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Economic Development

Education & Culture

Health & Social Services

Highways, Traffic &  
 Transportation

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Land Use

Parks & Playgrounds

Public Safety

Sanitation & Environmental  
 Protection

Youth Services Planning

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD, THURSDAY JUNE 15, 1995

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by Frank Muccioli Chairman.

Frank Muccioli read a letter from Terri Blank, Counsel for Borough President Fernando Ferrer addressed to Alfred E. Locascio stating that it has come to her attention that he fails to meet any of the criteria for sitting on Community Board #11.

Frank stated that the Board had received a letter from Alfred Locascio in which he resigned from the board effective today. Frank read from the letter. He then gave Al an opportunity to address the board.

Al said that he was sorry to be leaving the board. He stated that he had been a member of Community Board #11 for six years and had family living in the board. Al stated that he would continue to do everything he could to keep this board a viable place to live. He thanked the Chair and members of the board for the good years.

Frank said that Al had served this board and community and thanked him.

Al thanked the board for their help in getting the platform needed for the street naming ceremony to be held on Saturday at Allerton Avenue and East Gun Hill Road in honor of his brother Raymond Locascio. He thanked Susan for her help along with Harriet and Thomas.

Frank stated that before the Gallery Session began he wanted to say that the board held a public hearing on the Adult Establishment Zoning Text on April 13th at which time the public was invited to speak. He stated that the Chair would not allow discussion on this tonight.

I. Gallery Speakers

a. Tony Cannata

Mr. Cannata spoke about the redistricting of Board #9. He stated that there are not sufficient police in Board 10 to properly handle the increase in population due to the redistricting.

b. Marie Cifarelli

Ms. Cifarelli spoke about cars making illegal turns of Pelham Parkway South and Bogart Avenue.

c. Richard Giovanoni

Mr. Giovanoni stated that he was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Allerton Coops Tenants Association. He said that he was here tonight to talk about the benches around Zimmerman Playground. Mr. Giovanoni wanted to know who would be doing the work.

Frank stated that it is contracted out.

d. Vijay Kumar - Allerton Branch Library

Mr. Kumar thanked the board for their support of the library. He stated that the library has six day service.

e. Howard Tannenbaum

Mr. Tannenbaum stated that he had written to Assistant Attorney General regarding his tax assessment.

Leslie McHenry stated that she would look over his material and get back to him on this.

f. Janice Walcott - President of Allerton Coops Tenants Association

Ms. Walcott asked about the Zimmerman Playground renovations.

Linda Loeb spoke. She stated that due to the budget cuts the board received word that the project was going to be scaled down. Linda stated that the scope will be redone. She also stated that based on her conversation with Bronx Parks Commissioner Castro and Councilwoman June Eisland we hope for a minimum delay. Linda said that no date is set for the work to begin.

Ms. Walcott asked for a letter when the scope is done. Linda said that she would see to it that Ms. Walcott is notified.

g. Natasha Burnett - President of Youth group of Allerton Coops

Ms. Burnett asked what the children are supposed to do while the park is being redesigned. She asked if this could be delayed until August when camp is over.

Linda stated that alternate arrangement will be made for the camp and the preschool.

h. Elsa Mitchell - Allerton Coops

Ms. Mitchell asked about jobs for youth for parks.

Frank said that this is not something the board has a say in. He suggested that she contact her councilperson.

Frank welcomed Helen Korman, representing Councilman Michael DeMarco, P.O. Nick Stanich of the 49th Precinct and Danny Cestaro representing Senator Joseph Galiber.

## II. Minutes

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

Unanimously passed.

## III. Chairman's Report - Frank Muccioli

Frank reported that he had received Committee requests from Hazel Miura and Milagros Guzman. He stated that he was placing Hazel Miura on the Housing Committee and Milagros Guzman on the Education and Culture Committee.

Frank reported that Rabbi Fuchs' mother had passed away. He stated that the funeral was today. Anyone wishing information can call the board office.

