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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, MARCH 27, 2003 IN THE  
PATIENT ACTIVITY CENTER OF CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by First vice Chair Rev. Leslie McHenry. Rev. McHenry opened the meeting by reading a poem for the support of the troops in Iraq.

I. Gallery Session

- a. Vijay Kumar-Allerton Branch Library thank the Community Board for the support we have given the Library and asked for continued support to maintain 5 day service and up-keep of books.
- b. Jerry Aprea-complained about Gleason's at 2048 Eastchester Road, which is now a cabaret and not just a bar. He complained about public urination and noise.

II. Borough President's Report – Borough President Adolfo Carrion  
Borough President Carrion addressed the Board thanking all the Board members for their continued diligence and hard work. The Borough President spoke about the beginnings of the Community Boards under Mayor John Lindsey. Mr. Carrion spoke about the severe budget cuts being proposed:

- education
- libraries
- senior programs
- youth programs
- programs for the needy

The Borough President said that many of us have family members involved in the war and that we are united in the solemn cause for freedom, including the freedom to oppose or support the effort as Americans. He is working with Chief Rizzo and all the clergy to assure a secured Bronx.

The Borough President spoke about Bronx State and he reiterated to the Governor that this facility is needed. We need to modernize and improve this facility so that they can continue serving those people who have counted on this service. He spoke about his support for Mercy College to move to Hutchinson Metro Center, giving \$1 million which will create jobs and an Office Park that will bring customers for the businesses in and around it. There will also be a jitney service between Metro Center and the subway system.

All this will showcase the Bronx as a location to do business. If we bring businesses here it is opportunity for our young people.

The Borough President spoke about the Express Bus Service. That service has been saved although; the Mayor wants to hand it over to the MTA. He believes that there is a chance that there will be a bidding process for the service and that New York Bus Service would be able to keep the service.

Bronx Week is June 16 to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Events will take place throughout the Bronx. There will be a parade on Mosholu Parkway and many other events taking place. Other events are on Friday April 4, 2003 there will be free tax preparations at Borough Hall.

### III Minutes

A Motion was made by Debra Jaffee and seconded by Joe Thompson -  
That we approve the minutes of the February meeting.  
Passed.

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

Rev. McHenry reiterated to the heads of committees that they have to arrange to have the office keys picked up prior to their meetings. She also reminded the committee heads that the office is available to them for meetings, however, they can hold meetings at any other location if they choose.

Rev. McHenry reported that Dom Castore appointed the nominating committee for this year's elections. They are Robert Potter Chair, Dom DeProspero, Debra Ann Jaffee, John Dennehy and Madeline Saltaformaggio.

Rev. McHenry attended the Borough Board meeting at the Borough President's Office. Everyone at the meeting opposed the proposed cuts. The only Agency not cut was Department of the Aging.

### V. District Manager's Report – John A. Fratta

John reported that the Van Nest Library has been closed for renovations and that the Allerton Branch is scheduled to be closed in June for renovations also. There will be some overlap in closings due to the fact that the funding has to be used by a certain date. This will leave Community Board 11 with no library services for a while. However, John reported that Councilwoman Provenzano and Tom Lucania have been working very hard with the New York Public Library to have a temporary library in our district during this time. The NYPL agreed and we have a temporary library located at Morningside Nursing Home on Pelham Parkway.

John reported on the new 311 System put into place by the administration. This system is for the public to call with any complaints except emergencies, which you would still call 911. The City is urging all citizens to begin utilizing this new service.

John reported that he had a meeting with the head of security at the new apartment buildings on Sagamore and Birchall Avenue. This meeting was requested by Deputy Inspector Shea to review the security in place that will insure a safe and peaceful quality of life for the residents. The head of security was very responsive to our requests and offered any assistance that the police may need.

John also reported that he is working with the residents and the owner of 526 Van Nest Avenue. The residents were evacuated from the house due to carbon monoxide poisoning. The Red Cross has temporarily housed the tenants. Department of Buildings also violated this house for an illegal SRO.

John also spoke about the medical facility that was constructed on Pelham Parkway North and Ollinville Avenue. He stated that he believed that the building violates the zoning laws. He said you couldn't have a full medical building in an R-6 area. John has asked Department of Building to investigate.

#### VI. Treasurer's Report – Sylvio Mazzella

Sylvio reported that the treasurer's report and the Friends of Board 11 report had been distributed.

#### VII. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

##### 1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

- a) Mosienzo Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Enzo Restaurant 1998 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Debra Ann Jaffee- That Community Board 11 has no objection to the granting of this license renewal.  
Passed.

- b) N.Y. Sizzler Restaurant Corp.- 2375 East Tremont Avenue for on-premises consumption (Renewal)

They already have their license so no vote was necessary

- c) Top Lunchroom, Inc. d/b/a Rainbow Restaurant – 2197 White Plains Road for an on-premises consumption (Renewal)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Blanche Rifkin- That Community Board 11 has no objection to the granting of this license renewal.  
Passed.

- d) Puebla Restaurant Corp. – 2141 White Plains Road for an on-premises consumption (Renewal)

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Ken Agosto- That Community Board 11 has no objection to the granting of this license renewal.  
Passed.

John reported that he received a call from a developer with a proposal for an arcade on Lydig Avenue where Rain used to be. John informed the developer that our Board would probably fight it.

