

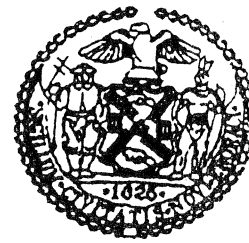
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007 IN LUBIN HALL

I. Gallery Session

a. Lt. Patrick O'Connor

Lt. O'Connor stated that he has been a police officer for 4 ½ years and lives in Throggs Neck. He reported that on Tuesday at 12 PM on Astor and Wickham Avenues there was an attempted abduction of an 18 year old female. He stated that the driver of a red Toyota Camry with tinted windows tried to get her into the vehicle. The same guy approached a 9 year old with the pretense of looking for his dog and tried to get her into his car. This was reported to the precinct. Lt. O'Connor stated that we have increase patrols and all 49th Precinct personnel are on the alert. We have contacted all the schools and memos were sent to the parents telling them to pick up their child or have a responsible person pick them up. He gave the description as a male, Hispanic, early 20's, short dark hair, light complexion. Lt. O'Connor distributed flyers with his description.

b. Joe Bombace

Joe reported that the grand opening for the Matthews/Muliner Park was held on April 23rd. He reported that there is graffiti on the courts already.

Joe spoke about the MPM deli. He stated that drugs are being sold on Matthews and Morris Park Avenues. Joe reported that there was a male in the park with a rotweiler off the leash.

. John stated that the Board has asked the owners of the MPM Deli to close earlier, but we cannot make him. He told Joe that if you see a dog off the leash call the Board office, if we are closed call the precinct.

c. T.K. Singleton – Bronx Community Solutions

Ms. Singleton spoke about the alternative sentencing for the Bronx. She stated that this was created 2 years ago. Ms. Singleton stated that this program is designed for the person who has done small crimes e.g. graffiti does community service. She stated that they would do graffiti removal, but not necessarily in the area in which the crime was done. Ms. Singleton stated that the work with the Community Affairs Officer. She stated that they supply the paint and other supplies.

Al D'Angelo stated that he learned about an anti graffiti initiative program last night.

Ms. Singleton stated that when you see graffiti to call the Community Affairs officer. She stated that it takes about a week before they come out to clean the graffiti. She stated that she can be reached at 718-590-8573. Ms. Singleton stated that they are part of the court setting.

John spoke about the letter that the Board sent to DA Johnson and Judge Oliver. He stated that we had received a response from DA Johnson, but none from Judge Oliver.

d. Annette DeJesus – American Cancer Society

Ms. DeJesus spoke about the Relay for Life which will be held on June 30th. She stated that this raises money for people dealing with cancer. She distributed flyers.

e. Fred LeMoine – Bronx Board of Business Agents

Mr. LeMoine stated that he was here to talk about the construction at 1200 Waters Place. He stated that they are building office space with nonunion workers. He stated that there are no safety nets around the site.

f. Abe Delgado – Local 79 Laborers

Mr. DelGavos spoke about the non union workers at 1200 Water place. He asked where are our jobs.

g. Roseann Giordano/Cesar Flores – Stillwell Avenue Horse Stable

Mr. Flores stated that he and Ms. Giordano own horses that are stables at the Stillwell Avenue Stables. Ms. Giordano spoke about a therapeutic horse program. Mr. Flores stated that they are willing to fix up the stables.

John told Ms. Giordano that she needs to speak to the Mayor's office about any program she wants to run on this site. John stated that Buster did not maintain the property and people living in the surrounding area have to look at this slum.

Mr. Flores stated that they would like to repaint the stables but they need to be able to lease the stables in order to do this.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Blanche Comras Rifkin, Seconded by Ruth Burko and Bob Potter – That the Minutes the accepted as received. **PASSED**

III. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that the new appointment and the reappointment letters have not been sent out. He stated that the Board members whose terms are up can continue to vote. Vinny stated that these letters should be sent out next month.

Vinny spoke about the floods he and his neighbors received due to the recent rain. He stated that John, Gene and he had gone to look at Tieman Avenue. Vinny stated

that buildings department came out to look at the houses. He stated that Pelham Parkway North and Waring Avenue were the worst hit.