Frank stated that the street naming for Raymond Locascio would take place on Saturday at 10 A.M. at East Gun Hill Road and Allerton Avenue.

### 1. District Manager Search

Frank stated that four resumes were selected from those submitted. He stated that the committee needs more time to study them.

## IV. Acting District Manager's Report - Linda Loeb

### 1. Street Activity Permits

Linda stated that there were two that were on the Agenda and one that was on the addendum.

Rhoda Gogatz asked that they be voted on separately.

a. Application by the White Plains Road District Management Association for a two day sidewalk fair on White Plains Road between Pelham Parkway South and Brady Avenue from 10 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th with rain dates of Friday, July 21st and Saturday, July 22nd.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Robert Potter and Ralph Lanzilli - That Community Board #11 approve of this street closing application.

Passed with 1 objection by Rhoda Gogatz.

b. Application from the residents of the 2400 Block of Kingsland Avenue to close Kingsland Avenue between Waring and Mace Avenues on Saturday, August 12th from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. for a Block Party

c. Application from the Volunteers of America - Early Learning Center at 2433 East Tremont Avenue to close poplar Avenue between Paulding and Bronxdale Avenues from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on July 14th with a rain date of July 21st.

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer and Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Ralph Lanzilli - That Community Board #11 approve of these two street closings.

Unanimously passed.

## 2. Board Attendance

Linda stated that over the course of the summer the board members attendance will be totaled and letters will be sent to the Executive Committee before the September meeting.

## V. Treasurer's Report

Distributed.

## VI. Borough President's Report -Linda Loeb

Linda reported that Annette Marchitello, the liaison to Community Board #11 has retired. As the report was lengthy, Linda submitted the following to the Secretary:

### EMPOWERMENT ZONE UPDATE

A meeting was held on Saturday, June 10, 1995 at Hostos College. For those who attended, RFP's were given out. On Saturday, June 24, 1995 another meeting is being held for feedback on the RFP's handed out at the previous meeting.

### BRONX-WIDE YOUTH CONFERENCE

On Saturday, June 10, 1995 at Hostos College, the Borough President sponsored the Youth Borough Board Conference. It was attended by other 200 youth. The guest speakers were Lisa Maria from Hot 97 and Felipe Luciano, co-host of Good Day Street Talk. It was a huge success.

### BRONX WEEK EXPO '95 - CELEBRATED CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrating Bronx Pride in the richness of its multi-ethnic community and variety of business attractions, Bronx Week Expo '95 commenced a week of festivities.

Showcasing The Bronx's educational, cultural and economic

strengths and opportunities, Expo '95 offered a myriad of activities in a borough tradition which each year draws many thousands of participants under the auspices of Borough President F. Ferrer, working with community groups boroughwide.

"Bronx Week becomes more meaningful, more inclusive and more exciting each year," says Ferrer. "It is the perfect opportunity to get in touch with people from all the neighborhoods of The Bronx." Thousands of men, women and children participated in Bronx Week Expo and it was a great success.

#### THE BRONX PREPARED TO PACK A PUNCH AT POW WOW

There was no holiday break for Bronx tourism officials instead, they geared up to court some of the 5,000 international tour operators who descended on New York City. The travel professional, along with 200 travel writers from around the world, were in town for Pow Wow '95, the first Travel Industry Association of America convention held in New York City since 1969.

"At first a lot of people chuckled at the idea of tourism in The Bronx," says Ferrer. "But now tour operators are laughing all the way to the bank. With world renowned attractions like the Bronx Zoo, the New York Botanical Garden, City Island, Wave Hill and Yankee Stadium people are finding that The Bronx has the product and the determination to make tourism work.

#### SHODDY POSTAL SERVICE PERSISTS IN THE BRONX

Despite claims to Borough President Fernando Ferrer and the Borough Board that mail delivery has improved in the borough, the Borough Board stopped short of giving its stamp of approval to Bronx Postmaster Rafael Cintron.