John also reported that we do not have to be notified and recommend for liquor licenses for delis and grocery stores. These are our most constant offenders of under-aged sale of

liquors. We need to get the SLA to change this and mandate that Community Boards have input into the granting of liquor licenses for off-premises establishments also. A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Ken Agosto – That we send a letter to the SLA asking for a change to give Community Boards input into these license. Passed.

Rev. McHenry raised the issue of the panhandler on Allerton Avenue. This was referred to the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

VIII. Highways and Transportation- Rabbi Fuchs/Vincent Prezioso

The report was distributed.

IX. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Thompson/Dr. Mahendra Patel

All park projects are running smooth. The youth concert that Debra Ann Jaffee is working on will take place on Pelham Parkway instead of Loretto Playground. Jeff Klein is funding it and the Borough President was asked to come and visit.

Diane Cerino is working on a possible dog run.

Lillie Lozano is working on the Skateboard Park. Senator Thompson and Assemblyman Klein have jumped on Board.

Ken Agosto announced that the Bronx River Restoration is having an event on April 4, 2003.

X. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin/Marilyne Jamieson

The minutes of the last committee meeting were distributed in the package. There are postcards being sent to Albany protesting the closing of the hospitals one of those being the Bronx Psychiatric Center on Waters Place.

A Motion was made by Blanche Rifkin, Seconded by Marilyn Jamieson- That we send a letter to the Governor opposing the closing of the Bronx Psychiatric Center and the Bronx Children's Hospital. Passed.

XI. Youth-Linda White/Hazel Miura

There was no meeting of the Youth Committee this month and there will be no meeting next month. Linda discussed the cuts to funding for summer youth jobs.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Bob Potter- That we send a letter to our elected officials against the youth cuts. Passed.

XII. Housing – Rev. McHenry/Eugene Tutora

The minutes were distributed. Rev. McHenry mentioned that the next committee meeting would be on April 7, 2003 and for the first time we will be meeting with the Housing Chairs of Community Boards 9 and 12.

XIII. Public Safety-Joseph Reda/Silvio Mazzella

Joe stated that we are doing very well in the precinct. The 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct leads the City in the number of warrants served. That is due to the hard work of Deputy Inspector Jim Shea and Lt. DeBellis and Lt. Venice. Joe read the stats for the month, which showed that crime was down in all categories.

John Fratta spoke about the great work being done by Lieutenant Mike DeBellis and Lt. Tony Venice. John mentioned that Lt. DeBellis will be made Captain very soon and that we will be losing him. John recommended that we present him with a plaque of appreciation at our next meeting.

A Motion was made by Joseph Reda, Seconded by Linda White -That we present a plaque to Lt. DeBellis at our next Community Board meeting for all he has done in our community.  
Passed.

XIV. Education-Ruth Burko/Robert Potter

The minutes will be distributed next month. Bob mentioned that he went to a meeting at School District. They appointed two new principal at 180 and 127. The District Super outlined the District's safety Program they are enforcing due to the war.

XV. New Business

Ken Agosto mentioned that every school has a plan for the war. Each school has a emergency plan, which will be made available if requested.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted.



Ruth Burko  
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2003

PRESENT

|                     |        |                         |        |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Kenneth Agosto      | (1)(2) | Diane Norris            | (0)    |
| Joseph Bacote       | (0)    | Dr. Mahendra Patel      | (0)    |
| Joseph Carozza      | (0)    | Robert Potter           | (0)    |
| Diane Cerino        | (2)(1) | Vincent Prezioso        | (0)    |
| John Dennehy        | (0)(1) | Pat Quaranta            | (0)(4) |
| Harain Figueroa     | (0)    | Joseph Reda             | (1)(2) |
| Debra Ann Jaffee    | (0)    | Carole Ricci            | (1)    |
| Marilyne Jamieson   | (0)    | Blanche Comras Rifkin   | (1)    |
| Gerald Launer       | (0)(1) | Martin Sacewicz         | (0)    |
| David Leavitt       | (1)    | Madeline Saltaformaggio | (0)(1) |
| Lilith Lozano       | (1)    | Joseph Thompson         | (0)    |
| Evelyn Martinez     | (0)    | Eugene Tutora           | (0)    |
| Silvio Mazzella     | (0)    | Elaine Weisbrot         | (0)    |
| Rev. Leslie McHenry | (0)    | Linda White             | (2)(1) |
| Joseph McManus      | (0)    | Hector Zorilla          | (1)(1) |

ABSENT

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|-------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Ruth Burko        | (2)    | Pat Dolan            | (1)    |
| Dominic Castore   | (1)(3) | Rabbi Moshe Fuchs    | (2)    |
| Dorinda Castro    | (4)    | Kenneth Gelnick      | (4)    |
| Priscilla Crowell | (2)(1) | Rev. Jay Gooding Sr. | (1)(1) |
| Eiron Diaz        | (2)    | Hazel Miura          | (3)(3) |

EXCUSED

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|---------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Dominic DeProspo    | (3)(1) | Irene Rukaj    | (0)(2) |
| Rosemary Durso      | (3)(1) | Vincent Taddeo | (1)(3) |
| Annette Marchitello | (1)(4) |                |        |

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano  
Alex Casiano - Representing Councilman Joe L. Rivera

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11  
Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.  
Chris Kirka – Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.  
P.O. Victor DiPiero, 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Community Affairs