John stated that Allstate Insurance Company told the people that they were not liable for the damage due to the earth shift.

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

Pelham Parkway Stables

John reported that on Tuesday he was told by the Mayor's office that the owners of the horses have 7 days to remove them from this location. He stated that if they are not removed the ASPCA will take them. John stated that 4 horses had been removed in the past for not being properly being cared for.

Charter School

John reported that 3 weeks ago we were told that the Charter School will be 1-8 grades. Parkchester Prep plan changes. Icon Charter is K-8. He stated that there is a stringent education. The day runs from 8:30-4:30 PM. They have to wear uniforms, and the school year goes from September to July 15th. Each class will be 18 kids, 2 classes to a grade for a total of 400 kids. He stated that the week we were told about the lottery for the school our schools were closed. The Bronx Times did a story and we gave out ___ applications. John stated that the lottery was held, and hopefully kids from our community got in. John stated that he would ask to get a representative from the Charter School and the Board of Education to come to the Education Committee meeting.

He stated that there are new plans for the site. They were originally going to rehab it, but now they will tear it down and erect a new building. John stated that they want to make it 5 stories. He stated that he spoke to Councilman Vacca who told him it would be 4 stories.

Matthews/Muliner Playground

John reported that the grand opening for the park was held on Monday. He stated that we have problems there that are not being addressed by the Parks Department. John stated that we passed a motion 4 years ago that the Park be closed at 6 PM.. He stated that under Commissioners Castro and Lowendowsk they abided by our request. John asked for a motion requesting PEP officers after the park is closed.

John reported that there have been problems at Loreto Park within the basketball courts.

Street Closing Applications

1. Application from Rev. Gregory Clark on behalf of the Ecclesia Church Int'l to close Bronxdale Avenue between Van Nest Avenue and East Tremont Avenue on June 21st – 24th from 12 PM to 8 PM for a religious ceremony

2. Application from Jose Santiago on behalf of JP's Crawler 4X4 to close Gunther Avenue between East Gun Hill Road and Mace Avenue on June 17th with a Rain Date of June 24th from 9 AM to 6 PM for a Car/Truck/Motorcycle shoe

3. Application from Rev. Jay Gooding on behalf of the Fellowship Tabernacle Church to close East Gun Hill Road between Pearsall and Throop Avenues on August 22nd to the 24th from 7 PM to 9 PM for a religious ceremony

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Joseph Thompson – That Community Board #11 sent letter to the Street Closing stating that we have no objections to the granting of these applications. **PASSED**

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella
Silvio reported that there have been no changes.

VI. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo
Andy reported that the Bronx Team Up To Clean Up is scheduled for next Saturday. He stated that Community Board 11 has no group yet.
John stated that he would see what he could do about getting a group together.

Vinny announced that John Dennehy is getting married tomorrow. He presented him with a gift.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche thanked David Leavitt for taking the Minutes. She stated that there were nursing students at the meeting. The next meeting will be on May 1st.

B. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Robert Potter

Bob reported that there will be free compost available on May 5th and 5th. He stated that you must bring you own bags and prove you are a New York City resident.

C. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Carfora

Joe reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

A Motion was made by Joe Carfora, Seconded by Al D'Angelo - That Community Board #11 send a letter to the Park Commissioner stating that we want the Matthews/Muliner Park at 6 PM and that a PEP officer be onsite. **PASSED**

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

John reported that he is trying to get DDC and Highways to come to a meeting. He reported that the Daily News is doing a story on the Pelham Parkway Project. He stated that he would try and schedule a meeting for 4 PM on Monday May 7th.

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the super express buses. Vinny explained that Councilman Vacca asked for our feelings on this proposed bus and he stated that he would bring it to the MTA.

John reported that the Board had sent a letter to the MTA opposing where this bus to run and gave our concerns. He stated that we have had no response yet.

Diane Cerino spoke about the problems with ambulances parking in front of 1500 Astor Avenue between 12-4 PM. he stated that they take up all the parking spaces.

D. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that on Monday John, Vinny and she had met with Sal Conforte and Commissioner Mulgrave of YDDP to discuss the Neighborhood Advisory Board lines being changed. Linda stated that Commissioner Mulgrave brought out 2 lists of out of school programs in our board. Linda stated that we told her that these programs were either closed or were running during school hours. These programs are being funded and running as they have stated. Linda stated that only NIDC has a program that is in our board. Some of the programs are run in the schools during school hours.

Linda spoke about the need for a Beacon program in our board. She stated that some boards have 3 programs. This would get the kids off the street.

E. Economic Development – Joanne Rubino

1. Alcohol Beverage Control License

- a. 1320 East Gun Hill Road for on-premises consumption (NEW)
- b. Chavez Restaurant – 730 Astor Avenue for on-premises wine consumption (RENEWAL)
- c. Jay Jay Grocery Corp. – 1701 Unionport Road for off-premises wine and beer consumption (RENEWAL)

A Motion was made by Joanne Rubino, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the granting of these renewal and new license. **PASSED**

2. Taxi and Limousine License Renewals

- a. Riteway – 1598 Bronxdale Avenue
- b. Community Car Service Corp. – 1332 East Gun Hill Road

Joanne reported that they were previously in Board #12 where there were some parking problems. She stated that at this new location there are no parking problems.

A Motion was made by Joanne Rubino, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the TLC stating that we have no objections to the granting of these renewal licenses.

Alcohol Beverage Control License Renewals

Joe reported that these requests had come into the office.

- 1. Castle Hill Diner – 1598 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the granting of this renewal license.

- 2. 2526 Wallace Avenue for on-premises wine and beer consumption (new)

Discussion took place on this location and that the Board has opposed it on 2 separate submissions. Joe stated that this time they are applying for a beer and wine not license not a lull liquor license.

A Motion was made by Joseph Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board #11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the granting of this new license. **PASSED WITH JOE MCMANUS OPPOSES AND DIANE CERINO ABSTAINING.**

F. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the minute had been submitted. She stated that we have not received any answers from DOE, and they never came to a meeting.

G. Elections – Eugene Tutora

1. Slate of Officers

Chairman – Dominic Castore

First Vice Chair – Vincent Prezioso

Second Vice Chair – Joseph Thompson

Secretary – Ruth Burko

Treasurer – Silvio Mazzella

2. Nominations from floor

Gene asked for nominations for each of the Officer positions and there were none.

Gene stated that nominations would be taken from the floor again in May, but the nominee must be present or have indicated in writing their willingness to run. He stated that elections will be held at the June meeting.

VIII. Old Business

Gene spoke about Budget Rent a Truck using the area off Gun Hill Road near I.S. 144 for their trucks. He stated that there is no curb cut.

Lily Lozano stated that since the 49th Precinct took over for the PSA8 we no longer see vertical being done at the developments. There are gang tags all over.

John stated that when PSA8 was here there was only 1 officer for one shift at one development.

Discussion took place on parking for Einstein. John reported that the application is stuck at City Planning. He stated that the application should come before the Board before the summer.

Joe Thompson announced that the 49th Precinct Fellowship Breakfast will be held on June 1st .

Silvio announced that the 49th Precinct meets on the last Tuesday of the month. He stated that the next meeting is May 29th at Bronx House.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Burko,
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING APRIL 26, 2007

PRESENT

Ruth Burko	(2)	Joseph McManus	(1)
Joseph Carfora	(1)	Diane Norris	(1)
Diane Cerino	(3)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)
Albert D'Angelo	(3)	Robert Potter	(0)
John Dennehy	(2)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Pat Quaranta	(5)
Altagracia Fabal	(2)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Kenneth Gelnick	(4)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Marisa Totino	(1)
Lilith Lozano	(4)	Eugene Tutora	(1)
Annette Marchitello	(3)	Janice Walcott	(4)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Linda White	(1)

ABSENT

Joseph Bacote	(3)	Mary Paliotta	(3)
Junior Campbell	(2)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(5)
Michael Carriere	(5)	Irene Rukaj	(4)
Dominic Castore	(3)	Martin Sacewicz	(1)
Rosemary Durso	(4)	Vinny Taddeo	(3)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(6)	Sandra Unger	(2)
Hazel Miura	(4)		

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
Andy Toledo – Representing Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.