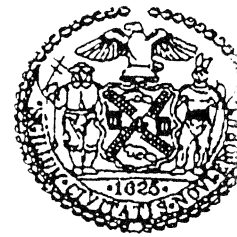




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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000
IN THE PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Presentation of New York Yankees Leadership Awards – Rachel Spivey

Ms. Spivey stated that this is a special occasion. She stated that this was the fourth community board that she has given out the \$500 checks to deserving persons in the Bronx who have demonstrated community service leadership. She also stated that this is the second time she has been to Community Board #11. Ms. Spivey stated that she is representing the New York Yankees. Ms. Spivey stated that she sits on the Advisory Council as Chairman of the outreach committee.

Ms. Spivey reported that when the Council was first started as an advisory for the New York Yankees there was no money talked about. She stated that as the Council began to meet and to identify some of the needs, Mr. Steinbrenner decided that he wanted most of his money to remain in the Bronx. Ms. Spivey stated that they identified the little leagues in the Bronx and gave them \$1000 each to help buy their equipment so that they could play successful little league ball. Ms. Spivey reported that this year we have been able to give 32 little leagues in the Bronx a \$1000 each.

Ms. Spivey reported that the Council has gone to the schools and identified graduating seniors and they get a \$1500 scholarship providing that they go to school and provide bursars receipt. Ms. Spivey reported that the last thing that the Council does is to give the 12 planning Boards in the Bronx \$2500 to be awarded to five students. She further stated that these are some of the things that Mr. Steinbrenner has allowed them to do. She then stated that these are the things that the public does not hear about, only the bad things about him. She stated that she wanted everyone to remember what Mr. Steinbrenner has done for the Bronx when they hear the negative things that the press has said about him.

Ms. Spivey thanked John Fratta and Dom Castore for allowing her to come tonight and give these checks to the five deserving students.

Ms. Spivey invited the students to come up and receive their checks. They are Ms. Deljes Hernandez, Mr. Louis Foglia, Mr. Anthony Panella, Ms. Christine Fahey and Mr. Ramon Montalvo. Mr. Anthony Panella was not present to receive his check. Mr. Fratta will keep his check for him. Ms. Spivey stated that on behalf of the New York Yankees she would like to say thank you for the hard work you have demonstrated in your community and I want you to continue the hard work because so many times good kids go unnoticed. Everyone talks about how the youth is on drugs, how you rob and rob. She stated that you are the products of a good home upbringing. She stated that the New York Yankees are proud to be a part of helping kids that will succeed in life.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Rev. McHenry, and Seconded by Linda White – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed.

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked everyone for their support. He reported that we lost a couple of good people this year. Dom asked everyone to give Leslie all the support they can.

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

John reported that two weeks ago, with the help of the 49th Precinct, the squatters living near the stables were removed. He stated that it was a multitask operation. John reported that we are waiting for Sanitation and Lot Cleaning to get the okay to go in clean the property and bill the owner. John wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

V. Presentation of the Medal of Honor by Congressman Joseph Crowley to the family of John Cifichiello

Congressman Joseph Crowley stated that he was here tonight for a special Reason. It was to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Congressman Crowley stated that he had not known John Cifichiello himself but had learned wonderful things about him.

Congressman Crowley reported that John was the son of immigrant parents from Italy. He was born in Greenwich Village on August 24, 1906. At a young age, he moved with his family to the Fordham section of the Bronx. Through hard work his family was able to buy a home on Crotona Avenue. John later married Caroline Ciani of Pelham Parkway.

Congressman Crowley stated that throughout John's life, giving has continuously been the hallmark of his life. Congressman Crowley reported that he served in World War II for the Irish and English Navy and was a postal worker until his retirement. He was a loving father and grandfather.

John Cifichiello, Jr. said "On a Sunday, my father would have left already before we got up to take the veterans down to church."

Besides escorting veterans to mass each Sunday at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital he worked with Community Board 11 and was the president of St. Lucy's Senior Citizens Association. He also was a long-term member of the Red Cross. He often helped with blood drives and other sponsored events. John also helped the children of the community and first became a coach in the Pelham Parkway Little League. Later he became the president of that very league. John also marched in the annual Bronx Columbus Day Parade.

"On behalf of my office it is my honor, Congressman Crowley said to present this medal to his family." Congressman said that John was a man of God.

VI. Borough President's Report – Dolores Baez

Dolores reported that the reappointment forms are due back in March. She asked everyone who has received one to please return them as soon as possible. On behalf of Borough President Ferrer she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John asked Dolores for a list of the Board members up for reappointment.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

- a. 1601 Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Wild Palm – 1601 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption (Renewal) (tabled from last meeting)

Joe reported that the Wild Palm already received their license. He reported that they had told us that there would be ample parking on the roof and that there would be a ramp. He stated that this has not been done. He stated that they have valet parking across the street.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the State Liquor Authority asking that they notify us well in advance of the issuing of these licenses.

Passed.

- b. Jimmy's Garden Inc. d/b/a Mr. Q's Chinese Restaurant at 2115-2117 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)

Joe reported that this restaurant has been at this location for quite some time. He stated that it is now being taken over by the son and that is why it needs a new license. Joe stated that the site is not a problem, it is only open on the weekends until 11 P.M. Joe stated that it was a family restaurant.

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

Passed.

- c. Chavez Restaurant –730 Astor Avenue for on- premises wine consumption (New)

Joe reported that this restaurant is located in the middle of one of the worst areas. He stated that it is a Mexican restaurant. He stated that while he has never seen any real problems inside the restaurant but it is surrounded by pretty unsavory people. Joe said that the restaurant seats 20 people and is open until 2 A.M. He asked Det. Stanich to speak about it.

Det. Stanich stated that all four corners have drug sales going on. He also reported that there has been racial graffiti was done diagonally across from it. Det. Stanich reported that a lot on unsavory charters hang out there.

John reported that the State Liquor Authority is very clear that we cannot reject a license because of the surrounding areas. We can reject it only on the grounds that the establishment itself is causing the problems outside. John suggested that we set up a meeting with the owners about cutting down the hours.

Joe stated that he had spoken to the owner, and that we can meet with her.

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

Passed.

Joe stated that he would set up a meeting with the owner, John and the Precinct.

B. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Health and Social Services Committee would be holding a public hearing on Thursday, January 11th regarding the proposed group residence at 3214 Throop Avenue. Blanche reported that the Board members would be notified of the place and time.

Blanche reported that the availability of the Flu vaccine has eased up. She stated more and more places are getting it. Blanche also reported that there is a new federal law that mandates that health care facilities with more than 5 employees have to get the flu vaccine.

Joe "Make sure you don't put salt on the concrete it ruins it , put salt on the concrete" This is what John Cifichiello would be saying if he were here now.

Linda White wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

As there was no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,
Secretary