Cintron insisted that commitments made to improve service, including express mail delivery on Sunday to the installation of post office lobby managers, consistent delays in the mails were anything like dependable, first class service.

Displaying a badly damaged "return receipt requested" parcel wrapped in rubber bands, Deputy Borough President G. Brooks said, "This parcel was mailed out April 12th and we received it May 12th in this condition." Another letter mailed from the Borough President's Office was not received until a year later.

Although The Bronx County Post Office, according to Cintron, has spend more that \$4.5 million in the last year to improve security at Bronx stations and \$10 million in station renovations (new roofs, security lighting, graffiti removal and modernized lobbies), Bronxities still want their mail delivered on time.

Borough President F. Ferrer acknowledged the upgraded but wants "a stronger commitment from the Postmaster that mail in The Bronx will be picked up and delivered on a timely basis. What the borough is demanding are a set of consistent standards that will produce a level of professionalism to ensure proper and speedy service."

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development - Emil Eisdorfer

1. Request from N.I.D.C. for a letter of support for the Commercial Revitalization of Allerton Avenue.

Linda spoke on this.

A Motion was made by Emil Eisdorfer, Seconded by Dominic Castore That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Department of Business Services in support of N.I.D.C.'s request for renewal of its Commercial Revitalization of Allerton Avenue.

Passed with 1 abstention with cause by Hazel Miura.

b. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

1. S & A Hero Shop d/b/a Williamsbridge Inn - 1527 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

2. Stanio Deli & Grocery Corp. - 571 Van Nest Avenue for off-premises beer license (New)

3. Bronxdale Dine Corp. d/b/a/ Castle Hill Diner - 1506 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

4. Liapis Bros. Restaurant, Inc. - 2159 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption (New)

5. Best Way Beer & Soda Distributors Inc. - 1640 Bronxdale Avenue for off-premises beer license (Renewal)

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

B. Land Use - Kenneth Gelnick

1. N 950384 ZRY - Application for zoning text amendment regulating adult establishments, submitted jointly by the Department of City Planning and the City Council Land Use Committee for consideration by the City Planning Commission.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella - That Community Board #11 recommend approval of the zoning text amendment, and ask that it include that such establishments be located no closer than 750 feet from residential and industrial districts.

The following board members spoke: Joseph Thompson, Rhoda Gogatz, Harain Figueroa, Dominic Castore, Frank Muccioli, Dexter Hendon, Seymour Ostroga.

The Motion passed with 22 in favor, 4 against and 4 abstentions.

Those voting in favor of the Motion were: Ruth Burko; John Cifichiello; Priscilla Crowell; Anthony DelGaudio; Patrick Dolan; Emilian Eisdorfer; Mauro Fanelli; Kenneth Gelnick; Rhoda Gogatz; Gerald Launer; Silvio Mazzella; Leslie McHenry; Frank Muccioli; Hazel Miura; Dr. Mahendra Patel; Robert Potter; Joseph Reda; Blanche Comras Rifkin; Mary Rogan; Mark Shkreli; and Elaine Weisbrot.

Those voting against the Motion were: Harain Figueroa; Joseph Milone; Seymour Ostroga; and Joseph Thompson.

Those abstaining were: Dominic Castore; Ralph Lanzilli; Pat Quaranta and Linda White.

C. Youth Services - Linda White

Linda reported that 6 groups had applied for funding. She stated that we are awaiting a reply from the Department of Youth on who was funded and for what amounts.

D. Housing - Leslie McHenry

1. Housing Fair held May 23rd.

Leslie reported that nine agencies participated in the Housing Fair.

Frank announced that a guest had just entered the meeting, Annette Marchitello. He also reported that Hazel Miura had asked to be released from the Education Culture Committee due to a conflict of interest to the Public Safety Committee.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Ralph Lanzilli

Ralph reported that of boards 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Board 11 had the highest rating for cleanliness. Ralph also reported that Local law 301 A 347 A (Illegal dumping) went into effect at the end of May.

