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- Education & Culture
- Health & Social Services
- Highways, Traffic & Transportation
- Housing
- Land Use
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Public Safety
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- Youth

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000  
IN CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by Rev. Leslie McHenry, First Vice Chair.

**I. Gallery Session**

- a. Rev. Nigel O. Cole – Pastor of the Bronx Grace Church of the Nazarene at 608 Morris Park Avenue

Rev. Cole stated that he was here tonight to introduce himself. He stated that he has been Pastor of the Bronx Grace Church for two years. Rev. Cole stated that it is a small congregation of mostly West Indian people.

- b. Rachana Rathak – CCRB – Civilian Complaint Review Board

Ms. Rathak stated that she was from the public affairs division of the Civilian Complaint Review Board. She stated that this is a city agency, independent of the police. Ms. Rathak stated that they investigate reports of police misconduct. She stated that complaints could be made by phone 24 hours a day. Ms. Rathak stated that she brought complaint forms in. She stated that they were located at 4 Rector Street.

- c. Tie Allen – Concerned Parents of Eastchester Gardens

Discussion took place on the site for his event, which is scheduled for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> on Adey Avenue between Pearsall and Tenbroeck Avenues.

Alternate sites were discussed as the Board has a policy of not issuing permits for main thoroughfares.

Rev. McHenry Said that this had come before the Executive Committee first.

d. Ann Mercadante – Concerned Parents of Eastchester Gardens

Ms. Mercadante spoke about the need for this event.

e. Clifford Schreiner – Concerned Parents of Eastchester Gardens

Mr. Schreiner stated that we can do something positive for our community.

Joe Thompson spoke on the traffic issue.

Det. Stanich will stand behind whatever decisions the board makes.

## II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Joseph Reda – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted.

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

Rev. McHenry welcomed John Cifichiello back. She reported that due to the Holidays the Board meeting would be held on Monday, April 24th

Rev. McHenry stated that it was very important that the Chairs and Co-Chairs come to the Executive Committee to help set the Agenda. She also stated that we need Committee Minutes for the Board meetings.

Rev. McHenry read the following Resolution from the Executive Committee into the Minutes which was seconded by Silvio Mazzella:

This Resolution serves as a vote of confidence for the staff of Community Planning Board #11. We wish to commend John, Harriet, Susan and Margaret for their dedication and commitment to the Board and the Community. The Community is Better served through their efforts.

Unanimously accepted.

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

John reported that many complaints have come into the office on Seminole Avenue at the dead end on Wilkinson by the hospital. John thanked police Lt. Venice for his help. John stated that the homeowners are picking up the garbage. He stated that we are trying to get DOT to put up lights there and have the street demapped.

John reported that we have received complaints on the bar at \_\_\_\_\_. He stated that we tabled it and SLA issued the license anyway. John stated that the police have been there a number of times. He asked Joe Thompson to look into it.

Det. Stanich reported that the police have given this area more than special attention. He stated that the owner met with my partner. He stated that the owner passed all tests. Det. Stanich stated that parking summonses were issued Friday. He stated that different agencies are looking into this location.

Det. Stanich spoke about the used car lot. He stated that the owner has all his licenses. He also reported that the owner moved the entrance. Det. Stanich reported that summonses enforcement had done and underage sting. He also stated that the beat officers are on it.

Street Closing Applications

1. Request from the residents of the 2400 block of Kingsland Avenue to close Kingsland Avenue between Waring and Mace Avenues on August 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. for a block party.

John reported that this is an on going event with full support of the residence on the block.

A Motion was made by Dom DeProspero, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Street Activity Permit Office approving of the street closing request.

2. Request from the Concerned Parents of Eastchester Gardens to close Adee Avenue between Pearsall and Tenbroeck Avenues on July 8<sup>TH</sup> from 8:00 A.M. TO 11:30 P.M.

A great deal of discussion took place on the site for this event. Rabbi Fuchs Emi Eisdorfer, Marilynne Jamieson, Priscilla Crowell, Silvio Mazzella, Seymour Ostroga and Keith Ramsey all expressed their pro and con feelings on the site for this event.

