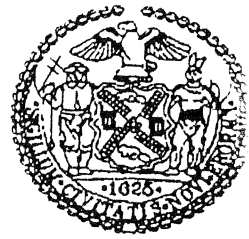




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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2000 IN THE
PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM 1 OF
CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

- a. Albert Fredericks, Rosemary Colon and Dr. Hoby Hetherington – AECOM

Mr. Fredericks stated that he and the others were here about an application to construct a new MRS research center on the grounds of Albert Einstein. He stated that this is a non-ULURP application. Mr. Fredericks stated that they would be redistributing the floor area and accessory parking spaces. Mr. Frederick reported that he filed this application with City Planning in March, but it has not been certified yet.

Dr. Hetherington stated that he is going to be the director of the new center. Dr. Hetherington stated that the project architect is here also. Dr. Hetherington stated it would be a three story new building in the center of the main Albert Einstein Campus. He stated that it would be connected to the Weiler Building on the southeast. Dr. Hetherington stated that it would be a cancer center with several wet labs. No exotic chemicals will be used. He also stated that it would be the smallest building on the campus comprising 18,000 square feet and three stories high. He also stated that it would house the newest MRI.

Several board members asked questions of Dr. Hetherington.

Marilyne Jamieson asked why we need another MRI in this community? Dr. Hetherington stated that this MRI is for clinical use, there will be no chemicals injected into the body. He also stated that it would be used to detect epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, diabetics and other ailments.

Blanche Rifkin asked if it was only for the college's use. Dr. Hetherington stated that no, it will also be used for Cornell and Columbia, and other hospitals. He stated that they would refer patients to this center when needed.

Dom Castore asked if they could be connected to the Resnick Building. Dr. Hetherington stated that they would be connected to the Weiler building.

Dom asked about the parking spaces. He stated that he did not want Einstein buying up houses in the area. He asked how this construction will effect house parking.

Dom stated that he would like the Executive Committee to meet with the people from AECOM after the application is certified. He stated that they would look at the plans and be empowered to make a decision in the name of the Board.

A Motion was made by Dominick DeProspero, Seconded by Joseph Thompson- That the Executive Committee be empowered to make the decision regarding the AECOM application after it is certified.

Unanimously accepted.

b. Thomas Gucardo – Jacobi Medical Center

Mr. Gucardo stated that he was here tonight to request a letter of support for the modernization of Jacobi Hospital. Mr. Gucardo stated that we have to replace some facilities. He stated we need a new bed tower and accute care building. He stated that we need to replace all facilities on the east side of Jacobi Hospital. Dr. Gucardo stated that the building will be attached to each floor of the hospital. Dr. Gucardo stated that we submitted this to the state and it should be certified in August or September. He stated that it will cost \$160,000, \$100,000 will be for building and rental equipment fees. Dr. Gucardo stated that design should take a year. Construction would begin in 2001 and take three years to complete. He stated that he was seeking support. Dr. Gucardo stated that some parking will be displaced, but that it will be replaced.

Dom told Mr. Gucardo that the Board could not give him a letter of support until we see the designs. He stated that we need to meet again.

Mr. Gucardo stated that he needed a letter as they were seeking state approval.

A Motion was made by Dominick DeProspero, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin- That Community Board #11 send a letter of support for the design concept of Jacobi Hospital.

Unanimously passed.

Ms. Mercadante reported that cars speed unmercifully at this location. Rev. McHenry stated that the Board has been requesting this light for a long time. She stated that Councilman Warden has held a meeting on it.

f. Tyrone Owens – Parkside Houses

Mr. Owens stated that he has 2 children. He asked that the Board please approve the street closing for the 50th Anniversary.

g. George Pantoja – Eastchester Gardens.

Mr. Pantoja stated that he had requested speed bumps which have not been installed yet. He wanted to know why in other areas they are on every other block. He also stated that his request was ignored.

John stated that we have more speed bumps than any other area in the Bronx. He stated that the policy is to install them only by schools and playgrounds. John stated that there are speed bumps on Kingsland Avenue because someone was killed, and that this was when the program first began. John told Mr. Pantoja that he was never ignored. He stated that the Board put the request in.

h. Clifford Schreiner

Mr. Schreiner spoke about a traffic light for Burke and Bouck Avenues. He stated that he had spoken to Councilman Larry Warden. Mr. Schreiner reported that on May 2nd a husband and wife were struck. She stated that the husband died. Mr. Schreiner also stated that the car backed up over both of them. He also reported that on June 13th a deaf woman in a wheelchair was hit at Yates and Burke Avenues. On June 20th a lady was hit at Pearsall and Adeo Avenues. Mr. Schreiner asked what the residents have to do to get attention.