F. Parks and Playgrounds - John Cifichiello

John reported that the City of New York has two more vans available on a limited basis.

John reported that funds are there for the renovation of Zimmerman Playground. He also reported that the Botanical Garden has events on Saturdays and Sundays and concerts every Sunday in August.

G. Health and Social Services - Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that the group home at 2421 Esplanade is doing well. She stated that the Advisory Board met on March 31st.

Blanche reported that the Burn Unit at Jacobi is having a fund drive in order to raise a half million dollars. Blanche also reported that the Alcoholic Unit at Bronx Psychiatric which had been closed for 6 months just opened.

Blanche reported that Bill Walsh is remaining at BMHC. She also reported that one unit of psychiatry will be closing at BMHC.

Frank stated that he is very proud of the staff, Harriet, Susan and Margaret for the job they have done in the absence of Thomas Lucania with the extra work load.

H. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that there will be a 2.8% reduction for the 3 libraries. She stated that we will still have 6 day service.

I. Community Development and Budget Priorities-Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Budget Consultations for FY'97 will be held on Monday, September 18th at Fordham Prep for Boards 7-12. He stated that the Board's priorities are due October 22nd.

J. Public Safety - Joseph Reda

Joe corrected the May stats to read as follows:

	1994	1995	Change
Robbery	63	44	30.2 Down
Burglary	124	88	29 Down
G.L.A.	177	100	43.5 Down
Murder	3	0	100 Down
Rape	2	2	Same

	<u>Year-To-Date</u>		Change
Robbery	329	223	32.2 Down
Burglary	539	384	28.8 Down
G.L.A.	782	591	24.4 Down
Murder	11	0	100 Down
Rape	15	6	60 Down

	<u>Arrests</u>		Change
Robbery	35	19	45.7 Down
Burglary	18	7	61.1 Down
G.L.A.	17	8	27.3 Down

Total Felonies	479	335	30.1 Down
Total Complaints	1409	1036	2.6 Down

Rhoda stated that the 49th Precinct breakfast was beautiful

K. Nominations - Leslie McHenry

Leslie stated that for the position of Second Vice Chairman Gerald Launer was running unopposed, and for the position of Secretary Ruth Burko was running unopposed.

A Motion was made by Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Blanche Comras Rifkin - That as Gerald Launer and Ruth Burko were running unopposed, they be elected to their respective offices.



Unanimously approved.

Leslie stated that for the position of Chairman there were two candidates, Dominic Castore and Frank Muccioli. The ballots were handed out and then counted. The vote was Dominic Castore 19, Frank Muccioli 12.

Those voting for Dominic Castore were: Ruth Burko; Dominic Castore; John Cifichiello; Priscilla Crowell; Anthony DelGaudio; Patrick Dolan; Emilian Eisdorfer; Mauro Fanelli; Harain Figueroa; Ralph Lanzilli; Gerald Launer; Silvio Mazzella; Leslie McHenry; Joseph Milone; Seymour Ostroga; Robert Potter; Joseph Reda; Joseph Thompson; and Elaine Weisbrot.

Those voting for Frank Muccioli were: Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez; Kenneth Gelnick; Rhoda Gogatz; Dexter Hendon; Hazel Miura; Frank Muccioli; Dr. Mahendra Patel; Pat Quaranta; Blanche Comras Rifkin; Mary Rogan; Mark Shkreli and Linda White.

Leslie stated that for the position of Treasurer there were two candidates, Ralph Lanzilli and Linda White. The ballots were distributed and then counted. The vote was, Ralph Lanzilli 20, Linda White 10 and 1 abstention.