A Motion was made by Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Seconded by Dom DeProspero - That Community Board #11 approve of this Street Closing Application and that the hours be changed to not more than 12 hours.

Motion passed with 3 opposed and 3 abstention. Rev. McHenry, Silvio Mazzella and Marilyn Jamieson voted against the application. Priscilla Crowell and Robert Potter abstained, and Keith Ramsey abstained for cause.

John reported that the Board had received a request from P.S. 121 to make Bouck and Throop Avenues one-way. He stated that Board had agreed, but we hear from the residents who were outraged that this was being done without their being notified. John stated that a public hearing needs to be held before we notify DOT.

A Motion was made by Rabbi Fuchs, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That this be sent back to the Committee.

Passed.

Rev. McHenry stated that the Executive Committee will discuss policy at the next meeting. She asked Marilyn Jamieson to attend this meeting.

V. Minutes

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously accepted.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report had been distributed. Anyone with questions should call Harriet.

VII. Borough President's Report – Linda Loeb

Linda handed out copies of Healing a Divided city by Borough President Fernando Ferrer and a copy of an article from the Daily News Ferrer rips into hizzoner. The rest of her report she gave to Harriet.

1. FERRER AND BRONX BOROUGH BOARD ADOPT BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FY'2001

2. FERRER AND BRONX BOROUGH BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION ON WEST NILE VIRUS AND SPRAYING OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
3. STATEMENT BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER ON THE SHOOTING DEATH OF PATRICK DORISMOND
4. NEWEST CCRB MEMBER AMONG THOSE HONORED AT FERRER'S OFFICIAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
5. FERRER ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF EVENT TO ENROLL CHILDREN IN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS
6. FERRER AND BRONX CLERGY TASK FORCE CALL FOR MEETING WITH TOP POLICE BRASS IN WAKE OF DIALLO VERDICT
7. FERRER CALLS MAYORAL DELAY OF ASTHMA CONTRACTS A TRAVESTY FOR OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH
8. FERRER: GIVE TAXPAYERS A REAL BREAK

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor Licenses

a. Poppy Nice at Boston Road and Thwaites Placed  
Joe reported that he had not heard music. He stated that cars are moving in and out. Joe said he would look at it again.

- b. N.Y. Sizzler Restaurant Corporation – 2375 E. Tremont Avenue for on-premises consumption of wine/liquor (RENEWAL)
- c. Maestro's Caterers – 1703 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption of alcohol (RENEWAL)
- d. Slims Eats Inc. d/b/a Morris Park Inn – 1001 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption of alcohol (RENEWAL)

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

Unanimously passed.

e. Stillwell Café Inc. at 1680 Stillwell Avenue

Joe reported that the Board had asked the SLA to rescind the license for this location, but it was approved. He stated that we would be sending a letter to the commissioner and to the Consumer Affairs asking that they keep us informed. Joe stated that we would be staying on top of this.

John stated that if they do get the cabaret license we need strict police enforcement.

B. Land Use – John Fratta

John reported that the Board had received information on bulk rate legislation and the rezoning of Boston Road. He stated that we need to hold a public hearing on items, and there will be a report next month.

C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the traffic lights at Bronxwood and Waring Avenues.

John reported that DOT has staff in place that is actively moving on our complaints. He stated that they are working on Allerton and Bronxwood Avenues.

D. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Einstein/Weiler Montefiore construction would mean 7 new operating rooms, a cancer care unit and a cardiac unit. She stated that it should be completed by the year 2001.

Blanche announced that the Committee had not met in February.

E. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry

Rev. McHenry spoke about the mold at the Pelham Parkway Houses. She stated that if anyone finds mold (especially in housing authority property) to call the office to make the Board aware of any problems. Rev. McHenry stated that this is a health problem. Rev. McHenry reported that there would be a meeting at P.S. 89 in April.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Dom DeProspero

Dom reported that DEP meter reading of water meters would be done by DEP. Dom also reported that weekly recycling would begin on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that Alternate Side Parking regulations will be changed to 90 minutes, and the meters will be half hour meters.

John reported that the ASP would begin in a year.

Tom Lucania stated that the Board should send the maps to the local organizations to see what they need and want.

