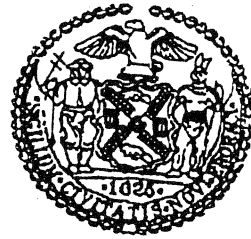


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- Public Safety
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- Youth

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004 AT CALVARY HOSPITAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Dominic Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Franco Marciano – Architect for Morris Park Association RJP Architects

Mr. Marciano stated that they needed a variance to erect the second floor of the Morris Park Association which is located at 1850 Bronxdale Avenue. He showed the architect drawing and stated that there will be a handicapped elevator and encompass 2619 square feet. Mr. Marciano stated that the new floor will not be any wider then the present site.

John said that this addition will not add more people to the association, but will be a cultural center. He said that they would be installing angle parking on Bronxdale Avenue.

Silvio stated that this has been in the works for several years.

Mr. Marciano stated that the projected start date is a few months after the variance is approved.

John reported that this project was funded by Assemblyman Jeffrey Klein.

b. Joe Ferrer – Vice President Northeast Bronx Association

Mr. Ferrer stated that he was here tonight to request that the permit for the adult softball league to play at IS 144 be revoked. He spoke about the problems with the adults using foul language and using the area as a bathroom as well as drinking. He submitted a petition from the residents.

A Motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Lily Lozano – That Community Board 11 send a letter to Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski requesting that the permit for the adult softball at IS 144 be revoked.

Vinny gave the background on the adult softball league, and spoke about the children's park area that abuts where the adults play softball.

John reported that he had attended a meeting last night and spoke to the residents who live in the surrounding area.

Joe Thompson stated that Mazzai Playground has the same problems and asked that this be added to the motion. This was accepted by Vinny.

The Motion passed with abstentions: Al D'Angelo, Joseph Carfora and DebraAnn Jaffee.

c. Paula Angerame – Tomlinson Avenue resident

Ms. Angerame reported on an incident that happened in February where she was coming from work at 4:45 PM and was approached by 4 black youths wearing bandanas on their faces. She stated that they asked for her purse. She stated that she called 911 and the 49th Precinct as well as the Morris Park Association. Ms. Angerame stated that she never saw this in the newspapers under crime in our area. She stated that we need more police on the side streets, not only on Morris Park Avenue. Ms. Angerame spoke about a friend that was accosted on Paulding Avenue between 9:30 and 10 AM.

John said the Captain would be notified to increase patrols.

d. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library

Ms. Samberg thanked the Board for its support of the libraries. She stated that hopefully the final budget cut will not be as bad as predicted. Ms. Samberg spoke about a reading program for kids and adults. It will be on Monday July 1st at 2 PM. Flyers will be distributed.

e. Jerry Giambone – Resident of Tomlinson Avenue

Mr. Giambone spoke about transients walking up and down the streets. He stated that they walk down alleys and backyards. He asked about Block Watchers, and stated that he is willing to do it.

Silvio stated that he will get in touch with him on Block Watching.

Mr. Giambone spoke about Tomlinson Avenue between Rhinelander and Neill Avenues. He stated that people speed down this block. He asked to have direction of Tomlinson Avenue changed and about a speed bump.

John asked him to get the Board a petition for speed bumps.

f. Marion Hughes

Ms. Hughes stated that she is a library support person. She also spoke about alarms and beepers going off. She also spoke about the need for speed bumps on Allerton Avenue.

John said that this would never happen as it is a bus route. He told her to go to the 49th Precinct meeting this Tuesday and give them her problem, and she will be able to get an answer.

G. Dexter Hendon – Bronx Columbus Day Parade coordinator
Dexter reported that thanks to Guy Velella there will be a Columbus Day Parade. He stated that he has a bus trip scheduled to go to Washington DC on Friday, August 27th. It is \$30 and it will be leaving from St. Clares. Dexter reported that the buses would be going to the World War II Memorial. The Vietnam Wall, the Korean War memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. He stated that it will culminate at the Headquarters of the Marine Corp. for the Sunset Parade.

Dexter reported on a scam that is going on in which a man comes up to an individual and says that a little girl died and the family does not have enough money to bury her. Several people have given him money, and he was arrested.

h. Keith Ramsey – President of Eastchester Gardens Tenants
Keith reported that Eastchester Playground has a large area where kids have put up a ramp to use for skating. He also asked that an independent agency investigate the fire and electrical upgrade at Eastchester Gardens.

Keith reported that Eastchester Gardens supports the street closing event for Down the Hill Day on August 28th even though it is a black out date because of the Republication convention.

