(4)(4)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - Representing Councilman Michael DeMarco
Sofia Quintero - Representing Councilwoman Lucy Cruz

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Daniel Cestaro - Representing Senator Joseph Galiber
Libbi Locascio - Representing Assemblyman George Friedman
Dominic Esposito - Representing Senator Guy Velella
Philip Sanchez - Mayor's Office of C.A.U.

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Thomas Lucania, District Manager
Harriet Lasky, Secretary
Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide
Richard Mancuso, Youth Coordinator
Annette Marchitello, Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office
Joseph A. Carofano, Bronx District Attorney's Office

GUESTS

Thal Davis
Jodie Lancelotti

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