G. Parks and Recreation – John Cifichiello

John reported that Community Board #11 was the first Board to speak against the spraying of Malathion.

John reported that Mazzai Park is coming along nicely.

John thanked everyone for his or her cards.

H. Public Safety – Joseph Reda

Robbery is down 39.02%; Burglary is up 8.82%, G.L.A. is down 33.82%, Murder and rape are up one. Year to Date Robbery is down 26.66%, Burglary is up 21.92%. G.L.A. is down 35.13%, Murder is one and rape is down 66.67%. Arrests Robbery is down 21.43%, Burglary is down 57.14%, G.L.A. is down 22.22%, murder is down 66.67% and rape is up One. Total felonies are down 15.55% and Total complaints are up 5.29%.

Joe reported that there are not enough police in the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He reported that there were 3 incidents this week.

Marilyne Jamieson spoke about the underage motor scooters drivers that ride at night with no lights and are illegal.

A Motion was made by Marilyne Jamieson, Seconded by Linda White - That Community Board #11 notifies the press about this dangerous situation.

She stated that the parents are responsible.

Linda White reported that the parents are only responsible if they are under 21.

John stated that the intent is to get this publicized so that the parents know and that the scooters be confiscated.

Motion passed.

Det. Stanich asked if anyone knows of a store that sells these scooters to call him.

Silvio and Rev. McHenry added that letters be sent to the legislatures to insure that if there is no legislation that there be some.

Passed.

Det. Stanich asked that this be put in the papers so that the parents will know about the consequences.

Linda asked that a letter be sent to the legislatures to strengthen the law

I. Youth – Linda White

Linda thanked Madeline and Priscilla for coming to the Youth meetings. She reported that the next Youth meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> in the Board office. Linda also thanked Det. Stanich and the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their help in the Housing developments with gang activity. She stated that there would be another gang meeting, with the Youth and Education Committees along with the police.

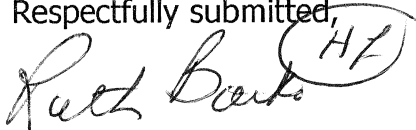
Linda stated that she wants to sit down with the principal of Columbus, the community and housing and talk to him. She stated that there are constant problems from early a.m. to late p.m.

Linda reported that all the groups that were funded last year are funded for these years. She stated that the boards have no say in how much or who gets funded. Linda reported that Jessie Stringfield has left.

Rev. McHenry asked Linda to set up a meeting with the principals of Columbus High School. She stated that if we could not get a meeting with him to get his boss. Give him 3 weeks notice. Rev. McHenry also told Linda to call the Superintendent of High Schools.

Linda stated that there are communication problems with Columbus. She stated that 50% more know about the Council for Unity. Linda also spoke about the problems with students at Columbus at the Pelham Parkway Houses.

As there was no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  


Ruth Burko,  
Secretary



ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING MARCH 23, 2000

PRESENT

Joseph Carozza	Rev. Leslie McHenry
John Cifichiello	Seymour Ostroga
Priscilla Crowell	Dr. Mahendra Patel
Dominick DeProspero	Robert Potter
Emilian Eisdorfer	Pat Quaranta
Harain Figueroa	Keith Ramsey
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	Joseph Reda
Marilyne Jamieson	Blanche Rifkin
Gerald Launer	Madeline Saltaformaggio
David Leavitt	Joseph Thompson
Annette Marchitello	Elaine Weisbrot
Silvio Mazzella	Linda White

ABSENT

Kwasi Afrifa	James Gisondi
Randal Allen	Dexter Hendon
Dorinda Castro	Vincent Prezioso
James Cenera	Martin Sacewicz
Kenneth Gelnick	

EXCUSED

Ruth Burko	Patrick Dolan
Dominic Castore	Joseph Milone
Anthony DelGaudio	Hazel Miura

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER

Thomas Lucania– Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Libbi Locascio – representing Senator Guy Velella  
Donald Ranshte – Representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager  
Harriet Lasky, Secretary  
Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide  
Linda Loeb – Borough President's Office  
Det. Nick Stanich – 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs  
Xiomara Chang – NYC Dept. of City Planning

GUEST

Rosanna Resdina – Leake & Watts Service  
Donald Critchall – New York Times