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Chairman**

**Adolfo Carrion,
Borough President**

**John A. Fratta
District Manager**

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2004

COMMITTEES

- 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Vincent Prezioso, First Vice Chairman.

Presentation of a \$500.00 scholarship by Bernie Landau of the Boston Road Merchants Association was made to Nancy Lugo, a member and Captain of the 49th Pct. Explorers Program.

I. Gallery speakers

Presentation by Ruth Sanchez of RAIN regarding their elder abuse program being run at 1168 Castle Hill. Pamphlets and pens were given out to Board Members.

Denise Gonzalez from the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (BOEDC) spoke about the importance of the State of the Borough address that will be given by Borough President Adolfo Carrion on February 26, 2004 at 12:00 Noon. She also invited all Board Members to the Lunar New Year Celebration on February 23, 2004 at 4:00 P.M. at the Rotunda.

Rich Gans from Transportation Alternatives spoke about the importance of our district. He also spoke about the Pelham Parkway Reconstruction Project and his concerns with the cutting down of trees. He said that most of the accidents on the parkway are caused by speeders.

Rosemarie DeLuca from the Bronx Zoo spoke about the up coming renovations to the zoo and assured the community that the Bronxdale entrance will remain open.

O'Neill Thomas from College Aid Express spoke about his program helping teenagers find career choice and college guidance.

Andrew Penzi from the Department of Parks and Recreation gave a presentation about the renovations that are going to be made at Lorretto Park. Questions were raised by Board members about the length of time the roller hockey league will use the park and what would happen when the season is over. John Fratta raised the issue of the planned additional basketball courts and said that our Board took a position not to have any additional courts and we were told that the area in question will be used for floor games.

Bob Milano of the Morris Park Roller Hockey League and a resident of Morris Park thanked the Board for their support of this project.

Steve Lorosiliere from Mentoring USA spoke about increasing awareness for mentoring and getting people to be role models for children.

II. Minutes

A motion was made by Linda White seconded by John Dennehy that the minutes be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that our Chairman is doing well recuperating and wishes us all well. Vinny expressed the Boards condolences to Kenny Agosto on the loss of his mom. Vinny Urged the Board Members to attend the State of Borough address on February 26, 2004 at 12:00 P.M. He also spoke about the Lunar New Year celebration on February 23rd in the Rotunda. Vinny reported on the Borough Budget Hearings and that he represented our Board at those hearings. Vinny also reported that Einstein is in the process of installing lifts in their parking lot to increase its capacity. Lastly, Vinny spoke about the importance of Co-chairs of committees attending the Executive Board meetings.

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

John introduced our elected official representatives at tonight's meeting. John also spoke about the Borough President's new initiative Bronx Borough Clean-up which will take place on May 1st and May 2nd. Debra Jaffee's committee will be the point person for this initiative for our Community Board. The Borough President's Office will supply the equipment needed for the cleaning to the Community Board and we will distribute them to the groups.

John spoke about a meeting that was held regarding Columbus High School with the Borough President. The Borough President said that they are trying to locate available sites for new schools to either be built or leased and asked for our assistance.

Sanitation complaints have been up and we are trying to address them in a timely fashion. We are getting many complaints about blocks not having pick-ups for two weeks or only one side of the street is serviced. We have a new Super in our district and we are addressing the issue to him. We are also setting up a meeting with our Borough Chief Philip Marino.

SRO's continue to be a big problem in our district and have not been addressed by the City. We were to have a task force set-up to deal with this issue and to date nothing was done. John's biggest fear is that one of these buildings going up in flames and a lot of people being killed.

PSA 8 meeting was help with the Police, the managers and superintendents of our three NYCHA developments as well as their tenant leaders. We discussed the concerns about PSA 8 no longer patrolling our NYCHA Developments in CB 11.

A. Street Activities

1. An application was submitted by Rev. Gregory Clark of the Ecclesia Church Int'l of 1638 Bronxdale Avenue to hold a Religious Church Conference on Brondale

Avenue between Van Nest Ave. and East Tremont Ave on June 24th to June 27th 2004 from 12:00PM to 8:00 PM.

