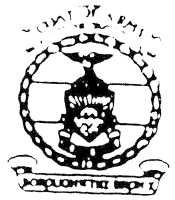


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Transportation  
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Land Use  
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Public Safety  
Sanitation & Environmental  
Protection  
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1999 IN THE  
PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM 1 OF CALVARY  
HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 P.M. by Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chair.

**I. Gallery Session**

- a. John-Paul Masullo – Bronx Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention

Mr. Masullo stated that he was an investigator with the Bronx Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention. He stated that this group is sponsored by Children Are Precious. Mr. Masullo stated that in addition to his program, Children are precious sponsors other programs such as: Photo ID cards, Children Video ID program, adult safety seminars and children safety seminars. Anyone interested should call 718-863-1880 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 AM and 2 PM.

Mr. Masullo reported that the Bronx Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention Program is made up of men and women who volunteer their time to investigate alleged cases of child abuse or illegal acts. He stated that most of their cases are obtained from phone calls or walk-ins. Mr. Masullo reported that after their investigation their findings are sent to the proper city or state agencies. Another component of the Bronx Task Force is that they search for missing and run away children. Mr. Masullo reported that they are very proud of the fact that in investigating 64 run away children reports 100% were found. He stated that unfortunately they could not say the same for missing children.

Mr. Masullo stated that if they could be of any help or service to anyone they should call 718-863-1882 on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 7:30 and 10 PM. Anyone interested in volunteering to join the Bronx Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention must be at least 18 and will be asked to fill out an application for a background investigation. If you pass the investigation check, you will also have to go for a one day a week training course for 8 weeks.

committees you are on. He also stated that the Board would be giving a report to the Borough President of attendance at Board and committee meetings so that when reappointment are made he can take this into consideration.

John reported that census jobs are going to be available for the year 2000. Anyone interested should contact the Board office for further information. John said that one of the jobs was Census Manager and pays \$26 per hour.

#### Street Activity Permit Application

1. Application by Barbara McBride for July 17, 1999 to close Britton Street between Olinville Avenue and Bronx Park East. A 2 block event

John reported that the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct is against this because of the 2 block request.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That a vote on this application be tabled until a meeting can be held with the applicant and the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Motion to table unanimously passed.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report had been distributed. Anyone with questions can call the board office.

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

As the report was long, Linda submitted it to Harriet.

1. Preliminary budget from Mayor for FY'2000 to be released January 28<sup>th</sup>. Borough Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:30 PM.
2. Mayor plans to auction off 100 community gardens. Borough President Ferrer prepared legislation which Councilmember Adolfo Carrion Jr. has introduced that if approved, that would prevent the Mayor from selling community gardens unless they were to be used for or moderate housing.
3. YCD to Bronx President: We've got all the input we need!
4. Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer issued a statement concerning the City's decision to site the Croton Water filtration plant at the Mosholu Golf Course.

d. Mabel Ostroga

Mrs. Ostroga spoke about the Einstein expansion and how dirty the streets are. She also complained about the people who park in driveways.

Rev. McHenry told Mrs. Ostroga that in the future she should call the Board office with these complaints and not wait until the Board meets.

II. Chairman's Report – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry reported that she attended the Borough Board meeting today. She stated that the main item on the agenda was the Police Department's role in the new school safe initiative. She stated that there are no plans on how to implement this. Rev. McHenry said that the public needs to get involved. Ms. McHenry thanked the members for attending the Executive meeting.

III. District Manager – John A. Fratta

John wished everyone a Happy New Year. He then congratulated the Board's Vice Chair on becoming Rev. Deacon Leslie McHenry on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

John reported that there had been a major problem today at I.S. 135.42 kids as well as teachers were taken to Jacobi and to North Central Bronx Hospitals. He stated that they are not sure if it was food poisoning or toxic contamination. John stated that the latest report is that the principal is appealing to the Chancellor to keep the school closed tomorrow until it can be determined what the cause was. John reported that everyone was released from the hospital.

Hazel Miura reported that the students were kept in the schoolyard for an hour and a half. She stated that it was cold out today, and some of the students had not eaten lunch.

John said that he would keep on top of this situation.