John told Mr. Schreiner to keep the pressure on. He stated that it is not the elected officials or the Board that is the problem it is DOT. He stated that DOT's response to speeding is to tell us to get a cop there. John reported that this item was on the District Service Agenda last month. He stated that it will now be discussed at the Budget Consultations. John stated that we need to do something temporarily.

Mr. Hermes Carabello of the Borough President's office suggested that a 4-way Stop sign at that intersection be requested and that the request for the traffic light remain in.

c. Phyllis Reich – Beth Abraham

Ms. Reich stated that she was here tonight to request a letter of support on an application that Beth Abraham is submitting to HUD in regard to converting units in its 202 housing into assisted living units. She stated that the people who have been living in these units are getting older and need assisted living at Scheuer Gardens. Ms. Reich stated that some of the changes will include making it handicapped accessible adding a sprinkler system. Also the dining room will be made nicer as well as the recreation area. Ms. Reich stated that the residents would get three meals a day. She also stated that the amount of units cannot increase or decrease. She said that 26 will be handicapped accessible.

Martin Sacewitz asked if it would be at Rose Hill. Ms. Reich stated that they will be keeping two waiting lists, one for the independent and one for the assisted living.

A Motion was made by Rev. Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That Community Board #11 send a letter of support for the Beth Abraham Assisted Living conversion.

Unanimously passed.

d. Lily Lazano – Parkside Tenants Association

Ms. Lazano stated that they needed the street closed for a 50th Anniversary of NYCHA celebration. She stated that they will have health awareness and crime prevention information available. There will also be diabetes and asthma information. The event will be on Olinville and Arnow Avenues near the Park. The event will be from 12 P.M. to 6 P.M.

e. Ann Mercadante

Ms. Mercadante spoke about the light at Burke and Bouck Avenues. She stated That there have been a number of accidents on the weekends. She stated that she was pleading for this light to be changed to a regular light from the flashing light it now is.

John reported that he had put the request in in April. He stated that it takes six months to get a study. John stated that the Community Board is supporting this request as well as the elected officials. He stated that we can't speed it up, until the study comes back. He also stated that 9 times out of 10 it comes back from DOT that they feel it is not needed. John told Ms. Mercadante to keep the pressure on with the elected officials.

i. Frank Vieni

Mr. Vieni stated that he just learned that Bouck Avenue will be closed. He stated that the homeowners were not notified. Mr. Vieni stated that the residents of the project throw paper on the ground and then the homeowners get tickets. He also asked how he was going to get in and out of the block.

John stated that the application came before the Board. He stated that he would like to hold a meeting with then homeowners, Keith and the police to see if there could be some kind of compromise.

j. Alice Perez – 3016 Bouck Avenue

Ms. Perez stated that the homeowners did not receive any notice of the closing. She stated that residents of the development held a party years ago and made a mess. She stated that garbage was thrown at windows. Ms. Perez stated that there are 12 private homes on this street.

k. Benjamin White – 3004 Bouck Avenue

Mr. White stated that no homeowners were every notified about this street closing. He stated that he found out about it on Tuesday and called the Board office.

John asked if it would be okay with the homeowners if they cut down on the hours of the event? John also explained that one side of the street was the project and the other side was the homeowners.

Mr. White stated that he was against this.

Keith Ramsey spoke. He stated that the street closing is for only one day. He stated that the police will be there and Sanitation will pick up the garbage after the event. Keith stated that he felt that the homeowners were against the development.

Det. Stanich stated that Parkside's Permit is until 6 P.M. He stated that sound permits are only allowed until 7:00 P.M. He stated that the Police would back anything the Board approves of.

Dom Castore stated that the best solution was for those involved to meet and come to an agreement.

I. Tie Allen

Mr. Allen asked about getting a speed bump by the Eastchester Gardens Playground. He also asked about a traffic light on Burke and Adees Avenues. Tie stated that he hoped that there could be a compromise with the homeowners.

John thanked Tie for getting the message out about tonight's meeting.

j. Janet Cohen

Ms. Cohen asked what one is to do when a relative is in a nursing home and the Board of Health does not respond to complaints? Ms. Cohen would not name any particular nursing home. Marilyne Jamieson stated that she would talk to her after the meeting.

Ms. Cohen also complained about people stringing balloons around trees.

Det. Stanich stated that they do extensive patrols and if it is a birthday party the police will not bother them.

Ms. Cohen complained that this is every week.

Dom told her that this is a park problem and she should call 430-1800 and they will send park rangers.

k. Monica Berry

Ms. Berry stated that she is the president of Parkside Houses. She stated that she was here tonight to ask the Board's support on a street closing. Ms. Berry stated that they usually have it inside of Parkside, but this is the 50th Anniversary and it will be a special celebration. It will be on August 5th from 12 PM to 6 PM. Ms. Berry stated that the NYCHA chorus as well as other entertainment, a dance group, table games and a health mobile. She stated that we want to recognize the merchants who have been supportive.

