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*Public Safety*

*Sanitation & Environmental  
Protection*

*Youth Services Planning*

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1998 IN THE  
ROBBINS AUDITORIUM OF THE FORRSHEIMER BUILDING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chairperson.

**I. Gallery Session**

The following people spoke at the Gallery Session:

Frank Licameli – Selective Service Administration spoke about the benefits of registration for the draft and asked for people to apply for membership on the Selective Service Board.

Wendy Webb Webber – Community Action for Human Services apologized for the headline in the Bronx Times Reporter. She stated that this statement was not made by her or anyone else connected to CAHS.

Donald Gilligan – Chester Civic Association read a statement from Chester Civic supporting the residents of Pelham Gardens in opposing the application made by CAHS.

Janet Cohen complained about the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Police Officer Nick Stanich stated he would look into it.

Frank Caruso a resident of Waring Avenue spoke in opposition to the proposed medical facility at Waring Avenue and Eastchester Road.

Charles Lentz a resident of DeWitt Place complained about the Deli at 1384 East Gun Hill Road.

Keith Ramsey President of Eastchester Gardens complained about the RAIN Center at the Eastchester Gardens Senior Center.

Jonathan Ross a resident of Waring Avenue spoke against the proposed medical facility at Waring Avenue and Eastchester Road.

**II. Minutes**

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Mario Fanelli that the minutes be accepted as received.

Passed

### III. Chairman's Report – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Leslie thanked the public for coming to this meeting. She reported that there is a new sign-in sheet with the time in and time out. She also stated that it will be monitored and sent to the Borough President's Office.

Leslie welcomed the new Board Members: Dorrie Castro, James Gisondi, Randal Allen and Kwasi Afrifa who was not present.

Leslie acknowledged the representatives of Elected Officials present tonight: Libbie Locasio representing Guy Vellella, Marilyn Klein representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano, Howard Unger representing Assemblyman Klein and Linda Loeb representing Borough President Ferrer.

Leslie announced that Dom Castore will be back next month. She also thanked the Committee Chairs for having minutes ready for the meeting. This helps to shorten the meeting.

Leslie thanked Seymour and Mabel Ostroga for their holiday cheer.

Leslie announced that John Cifichiello is in Westchester Square Hospital. She stated that we all wish him well.

### IV. District Manager's Report – John A. Fratta

John thanked the committee chairs for holding meetings. He stated there will be changes made in the meeting structure.

John announced that the Boston Road Project contractor has to dig up the asphalt on Boston Road from Thwaites Place to Pelham parkway North. The asphalt used did not meet the federal guidelines and has to be replaced.

#### Street Activity Permits

1. Application from the White Plains Road BID for a sidewalk sale on 7/9/98 to 7/11/98 from 10 AM to 6 PM.
2. Application from the residents of Kingsland Avenue for their Annual Block Party on August 8, 1998 with a Rain Date of August 9, 1998 from 11:30 AM to 11:30 PM.
3. Application from the Van Nest Assembly of God for a Community Health Fair on Rhinelander Avenue bet. Holland and Wallace Avenue on June 6, 1998.
4. Application from the residents of Tomlinson Avenue for a block party of July 4, 1998 from 12 PM to 10 PM.

5. Application from Montefiore Medical Center for a health Fair on June 6, 1998 from 10 AM to 2 PM on Blondell Avenue

A Motion made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin - That Community Board 11 approve these street closings.

Passed

#### Summer Play Streets

Application by the Police Athletic League to close Barker Avenue bet. Allerton Avenue and Britton Street.

A Motion made by Rhoda Gogatz and seconded by Linda White to approve this Play Street request.

Passed with one abstention Hazel Miura.

#### V. Treasurer's Report – Sylvio Mazzella

Report Distributed.

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

As the report was lengthy Linda gave the report to John Fratta. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday from the Borough President. She also welcomed the new members.

1. FERRER RODENTS' PROBLEM PERSISTS IN THE BRONX
2. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER HONORS TAFT HIGH SCHOOL 'S PSAL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS
3. 99 GRADUATES OF THE DOE FUNDS READY, WILLING AND ABLE PROGRAM BREAK THE SHACKLES OF HOMELESSNESS
4. EXCHANGE STUDENTS HOST "SAYONARA ASSEMBLY", FERRER SENDS GREETINGS TO HACHINOHE MAYOR
5. FERRER: CUNY TRUSTIES SHOULD GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD ON CAP PLAN FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
6. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER SALUTES GREEK INDEPENDENCE AND HISTORY
7. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT HONORS EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN "WOMEN LIVING THE LEGACY"

#### VII. Committee Reports

##### A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

- a. 1436 Williamsbridge Road Corp. d/b/a Caridad for an on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin -That Community Board 11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Board that it has no objection to the granting of this renewal license.

Passed.

- b. Caffe Elisa – 2008 Williamsbridge Road for an on-premises consumption. Joseph Thompson gave his report that found nothing wrong with this premise. Board Members raised questions about problems with this establishment.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That a vote on this premise be tabled until the Executive Board Meeting to give us more time to investigate problems with this establishment.

Passed.

- c. Bijay News, Inc. - 1890 Eastchester Road d/b/a Eastchester Card Shop for off-premises consumption (NEW)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson Seconded by Joseph Reda - That Community Board 11 notify the Alcohol Beverage Control Board that it has objections to the granting of this license.

Passed.

## 2. White Plains Road BID North

Joe reported that there is a meeting on May 21, 1998 at 2334 Boston Road in the Day Room.

### B. Health and Social Services – Hazel Miura

As Blanche was not feeling well, Hazel gave the report on the proposed group home for 2311 Wickham Avenue. She stated that as a result of the public hearing and the meetings the Board held, the committee recommended that the Board disapprove of this home.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Joseph Reda -That the Board send a letter to Community Action for Human Services objecting to this site.