John stated that it is important the Chairs come to the Executive Committee, as this is where we set the agenda for the next Board meeting. He also stated that this is where the committee's agenda should be set for their next meeting. John stated that what he is trying to do is that when the Committee calendar goes out it lists the Agenda for the committees. John said that with the exception of Land Use and Community Development that does not have items to meet on every month. John reported that Dom Castore has already removed every member from the Public Safety Committee and replaced him or her with new members because they were not attending meetings. He stated that this would continue to happen if you do not attend the meetings of the

After that you will be put on probation for six months and be evaluated before becoming an investigator.

b. John Rivera – Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation

Mr. Rivera stated that he was also a Board member of Community Board #11 in Manhattan. He stated that he was honored to be here tonight to see his counterparts in the Bronx doing a wonderful job. Mr. Rivera stated that he represents the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation. He stated that they have initiated a job training program consisting of 2 parts. One is a job readiness which consists of resume, cover letter, how to prepare for an interview. The other part is a computer-training program, which consists of word processing such as Microsoft word. Mr. Rivera asked anyone who knows of anyone who is looking for a job to let them know about this 8-week training program which meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM to 12 PM. Another group is available which meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9AM to 12 PM. Mr. Rivera stated that he could be reached at 718-231-9800.

c. Suzanne J. Palmadessa

Ms. Palmadessa asked who was responsible for cleaning the area around Seminole and Neill Avenues going down to Pelham Parkway South? She stated that this area is cluttered with garbage, and there is a wire hanging down since the summer. Ms. Palmadessa stated that she walks down this area frequently. Last week there were three tires that were dumped there. Today there were 19 tires. Ms. Palmadessa stated that when she walked down this way top Jacobi at 1:00 all but three tires were gone.

Rev. McHenry asked that in the future Ms. Palmadessa contact the Board office with these complaints.

Ms. Palmadessa reported that at Wilson Avenue and Pelham Parkway South where the traffic comes from Pelham Parkway South Service Road there is no Stop sign.

John said that this is something that should be called into the Board office. He stated that he would request this sign, but that does not mean we will get it. He stated that he thought that a request for a 4-Way Stop sign had been in some time ago. John said that he would put it in again and see what happens.

Ms. Palmadessa stated that when you get on to Pelham Parkway South itself there are at least 2 crater size potholes .

5. Borough President Fernando Ferrer issued a statement regarding world Asthma Day.
6. Borough President Fernando Ferrer thanks Home Depot for donation of tools and building supplies for hurricane relief
7. Borough President Fernando Ferrer observes World AIDS DAY
8. Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer issued statement regarding the Impeachment proceeding in Congress

VI. Committee Reports

A. Public Safety

1. Precinct Stats for December

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Robbery	45	36	down 20%
Burglary	38	62	down 38.71%
Grand Larceny Auto	90	59	down 34.44%
Murder	1	1	-----
Rape	1	1	-----

YEAR-TO-DATE

Robbery	406	507	down 19.92%
Burglary	652	656	down 60%
Grand Larceny Auto	992	1,086	down 8.86%
Murder	6	7	down 14.29%
Rape	30	35	down 14.29%

ARRESTS

Robbery	9	11	down 18.18%
Burglary	5	2	down 60%
Grand Larceny Auto	11	11	-----
Murder	0	0	-----
Rape	0	0	-----
Total Felonies	268	263	down 1.87%
Total Complaints	822	874	down 5.95%

A Motion was made by Pat Dolan, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board #11 send a letter to our elected officials and the mayor concerning our need for more police, and put it in the newspapers.

John stated that he had spoken about this at the Borough Consultations

Hazel spoke about sending a letter to the mayor from the tenants at the meeting. She also stated that a copy of this letter should go into the papers.

Passed.

B. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick

1. Application for an extension of the terms of a Variance for the use of 974 Sackett Avenue as a non-storage garage in and R-4 district (223-55-BZ)

Ken sated that a public hearing had been held on this earlier, and there were no objections.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Joseph Thompson –That Community Board #11 approve the extension of this Variance.

Unanimously approved.