John stated that the application says Arnow and Olinville Avenues.

Ms. Berry stated that it would be Barker to Olinville to the parking lot.

II. Minutes

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

Unanimously accepted.

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom introduced the new Board members: Diane Cerino; Debra Jaffee; Diane Norris-Williams and Ida Lebron who is not here tonight. Dom thanked Rev McHenry to taking over. He stated that he was glad to be back.

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

John welcomed the new Board members. He reported on a problem on the Gun Hill Road site. He stated that it is a garbage dump and has to be removed. John stated that he will set up a meeting.

Street Permit Applications

1. Request from Tie Allen of Parkside Houses to close Adee Avenue between Pearsall and Tenbroeck Avenues on July 8th.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Diane Norris-Williams
- That Community Board #11 approve this application.

Motion passed.

As there was strong opposition from the homeowners another motion was made.

A Motion was made by Diane Norris-Williams, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin – That the Executive Committee be empowered to make a decision on this street closing after a meeting is held.

Dom stated that the Board has guidelines, and if there is still strong opposition we will deny it. Dom stated that we will see if we can work it out. If we can't agree then we will have to deny it.

Motion passed.

John stated a meeting is set up for Tie Allen's street closing tomorrow. He stated that the police have serious concerns because the Fleet will be in and the Yankees are playing the Mets a double header on July 8th. He stated that normally we lose police for Yankee games, but we will be losing even more due to the Fleet being in.

Det. Stanich stated that he had requested that Borough give us 40 officers.

John stated that he had spoken to the Mayor's office and they stated that as long as the precinct feels it can cover the event we should not cancel it. John reported that mobile units and bands are scheduled to be there. John stated that the Tie estimated that 965 people would attend this event, he stated that they may get more people. John stated that 10 years ago there was a problem and it was closed down.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report had been distributed.

VI. Borough President's Report - Hermes Carabello

Hermes reported that an average of 6 schools in each Community School District will receive funding for five computers, printers, staff development, phone lines and Internet access to be located in the school library.

Gerald Launer asked for more Park Rangers. Hermes stated that this is not in the Borough President's domain, but rather the Mayor's office.

New York Botanical Garden – Roads, Paths and Paving - \$500,000
Winger Wagon- Funding for replacement of 1986 Winger Wagon - \$140,000
Tree Planting Borough-wide (FY'88-FY'00 \$4,9000,000) - \$400,000
Street Milling Borough-wide (FY'95-FY'00 \$2,800,000) - \$500,000

1. FERRER STATEMENT ON CENTRAL PARK ATTACKS
2. COALITION JOINGS FERRER IN CONDEMNING CONEY ISLAND HATE CRIME
3. FERRER APPLAUDS HEALTH COMMISSIONER NOVELLO DEPLORES DOCTORS' ACTS LEAVING THOUSANDS OF WOMEN AT RISK
4. BRONX COUNCIL DELEGATION, BOROUGH PRESIDENT FUND NEW "GRAFFITI FREE BRONX PROGRAM"
5. BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERRER'S PLAN FOR CLEAN AIR VEHICLES

Dom announced that John Cifichiello was on New York 1 as the New Yorker of the week.

John Cifichiello spoke about being on New York 1 and how they filmed him at the Botanical Garden and at the party that the Board gave him.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor Licenses

- a. L & V Liquor Inc. – 736 Lydig Avenue for off-premises consumption (NEW)
- b. Porto Cervo Restaurant Corp. – 1024 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)
- c. Fratelli – 2507 Eastchester Road for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

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

Unanimously approved.

2. Cabaret License

- a. Side Street-Back Street – 1330-32 Blondell Avenue

Joe gave the background of this establishment. He stated that Mr. Ramos, the owner had operated under an old cabaret license, which he was not allowed to do as he changed the corporation name. Joe stated that Mr. Ramos was fined \$3500. He stated that Mr. Ramos was not aware that he needed a new license.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Leslie McHenry – That Community Board #11 send a letter to Consumer Affairs that we have no objections to granting of this cabaret license subject to any adverse problems.

Passed with 1 abstention by Marilyn Jamieson.

B. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick

1. Boston Road Rezoning
2. City Wide Bulk

Ken stated presently Boston Road is located in a C-8-1 Zone which allows for motels and auto dealerships. He stated that what City Planning wants to do is make it residential with a commercial overlay. Ken stated that no motels would be allowed. He stated that it will be C-23 overlay the same as White Plains Road. He stated that Boston Road from Astor to DeReimer is R6. He stated that the uses there would be grandfathered in.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Priscilla Crowell – That Community Board #11 send a letter to CPC approving the Boston Road rezoning.

Unanimously passed.