A Roll call vote was taken. Those voting in favor were: Randal Allen, Joseph Carozza, James Cernera, Patrick Dolan, Mauro Fanelli, Harain Figueroa, Rabbi Moshe

Fuchs, James Gisondi, Dexter Hendon, Annette Marchitello, Silvio Mazzella, Rev. Leslie McHenry, Joseph Milone, Hazel Miura, Seymour Ostroga, Dr. Mahendra Patel, Vincent Prezioso, Joseph Reda, Blanche Rifkin, Madeline Saltaformaggio, Mark Shkreli and Linda White.

Those voting against the motion were Rhoda Gogatz and David Leavitt.

Kwasi Afrifa, Dorrie Castro and Joseph Thompson abstained.

A Motion made by Annette Marchitello Seconded by Vincent Prezioso -That Community Board 11 send a letter to Jacobi Hospital opposing the layoffs and supporting the union.

Motion carried with one abstention by Linda White.

Discussion took place regarding the trailers at Jacobi. It was suggested that Joe Orlando be invited to the next Health Committee Meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the WIC program in Westchester Square. It was suggested that representatives of WIC be invited to the next Health Committee meeting.

C. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Leslie asked that the Board of Realtors and the Human Rights Commission be invited to the next Housing meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

D. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Anthony DelGaudio

Report in Minutes.

E. Education and Culture – John Fratta

As Ruth Burko was not present John gave the report. He reported that an annex would be constructed at P.S. 83. Construction will begin in May. Night construction is not being planned for this job. If, in the future they need to work at night Community Board #11 will be notified in advance.

John raised the issue of school safety at the annex.

James Gisondi asked what the status of the Morris Park library was. John stated that the board is working on it, and that he would involve James in it.

F. Parks and Playgrounds – Joe Thompson

As John Cifichiello was not present Joe Thompson gave the report.

Joe thanked Borough President Fernando Ferrer for coming to the Pelham Parkway Little League opening day.

G. Land Use – John Fratta

As Ken Gelnick was not present John gave the report.

1. 187-97BZ - Proposed construction of a two story building at 2330 Eastchester Road with a medical facility on the first floor and residential units on the second floor.

John reported that the owner has a new design for this building. As Frank Marciano represented the owner he showed the Board the new drawings and specs. Mr. Marciano stated that there are no prospective tenants as yet in answer to a question by a Board member. He stated that there will be residents living on the second floor, and that 3 parking spaces will be available for use.

James Gisondi asked about the increase in traffic and parking on the block. He also mentioned that Waring Avenue has had problems in the past with regard to parking for the residents of the block, and that this facility would add to this problem.

Mr. Marciano could not respond.

Rhoda Gogatz asked if community groups were approached before moving ahead with this project. Mr. Marciano replied that they were not.

Hazel Miura asked about security. Mr. Marciano stated that this was not an issue.

Mr. Jonathan Ross, a member of the community asked if the basement was going to be used for medical offices.

Mr. Caruso, another member of the community stated that other medical offices in the vicinity have vacancies, and that no more medical facilities are needed.

Mr. Gene Tutora of Chester Civic stated that he was against this medical building. He stated that from Astor to Waring Avenue there is 100% capacity. He also stated that the site of the old Astor bowling alley both buildings are at least 20% vacant if not more.

A Motion was made by Rhoda Gogatz, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That Community Board #11 deny this building at 2330 Eastchester Road.

The Motion passed with James Cenera against, Kwasi Afrifa, Pat Dolan and James Gisondi Abstaining.

For 22 Against 1 Abstentions 3

G. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny stated that representatives of all the elected officials attended the meeting on the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway.

John added that DOT is in the process of revamping the old plans.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that at Mace Avenue and Boston Road the lights are red at the same time. He also stated that he had met with Lenard Garrett about the Dyre Avenue subway line, and we are waiting for a response.

H. Public Safety – Joseph Reda

Joe reported on various con games taking place in the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He also reported about robberies at Waldbaums and Home Depot parking lot.

I. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that the Department of Youth Services listed \$243,000 in funding to groups in Community Board #11 and the Community Development Agency listed \$90,000 in funds to groups for youth programs in Community Board #11. This seems like a lot of money. Linda reported that we don't know where and how this money is being used in our district. All groups receiving money will be invited to the May youth meeting for a report of programs.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 23, 1998

PRESENT

Kwasi Afrifa  
Randal Allen  
Joseph Carozza  
Dorinda Castro  
James Cerner  
Patrick Dolan  
Mauro Fanelli  
Harain Figueroa  
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs  
James Gisondi  
Rhoda Gogatz  
Dexter Hendon  
David Leavitt  
Annette Marchitello

Silvio Mazzella  
Rev. Leslie McHenry  
Joseph Milone  
Hazel Miura  
Seymour Ostroga  
Dr. Mahendra Patel  
Vincent Prezioso  
Joseph Reda  
Blanche Comras Rifkin  
Madeline Saltaformaggio  
Mark Shkreli  
Joseph Thompson  
Linda White

ABSENT

Priscilla Crowell  
Emilian Eisdorfer  
Kenneth Gelnick  
Gerald Launer

Michael Peace  
Robert Potter  
Pat Quaranta  
Elaine Wesibrot

EXCUSED

Ruth Burko  
Dominic Castore  
John Cifichiello  
Anthony DelGaudio

Dominick DeProspero  
Marilyne Jamieson  
Lisa Winter

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella  
Marilyn Klein – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager  
Linda Loeb – Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Office  
P.O. Nicholas Stanich – 49th Precinct Community Affairs

GUESTS

Franco Marciano  
Horace H. Harrison – New York Public Library