John reported that the Board received a letter stating that 8/28-8/29 and 9/4-9/5 the Mayor's office would not approve any applications due to the lack of police. He stated that he spoke with SAPO and we were told to submit it and they will get back to us.

John reported that as to the skate park, Parks got money from the elected officials for this. He stated that we will have a public hearing on the budget over the summer, and then again in the fall. He stated that people should attend and let us know your needs.

Joe Thompson told Keith that because this play area is located in a residential area the skate park could not be put there. He stated that we need to look at what could happen at that location at night.

i. Lola Queen – Eastchester Residents Council
Lola spoke about her upcoming event and the need to have the street closed.

II. Committees

A. Land Use – Kenneth Gelnick

1. Morris Park Association Extension – 184-04BZ

A Motion was made by Ken Gelnick, Seconded by DebraAnn Jaffee and Robert Potter – That Community Board #11 approve of this variance. **PASSED with 2 abstentions with cause from Al D’Angelo and Silvio Mazzella.**

2. Westchester Creek CSO Storage Facility – C030272ZSX

Ken reported that this facility will take the run off water and keep it out of the sewers.

A Motion was made by Ken Gelnick, Seconded by Robert Potter – That Community Board #11 approve of this request.

John reported that since they are going to be removing the soccer field they will replace it at another location. **PASSED with 1 abstention by Diane Cerino.**

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by DebraAnn Jaffee, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That the Minutes be accepted as received. **PASSED.**

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

1. Street Activity Permit Applications

a. Application by Irene Rukaj on behalf of the Mayfair Tenants Association/Mini-Olympics to close Wallace Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Williamsbridge Road on August 14th with a Rain Date of August 21st from 11 AM to 8 PM for a Block Party.

A Motion was made Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Junior Campbell – That Community Board #11 approve of this street closing. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION BY IRENE RUKAJ.**

2. Application by Lola Queen on behalf of the Residents of Eastchester Gardens to close Bouck Avenue between Burke and Adee Avenues on August 28th from 12 Noon to 6 PM for a street festival

3. Application by LynnAnn Evers on behalf of the Residents of the 1800 block of Narragansett Avenue to close Narragansett Avenue between Rhinelander and Lakewood Avenue on September 4th with a Rain date of September 5th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a Block Party.

A Motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Junior Campbell – That Community Board #11 approve of these 2 street closings. **PASSED.**

4. Application by Janice Walcott on behalf of the Allerton Coops Tenants Association to close Barker Avenue between Allerton Avenue and Britton Street on August 14th with a Rain date of August 15th for Coops Pride Day.

A Motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Junior Campbell – That Community Board #11 approve of this street closing. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION BY JANICE WALCOTT.**

V. Treasurer’s Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Report for the end of the year was not ready, but will be sent out with the June Minutes in September.

VI. Borough President's Report – Jose Candellero
Jose reported that Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. wished everyone a happy summer.

VII. Committee Reports continued

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson/Harain Figueroa

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. El Rey De Co – 2712 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption
P.O. Lisa Barr gave the background. She stated that they have received 4 summonses since they opened. Three this year for disorderly conduct and one last year for not displaying their permit and selling to a minor.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board #11 recommend to the SLA that this license not be renewed owing to the summonses they have received. **PASSED.**

b. Fratelli's Restaurant – 2507 Eastchester Road for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board #11 notify the SLA that it has no objection to the issuing of this liquor license renewal. **PASSED.**

John spoke about the police closing an establishment on Astor and Holland Avenues. He stated that they are operating again, and still have a license. He stated that he was going to have the press do a story on how the SLA is not removing licenses.

B. Housing – Rev. Leslie McHenry/ Eugene Tutora

Rev. McHenry reported that the Committee met on June 1st. She stated that they are working on having a Housing Information Fair for all homeowners and tenants. Rev. McHenry stated that she will bankers, HPD and other groups there. She stated that she hoped to be ready by September and will make the Board aware of what they are doing.

C. Health & Social Services – Comras Rifkin/Marilyne Jamieson

Blanche reported that the Minutes were distributed. She thanked her Co-Chair, Marilyne Jamieson, John and the Board staff for their help.

John announced that Marilyne Jamieson got married last month.

John spoke about UCP's proposed home and Pibley home problems. He stated that the head of the Pibley refused to meet with him.

D. Public Safety – Joseph Reda/Silvio Mazzella
Joe reported that the crime stats had been distributed

E. Sanitation & Environmental Protection – DebraAnn Jaffee/Evelyn Martinez
Debbie introduced her Co-Chair Evelyn Martinez. She announced that the Minutes had been distributed.

Dom announced that Pat Quaranta was in the hospital and had lung surgery.

