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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002
IN THE PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Guest Speaker – Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein

Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein spoke about his service on the Community Board. He stated that they are the people who represent the different organizations in our community. Assemblyman Klein thanked them for all they do and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

II. Gallery Session

a. Eugene P. Joyce – PTA President PS721X

Mr. Joyce spoke about the elimination of Special Education in District 75 and the hardships it would impose for the children.

b. Linda Sacco – Visiting Nurse Service – Project Liberty

Ms. Sacco spoke about Project Liberty and handed out information on it

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Rev. Leslie McHenry, Seconded by Debra Ann Jaffee – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

Unanimously passed.

III. Chairman’s Report – Dominic Castore

Dom thanked the Board for their hard work through out the year. He reminded those members whose term was up for reappointment to fill out their application and return it to the Borough President’s Office as soon as possible.

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

John reported that he had attended a public hearing called by Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. on the Express Buses. He stated that there were hearings also held in Co-op City and in Riverdale. John stated that we are not sure if we will be able to keep the buses. He stated that we need to speak and act on it.

John spoke about the web page www.Morrisipark.com. He stated that it is not the web site of the Morris Park Community Association or the Community Board. John stated that they are trashing the community and been inciting racial remarks. He stated that we filed a complaint and it was taken off on Saturday. John stated that they found a new host and are back. John reported that Senator Velella introduced legislation that would require you to register before you could get a web site domain.

John reported that the RAIN office is moving to the site of Ribustello's Funeral Home at 726 Morris Park Avenue. He stated that they have their own parking lot, and that it is just the Executive Office that is moving. John stated that he is setting up a meeting with them.

John reported that no firehouses would be closed with the Budget cuts proposed by the Mayor in the Bronx. He stated that the Fire Marshals would be lost in the city.

V. Borough President's Report – Chris Kirka

Chris reported the following:

1. Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr. and Senator Hillary Clinton spoke out on the Hunger Crisis
2. Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr. announced a Night of Protest against the Express Bus cuts which took place on Thursday, December 12th
3. Bronx Capital Projects/Redevelopment Initiatives: Target comes to the Bronx
4. Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr. Steps up to the Plate for NY Yankees and City Harvest
5. Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr. backs Special Domestic Violence Grants
6. Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Mercedes-Benz, A.T. Toy Drive and Affinity Health Plan Toy Give Away
7. Tree lighting celebration was held on December 16th
8. Community Board application process is now open
9. BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION, JR. WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

John reported that Ceasar Passudetti of the Allerton Library, who comes to all our meetings, would be retiring. Everyone wished him well.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services – Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that her meeting was cancelled due to Borough President Adolfo Carrion's meeting on the proposed canceling of the Express buses.

Blanche asked everyone to be careful when buying toys for children or grandchildren, as some of them are very hazardous and dangerous.

C. Housing – Eugene Tutora

Gene reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

D. Public Safety – Joseph Reda

Joe reported that there is a lot less manpower at the 49th Precinct. He reported that there were not as many holiday posts covered this year.

A Motion was made by Joseph Reda, Seconded by Ken Agosto – That Community Board #11 send a letter to Mayor Bloomberg to keep and maintain the Fire Marshals in our area.

Unanimously passed.

E. Education and Culture – Robert Potter

Bob reported that the Education meeting had also been cancelled due to the Borough President's meeting. He stated that he attended the Chancellor's meeting last night, and has a number of handouts that he will give to the Board to be copied for anyone who wants them.

F. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson

Joe reported that Lilly Lozano met with the Parks Department and Senator Thompson and the Allerton Business group concerning a Skateboard Park. He stated that more information would be given at the next meeting. Joe reported that Debra Jaffee met with Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein regarding the teen music festival for the coming year, and Diane Cerino met about the dog run.

Joe reminded everyone who has a house, or has concrete in front of their home DON'T USE SALT.

G. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs reported that the Committee met with the State concerning the Sheridan Expressway. He stated that there is a distinct possibility that within the next 10 to 12 years the Sheridan Expressway will be history. He stated that this is because there is a neighborhood group

that wants to build a park in that area. He reported that there is a study going on by the State for the Sheridan Bruckner Exchange.

John reported that the State told us that every study that they did told them that it would not be feasible to get rid of the Sheridan Expressway and build a park. However, there is a very vocal neighborhood group that is pushing to close the Sheridan Expressway. He stated that they asked us to get equally vocal in making sure that the State knows that we need this highway open.

Rabbi Fuchs reported that we have to stay on top of this because it will have a major effect on traffic.

Bob Potter reported that the Uptown Station at Burke Avenue was closed.

John reported that construction is scheduled to start in January.

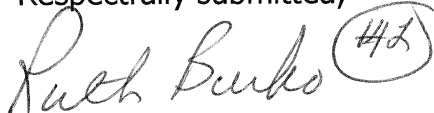
Rabbi Fuchs asked about the bicycle lanes.

Thomas Lucania reported that Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano is talking with the Department of Transportation Commissioner expressing their concern.

Ken Agosto reported that the #39 bus line Uptown stops do not have posted scheduled. This is on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway. Vinny said he would look into this.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,
Secretary

Community Board # 11
Housing Committee Meeting
Monday, 12/2/02 at 7p.m.

MINUTES
4 attended

1. Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.
2. Joe Carozza informed the members about the bus service that is terminating it's service to the people that travel downtown in the Morris Park area and other areas of the Bronx. These riders rely on this service to get downtown. The people have to get together and do something to resolved this situation.
3. Reverend Leslie McHenry informed us about the 18 ½ % property taxes increase to landlords. This is all because of the budget deficit New York is facing right now.
4. Gene Tuturo informed us that in all five boroughs if you purchased a new 1 family house you do not pay assessment tax for 10 years and for 2 or 3 family house you do not pay assessment tax for 15 years.
5. There is meeting on both the New York City Rent Laws and the New York State Rent Stabilization Laws on December 10, 2002 at the Pelham Parkway South Jewish Center, 900 Pelham Parkway South (near Bogart Avenue) at 7:30 p.m. Sponsor by Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, NIDC and the Tenant and Neighbors organization. Cathy Soto is faxing a flyer over to C.B. #11.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Attended:

Reverend Leslie McHenry
Gene Tutora
Cathy Soto
Joe Carozza

ATTENDANCE OF DECEMBER 19, 2002 MEETING

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosto	(1)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(0)
Joseph Bacote	(1)	Joseph McManus	(0)(1)
Joseph Carozza	(0)	Diane Norris	(0)
Dominic Castore	(0)(2)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	((0)
Priscilla Crowell	(1)	Robert Potter	(0)
John Dennehy	(0)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Dominick DeProspro	(0)(2)	Pat Quaranta	(0)(3)
Eiron Diaz	(1)	Joseph Reda	(1)(1)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Carol Ricci	(0)
Rosemary Durso	(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Irene Rukaj	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Rev. Jay Gooding Sr.	(0)(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
Debra Ann Jaffee	(0)	Irene Rukaj	(0)
Marilyne Jamieson	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Gerald Launer	(0)(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0)
David Leavitt	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Lilith Lozano	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Evelyn Martinez	(0)	Elaine Weisbrot	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)		

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(1)	Kenneth Gelnick	(2)
Dorinda Castro	(2)	Hector Zorilla	(1)
Diane Cerino	(2)(1)		

EXCUSED

Annette Marchitello	(1)(2)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)(1)
Hazel Miura	(2)(1)	Linda White	(2)(1)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella
Al Locascio, City Marshal

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11
Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board #11
Chris Krika – Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.
Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein – 80th AD

GUESTS

Cesare Passudetti – Allerton Branch Library
Richard Potter
Linda Socca
Linda Loeb