Those voting for Ralph Lanzilli were: Ruth Burko; Dominic Castore; John Cifichiello; Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez; Anthony DelGaudio; Patrick Dolan; Mauro Fanelli; Harain Figueroa; Kenneth Gelnick; Rhoda Gogatz; Ralph Lanzilli; Gerald Launer; Silvio Mazzella; Leslie McHenry; Joseph Milone; Seymour Ostroga; Dr. Mahendra Patel; Robert Potter; Pat Quaranta; and Joseph Reda.

Those voting for Linda White were: Priscilla Crowell; Emilian Eisdorfer; Dexter Hendon; Hazel Miura; Frank Muccioli; Blanche Comras Rifkin; Mary Rogan; Mark Shkreli; Elaine Weisbrot and Linda White.

Joseph Thompson abstained on the vote.

Leslie stated that Alfred Locascio had been named from the Nominating Committee for the position of First Vice Chairman, but since he was no longer a board member the board needed to have nominations and the vote tonight.

Leslie McHenry was nominated by Dominic Castore and Seconded by Silvio Mazzella. Leslie accepted.

Frank Muccioli was nominated by Blanche Comras Rifkin and Seconded by Emil Eisdorfer. Frank accepted.

The vote was Frank Muccioli 18 and Leslie McHenry 13.

Those voting for Frank Muccioli were: John Cifichiello; Patrick Dolan; Emilian Eisdorfer; Mauro Fanelli; Harain Figueroa; Kenneth Gelnick; Rhoda Gogatz; Dexter Hendon; Silvio Mazzella; Leslie McHenry; Hazel Miura; Frank Muccioli; Dr. Mahendra Patel; Pat Quaranta; Blanche Comras Rifkin; Mary Rogan; Mark Shkreli and Joseph Thompson.

Those voting for Leslie McHenry were: Ruth Burko; Dominic Castore; Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez; Priscilla Crowell; Anthony DelGaudio; Ralph Lanzilli; Gerald Launer; Joseph Milone Seymour Ostroga; Robert Potter; Joseph Reda; Elaine Weisbrot and Linda White.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Muccioli,  
Chairman

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 15, 1995

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(4)(4)	Silvio Mazzella	(0)(0)
Dominic Castore	(6)(4)	Leslie McHenry	(1)(2)
John Cifichiello	(0)(1)	Joseph Milone	(8)(2)
Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez	(7)(1)	Frank Muccioli	(0)(0)
Priscilla Crowell	(4)(3)	Hazel Miura	(1)(0)
Anthony DelGaudio	(3)(4)	Seymour Ostroga	(0)(4)
Patrick Dolan	(5)(4)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)(0)
Emilian Eisdorfer	(8)(3)	Robert Potter	(5)(4)
Mauro Fanelli	(4)(1)	Pat Guaranta	(4)(6)
Harain Figueroa	(2)(1)	Joseph Reda	(6)(2)
Laura Fischman	(5)(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(3)(5)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)(4)	Mart Rogan	(6)(0)
Rhoda Gogatz	(0)(5)	Mark Shkreli	(3)(0)
Dexter Hendon	(2)(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)(0)
Ralph Lanzilli	(7)(4)	Elaine Weisbrot	(0)(0)
Gerald Launer	(7)(0)	Linda White	(5)(4)

ABSENT

Dr. Mary Acker	(13)(8)	William Ricevuto	(6)(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(7)(2)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(2)(0)
Milagros Guzman	(1)(0)	Patrick Torney	(7)(0)
Simeon Goldstein	(1)(1)	Robert Torres	(10)(6)
David Leavitt	(4)(4)	Mordechai Twersky	(4)(6)
Lori Motta	(7)(2)	Lisa Winters	(6)(0)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Korman - representing Councilman Michael DeMarco

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Linda Loeb, Acting District Manager  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary  
P.O. Nick Stanich, 49th Precinct

\*Numbers in parenthesis denotes from September 1994  
Numbers in **BOLD** denotes absences from September 1993-June 1994