Ken reported that the Bulk Rezoning is in R6 & R7 zones. He stated that there would be a height requirement. Presently there is no height requirement. Narrow streets 60 feet street wider 70 feet, 90 feet on 2 cites. Community facilities do not presently have a height limit. No requirements on Doctors offices, limited to 50 feet, 100 feet is further than to street.

A Motion was made by Kenneth Gelnick, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 go on record as being in favor of theses zoning changes.

Unanimously passed.

C. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that them budget consultations would be held on Monday, October 2nd at Fordham Prep.

D. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that tomorrow is the Pre Kindergarten graduation at Jacobi Hospital. She stated that this is the program that Georgina started. Blanche stated that everyone is invited.

Blanche reported that Jacobi is having a dinner dance on September 21st at the Marina Del Rey to honor Georgina. She stated that this was planned before Georgina passed away.

Blanche stated that anyone having a problem with mosquitoes or seeing abandoned tires should call the Board office.

John reported that the Department of Health has a program so that we can track where stagnate water is, so please call the Board office if you see tires, flower pots or puddles. John reported that on Poplar there are no sidewalks. He also stated that pools on private property with stagnant water could be reported. John stated that the Department of Health could go on private property if there is stagnate water there or in a pool.

Blanche reported that the hyperbaric chamber at Jacobi is open 24 hours a day. She stated that it helps heal wounds.

E. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry

1. Pelham Parkway Houses

Rev. McHenry reported that pictures of the problems at Pelham Parkway Houses were shown at the last meeting. Rev. McHenry reported that Assemblyman Klein is to be commended for his efforts in getting housing to do their job. She stated that little money is allocated by Housing. Rev. McHenry reported that 3 compactors are to be installed at the Pelham Parkway Houses, 2 on Bronxwood Avenue side and 1 on Pelham Parkway North. She stated that she would stay on top on the conditions.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Dominick DeProspro

Dom reported that the Department of Traffic is beginning to changed the signs at parking meters from 1 hour no parking to ½ hour no parking. He stated that the limit for parking will be changed from 3-hour limit to 1 1/2-hour limit for Alternate Side Parking..

G. Parks and Playgrounds – John Cifichiello

John reported that he is proud of the work that the committees do.

H. Public Safety – Silvio Mazzella

Stats for May

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Robbery	30	21	+42.86
Burglary	45	43	+ 4.65
G.L.A.	51	71	-28.17
Murder	1	1	-0-
Rape	1	3	-66.67

Year-To-Date

Robbery	130	146	-10.96
Burglary	226	223	+ 1.35
G.L.A.	306	370	-17.30
Murder	7	2	+250.00
Rape	6	9	-33.33

Arrests

Robbery	9	10	-10.00
Burglary	8	5	+ 1.35
G.L.A.	7	2	-50.00

Murder	0	1	-100.00
Rape	0	1	-100.00
TOTAL FELONIES	239	235	+ 6.22
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	938	855	+ 9.70

Silvio reported that the 49th Precinct has a No Tolerance policy for fire works on July 4th. Silvio wished everyone a great 4th of July.

John reported that Joe Reda had requested mounted police for the area. He stated that he sent a letter requesting this.



VIII. New Business

Rev. McHenry reported that at Mace and Williamsbridge Road there had been 2 shootings.

Det. Stanich stated that this took place at the social club. He stated that the perp stashed his weapon. Det. Stanich reported that the 49th would be patrolling the hot area and the pizza shop.

Dom Castore wished everyone a nice summer.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, 

 Ruth Burko,
 Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING JUNE 22, 2000

PRESENT

Joseph Carozza
Dominic Castore
Diane Cereno
John Cifichiello
Priscilla Crowell
Dominick DeProspo
Harain Figueroa
Kenneth Gelnick
Debra Ann Jaffee
Marilyne Jamieson
Gerald Launer
Silvio Mazzella

Rev. Leslie McHenry
Diane Norris-Williams
Seymour Ostroga
Dr. Mahendra Patel
Robert Potter
Vincent Prezioso
Keith Ramsey
Blanche Rifkin
Martin Sacewitz
Madeline Saltaformaggio
Joseph Thompson
Elaine Weisbrot

ABSENT

Ruth Burko
Dorinda Castro
James Cenera
Emilian Eisdorfer
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Ida Lebron
Joseph Milone
Hazel Miura
Pat Quaranta
Joseph Reda

EXCUSED

Patrick Dolan
David Leavitt

Annette Marchitello
Linda White

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Thomas Lucania – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Amelia Formicola – Representing Senator Guy Veella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John Fratta, District Manager
Harriet Lasky, Secretary
Margaret Guglielmo, Office Aide
Hermes Carabello – Borough President's Office
Det. Nick Stanich – 49th Precinct Community Affairs

GUEST

Thomas Gucciordo – Jacobi Medical Center
Helene Samburg – Van Nest Library
Phyllis Reich – Beth Abraham
Mary Beth Farrelly – Aging in America