2. An application was submitted by Linda Rufino of 1950 Height Avenue to hold a block party on Height Ave bet. Neill Ave and Rhindlander Ave on July 10, 2004 from 11:00 AM until 8:00PM.

A motion was made by Linda White, seconded by Silvio Mazzella that we approve these two street activities. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio Mazzella reported that the Treasurer's Report was distributed and asked if there were any questions. A motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, seconded by John Dennehy to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Borough President's Report – Kathy Rodriquez

Kathy wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Kathy reminded everyone about:

the State of the Borough Address and asked everyone to attend.

the Lunar New Year Celebration.

The Dominican Heritage Month celebration.

The Borough President has a satellite office at 4101 White Plains Road and will be open every Saturday and the second and last Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM until 4:30PM. This was done to accommodate the people who live in the north end of the Borough.

Kathy spoke about a press conference the Borough President had to kick off the Healthy Bronx Campaign. Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson partnered with the Borough President in the administration of a federal domestic violence grant to expand the Bronx Integrated Domestic Violence Court.

Kathy also spoke about the Borough President's Library Card Drive.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson/Harain Figueroa

Joe said the minutes have been distributed and asked if there were any questions. Joe also report that a new procedure is set up at the office to call the SLA when a liquor license application is received to find out if the applicant already applied to the SLA before the 60 day period that our Board has to review them. He

1. TLC applications

a) Windsor Transportation at 1680 Bronxdale Avenue

A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella seconded by Rev. McHenry that we approve the TLC application of Windsor Transportation for a renewal of their license. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a) Slim Eats a/k/a Morris Park Inn 1001 Morris Park Avenue Renewal

A motion was made by Joe Thompson seconded by Silvio Mazzella that we have no objection to this renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Sizzler Restaurant 2375 East Tremont Avenue Renewal

A motion was made by Joe Thompson seconded by Silvio Mazzella that we have no objection to the granting of a renewal to this establishment. Motion passed unanimously.

c) FFDK Corporation A/K/A Armondos Pizza 1588 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises consumption (**NEW**). A motion was made by Joe Thompson seconded by Silvio Mazzella that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Trio Restaurant – 704 Lydig Avenue for on-premises consumption (**NEW**). A motion was made by Joe Thompson seconded by Silvio Mazzella that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment. Motion passed unanimously.

e) CRJ A/K/A Hawaiian Sea 1475 Williamsbridge Road for an on premises consumption (**RENEWAL**). A motion was made by Joe Thompson seconded by John Dennehy that we have no objection to the granting of a license to this establishment pending any negative reports from the 45th Pct. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry/Eugene Tutora

Rev. McHenry informed the Board that the meeting for this month was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, she did question why her committee was not invited to the PSA 8 meeting.

C. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin/Marilyn Jamieson

No meeting was held this month so there are no minutes. Blanche was pleased that Robert Nolan praised our Board for being one of the only Boards to send a letter regarding the Meals-on-Wheels cuts.

D. Public Safety – Silvio Mazzella/Joe Reda

The minutes were submitted. A motion was made by Silvio Mazzella seconded by Debra Jaffee to send a letter to the Mayor and the City Council to add in the contract of all new police officers a mandate that they have to agree to serve for a minimum of 10 years once they get trained by the NYPD. Much discussion took place and more information was needed so the chair recommended that the motion be brought back to the committee for more review. There was also a request for a joint meeting with Public Safety and Housing on the PSA 8 pilot project. Lillie Lozano spoke about the concerns of NYCHA residents with this new plan.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Debra Jaffee

The minutes were distributed and Ms. Jaffee asked if there were any questions on the minutes. No one had any questions. Debra Jaffee also raised the issue of the Bronx State Hospital emitting toxins in the air. A meeting will be taking place with both the Health and Social Services Committee and the Sanitation and Environmental Protection Committee with Mr. Irwaway. Debra Jaffee also asked if anyone was involved with an organization to give her the information in order for her to coordinate all the Bronx Clean-up Day activities in our district.

F. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/Bob Potter

There were no minutes due to the fact that there was no meeting this month.

G. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick/Joseph McManus

Due to the fact that there was no land use business there was no meeting. Ken reported that John Fratta notified him that we will have business next month, and he stated that he would keep the members informed.

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

Joe Thompson informed the Board that the lighting system for Lorretto Park will be changes to meet the needs of the Roller Hockey field. He reported that his minutes were distributed and asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

I. Highways and Transportation – Rabbi Fuchs/John Dennehy

John Dennehy informed the Board that the minutes were distributed and asked if there were any questions. A question was raised about the angle parking on Bronxdale. John informed the Board that it has been approved.

J. Youth – Linda White/Hazel Miura

Linda mentioned that there was no meeting this month. Linda White thanked Dr. Patel for the work that he did on reading the RFP's for the youth funding. After all the hard work that Dr. Patel did on the RFP it has been cancelled and all the contracts are being extended. A new RFP will be drawn-up in May. John Fratta mentioned that Linda White has missed a number of our Community Board meetings however, during those times she was representing Community Board 11 at meetings down at DYCD.

K. Old Business

None.

L. New Business

Elaine Weisbrot raised concerns about the renovations of the Van Nest Library. She mentioned that the Library is in very bad shape and needs a complete renovation. That library was just renovated. However, Helene Samburg from the Van Nest Library said that the library was "spruced-up and lighting was up-graded". That took us all by surprise. Marina King from State Senator Diaz's office said that we were told last meeting that the library was being completely renovated.

Rev. McHenry wants us to address the carbon monoxide problems and wants us to try to get detectors in every apartment. Thomas Locania mentioned that there is legislation pending in the Council that would require every apartment buildings and some level of private homes to have a detector.

Tom also spoke about the library issue and said that the Councilmember provided some of the funding for the renovations at Van Nest, about \$200,000. He also said that the work on the Morris Park Branch should begin on March 3, 2004.

Silvio announced that the 49th Pct. Council will be meeting on February 24, 2004 at Maestro's.

Mary Paliotta reminded everyone that the Presidential Primary in New York will take place on March 2, 2004 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Kenneth Agosto thanked all for attending his mother's wake and for sending cards. He mentioned that the family set-up the Carmen Iris Agosto Foundation.

John Fratta did a roll call at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Burko

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2004

PRESENT

Kenneth Agosta	(1)	Joseph McManus	(0)
Ruth Burko	(0)(2)	Hazel Miura	(1)(1)
Joseph Carfora	(0)(1)	Diane Norris	(1)(1)
Dorinda Castro	(1)	Mary Paliotta	(0)
Diane Cerino	(1)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(2)
John Dennehy	(0)	Robert Potter	(0)
Pat Dolan	(1)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Rosemary Durso	(0)	Pat Quaranta	(0)(1)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Carole Ricci	(0)(1)
Debra Ann Jaffee	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)(1)
Marilyne Jamieson	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(1)
David Leavitt	(1)	Vincent Taddeo	(0)(2)
Lilith Lozano	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(1)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Evelyn Martinez	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Elaine Weisbrot	(0)(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(0)(3)	Linda White	(0)(1)

ABSENT

Junior Campbell	(2)	Rev. Jay Gooding Sr.	(4)
Priscilla Crowell	(3)	Gerald Launder	(2)
Eiron Diaz	(5)	Joseph Reda	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)		

EXCUSED

Joseph Bacote	(0)(1)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Dominic Castore	(0)(1)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)(4)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)(4)	Hector Zorilla	(2)(1)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Lucania – Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz

Libbi Locascio – Representing Senator Guy Velella

Sham Ninah – Representing Comptroller Bill Thompson

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

John Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11

Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator- Community Board #11

Kathy Rodriguez – Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.

P.O. Victor DiPierro – 49th Precinct Community Affairs

GUESTS

Rosemary DeLuca – Bronx Zoo

Helene Samburg – Van Nest Library

*Number in parenthesis indicate absences from September, 2003. **Numbers in Bold indicate Excused absences since September, 2003.**