2. Application by the Department of City Planning that would affect residential zones permitting more than one dwelling unit (R3-R10) and commercial zones permitting residential development (C1-C6) (N990178ZRY)

A great deal of discussion took place on this item which was also discussed at the public hearing held earlier.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That Community Board #11 approve this application.

The vote was For 10 Against 12 Abstention 2

The Motion was defeated.

Those Voting in favor of the Motion were: John Cifichiello, Priscilla Crowell, Kenneth Gelnick, David Leavitt, Silvio Mazzella, Rev. Leslie McHenry, Robert Potter, Blanche Rifkin, Joseph Thompson and Linda White.

Those Voting against the Motion were: Ruth Burko, Joseph Carozza, Dominic DeProspero, Anthony DelGaudio, Patrick Dolan, Harain Figueroa, Annette Marchitello, Seymour Ostroga, Vincent Prezioso, Pat Quaranta, Joseph Reda, and Madeline Saltaformaggio.

Those Abstaining were Hazel Miura and Dr. Mahendra Patel.

3. Application by Albert Einstein College of Medicine to enlarge the Operating Room/Cardiac Care Center at 1811 Eastchester Road (339-98-BZ)

Ken reported that this had been discussed during the public hearing at which the architect explained the drawings and answered questions.

A Motion was made by Joseph Reda, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board approve this application with the proviso that the hospital look into the following: lowering the parking rates, restructuring the parking lot, utilizing the parking lot for employees at a minimal cost.

The representatives will come back to the Board in March with answers to the Board's requests.

The Vote passed with 23 in Favor and 1 Abstention with Cause by Dr. Patel.

C. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor Licenses

a. Mosienzo Restaurant Inc. – 1998 Williamsbridge Road for on-Premises consumption (NEW)

Joe reported that this is presently being constructed.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Joseph Reda – That Community Board #11 letter send a letter to the State Liquor Authority stating that we have no objections to the granting of this license.

Passed.

b. Pelham Bay Diner – 1920 E. Gun Hill Road for on-premises consumption (renewal)

Some discussion took place on this location.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the State Liquor Authority stating that we have no objections to the renewal of this license.

The Motion passed with 1 abstention by Vincent Prezioso.

D. Health and Social Services Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Emergency Room at Jacobi Hospital is full. She stated that patients are waiting in the ER for rooms.

Blanche reported that there would be a blood Drive on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Jacobi Hospital.

E. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported on a grant that was approved for \$803,000 for work stations and Equipment for the libraries. She stated that \$167,000 is for the work stations for the children's room

Ruth reported that the Committee is still working on getting a Morris Park library. She stated that they are trying to get expense money put in the budget.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:18 PM and returned at 10:20 PM

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Pat Quaranta – That Community Board #11 give John Fratta the maximum allowed from the money the Mayor gave the Boards.

Unanimously passed.

F. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Vincent Prezioso

1. Request to rename the Esplanade after Harold Rapkin

Vinny reported that the Committee is looking into this

2. HBCO15 – Reconstruction of the Westchester Avenue Bridge

Vinny reported that the report had been distributed.

G. Parks and Recreation – John Cifichiello

Report distributed.

As there was no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruth Burko*  
Ruth Burko,  
Secretary



ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 1999

PRESENT

Ruth Burko  
Joseph Carozza  
John Cifichiello  
Priscilla Crowell  
Anthony DelGaudio  
Dominick DeProspo  
Patrick Dolan  
Harain Figueroa  
Kenneth Gelnick  
David Leavitt  
Annette Marchitello  
Silvio Mazzella

Rev. Leslie McHenry  
Hazel Miura  
Seymour Ostroga  
Dr. Mahendra Patel  
Robert Potter  
Vincent Prezioso  
Pat Quaranta  
Joseph Reda  
Blanche Comras Rifkin  
Madeline Saltaformaggio  
Joseph Thompson  
Linda White

ABSENT

Kwasi Afrifa  
Randal Allen  
Dominic Castore  
James Cenera

Emilian Eisdorfer  
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs  
Gerald Launer  
Joseph Milone

EXCUSED

Dorinda Castro  
James Gisondi  
Rhoda Gogatz

Dexter Hendon  
Marilyne Jamieson  
Elaine Weisbrot