F. Education & Culture – Ruth Burko/Robert Potter
Bob reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

He thanked everyone who sent cards to him while he was recuperating.

G. Parks & Recreation - Joseph Thompson/Dr. Mahendra Patel
Dr. Patel spoke about the Parks Committee's request for benches in the Charles M. Lee Triangle.

John suggested that the residents be polled to see if they want benches and he cited the problems that have occurred where benches are placed.

A Motion was made by Dr. Mahendra Patel, Seconded by Joseph Thompson –
That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Morris Park Coalition asking that a retraction be printed in the Daily News owing to an article in the June 14th issue implying that Joe Carfora was involved in the decision by the Board regarding Loreto Park.

John gave the background on this and stated that Joe Carfora was not on the Board at the time of discussion. **PASSED WITH ONE ABSTEINTION WITH CASE BY JOSEPH CAFORA.**

Dr. Patel thanked Debbie for taking the Minutes.

H. Highways, Traffic & Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs/John Dennehy
Rabbi Fuchs reported that the Minutes had been distributed. He spoke about the Motion to close the existing Stillwell exit off the ramp at the southbound side of the Hutchinson River parkway.

John gave the history on the study of the ramp made by State DOT. He stated that it was to close the ramp. But it was never done. A great deal of discussion took place on this issue.

The Rabbi asked that the right turn permitted on red sign be replaced at Pelham Parkway South and Stillwell Avenue.

Vinny reported that the reason that the sign was removed was because cameras were installed.

A Motion was made Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Robert Potter – That Community Board #11 send a letter to DOT requesting that they close the existing Stillwell exit off the ramp at the southbound side of the Hutchinson River Parkway.
PASSED WITH 8 OPPOSED.

A Motion was made by Rabbi Moshe Fuchs, Seconded by Robert Potter and Vincent Prezioso – That Community Board #11 send a letter to DOT requesting that the traffic pattern on Tomlinson Avenue between Lydig Avenue and Pelham Parkway by reversing the flow of traffic from north to south.

John reported that this came up because we revised the flow of traffic on Tomlinson Avenue 10 years ago. John stated that the elected officials sided with the people on Tomlinson Avenue. He stated that DOT was to do a study to see if there is anything else that could be done to correct this. John stated that the Board would follow what DOT said. He stated that DOT said that what the people on Tomlinson Avenue wanted was not dueable.

Silvio said that he felt that the residents on Tomlinson Avenue should be heard before anything is changed.

H. Youth Linda White/Hazel Miura

Linda reported that the Youth Minutes had been distributed.

VIII. Old Business

D'Angelo reported that the police let the man who was asking for money to bury a little girl go.

John introduced visitors from Texas.

Dom reported that he had the pictures from the Bronx Zoo celebration.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

RB/hl

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2004

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)(1)
Junior Campbell	(2)
Joseph Carfora	(0)(1)
Michael Carriere	(0)(2)
Dominic Castore I	(0)(2)
Dorinda Castro	(3)
Diane Cerino	(1)(1)
Albert D'Angelo	(0)
Pat Dolan	(0)(1)
Rosemary Durso	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)(4)
Cecilia Haas	(0)
DebraAnn Jaffee	(0)
Marilyne Jamieson	(1)(1)
David Leavitt	(1)(1)

Lilith Lozano	(0)
Evelyn Martinez	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(0)(3)
Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)
Robert Potter	(0)(1)
Vincent Prezioso	(1)(1)
Joseph Reda	(2)
Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)(1)
Irene Rukaj	(3)(2)
Martin Sacewicz	(3)
Joseph Thompson	(0)(2)
Eugene Tutora	(0)(1)
Sandra Unger	(0)
Janice Walcott	(0)
Elaine Weisbrot	(0)
Linda White	(0)(4)

ABSENT

Kenneth Agosto	(2)(1)
Ruth Burko	(2)(2)
John Dennehy	(1)
Joseph McManus	(1)(1)

Diane Norris	(2)(1)
Mary Paliotta	(1)(2)
Eliezer Rodriguez	(1)(1)

EXCUSED

Annette Marchitello	(1)(2)
Hazel Miura	(2)(2)
Pat Quaranta	(0)(3)

Madeline Saltaformaggio	(1)(8)
Vincent Taddeo	(0)(3)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Walter Nelson– Representing Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Melvin A. Romero- Representing Assemblyman Peter M. Riveria

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS:

John Fratta, District Manager – Community Board #11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board #11

Susan Nolan – Community Coordinator– Community Board #11

Jose Candalario - Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch Library

P.O. Lisa Barr – 49th Police Precinct

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