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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY MAY 31, 2007 IN LUBIN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

a. Helene Samberg – Van Nest Branch Library

Ms. Samberg spoke about the proposed cuts in library funding for FY 2008. She stated that they are aiming for 6 day a week service and have a letter writing campaign going on for this. Ms. Samberg stated that the Summer Reading Club will be starting soon, and this year it includes adults.

b. Andrew Laioso – N.I.D.C.

Mr. Laioso spoke about a Public Workshop for Homeowners on Tuesday, June 12th at Lehman High School. He stated that this workshop is being sponsored by Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation and Councilman James Vacca. Mr. Laioso distributed flyers on this.

c. Mary Ann Potenzo

Ms. Potenzo spoke about wanting a street on Westervelt and Mace Avenues named for her father.

d. Rosario Puello – Friends and Family

Ms. Puello spoke about a Town Hall meeting that will be held on June 20th on Universal Health Care a Beth Abraham. She then distributed flyers.

e. Kay Cardona – 620 Reiss Place

Ms. Cardona spoke about the house at 631 Pelham Parkway North. She stated that they had problems with the previous owner who had the house as an assisted living facility. She stated that she wanted to know what he is doing there. Ms. Cardona also spoke about the temple/church on Reiss Place that is noisy. She stated that there was a fire there 3 weeks ago.

f. Kenneth Agosto

Ken reported that the 80th Assembly District will be holding its general meeting on June 7th at 7:30 P.M. at Liberty Tax, at 750 Allerton Avenue.

Ken reported that there will be a Bronx Asthma Walkathon on June 2nd from 11-2.

g. Greg Kisloff – Pelham Parkway North Neighborhood Association

Greg reported that he had spoken to District 11 Sanitation regarding getting someone from their agency to come to his meeting. He stated that he was told he needed a letter from the Board to the Borough Commissioner in order for this to take place.

Greg spoke about the anti graffiti task force and stated that his group would like to help. He stated that they will have a cleanup on June 16th. John asked to coordinate this with Michael Carriere our Sanitation Chairman.

Greg spoke about the project on Brady Avenue and Antin Place.

John said that he is trying to get the contractors permit pulled.

Greg spoke about the ponding on Muliner Avenue

Greg asked if representatives from his group could be present at the meetings on Pelham Parkway.

h. Abigail Taylor – Leake and Watts

Ms. Taylor reported that on June 18th from 6-9 PM they will be holding a Connecting Families for Life event. She stated there will be 200 more children entering foster care by the end of 2007. She distributed flyers on the event.

John asked Ms. Taylor about an application that the Board received for 2 clients to be operated by Leake and Watts. He stated that he has been trying to reach someone about this.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Michael Carriere, Seconded by Joanne Rubino – That the Minutes be accepted as received. **PASSED**

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom thanked John and the staff for the job they have while he was away. He reported that we have 4 new members. Dom stated that he would be meeting with the new members.

Dom announced the passing of Raymond Marchitello husband of Board member Annette Marchitello. He asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

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

John reported that he had attended a meeting held by the Borough President with P.S. 76. He stated the program is modeled after Counsel for Unity. John stated that the parents want some programs for parents.

John reported that a survey was conducted on how the schools are doing. He stated that the largest increase was in reading and math.

School Construction

John reported that while the school on Bronxdale Avenue is not open the Charter School will be opening in School. He stated that we do not know where the students will be going until the school opens.

John reported that he had met with Capt. Collins, Commissioner Aponte and Capt. Ortiz on May 4th regarding Mathews/Muliner Park. He stated that Capt. Collins has set up a new post at the park and on the block at night. John reported that PEP will be visiting the park.

John reported that all the horses except the 2 horses owned by Buster have been removed from the stables. He stated that the city property will be torn down to make green streets.

John reported that he had met with Rosemary Guinty of Waring Avenue to discuss the Botanical Garden which is very dilapidated. He stated that \$800,00 is allocated for the gate.

John reported that the Budget Process for FY 09 is beginning. He stated that he will be setting up meetings with the agencies in our office to see what they need.

John reported that the District Needs Statement is due July 1st. He stated that he would be sending a copy of it to each Chair and give them the opportunity to make changes. He stated that at the June meeting they must be approved.

John reported on the house on Tieman Avenue and the problems with the sewer connection to their houses. He stated that he would be meeting with the Mayor's office, OEM, DEP and DOT.

Street Closing Applications

1. Application from Dwayne Williams on behalf of the O'Neill Place Block Association to close O'Neill Place between Eastchester Road and Fenton Avenue on July 21st with a rain date of July 28th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party

2. Application from Larry Prospect on behalf of the White Plains Road BID to have a Sidewalk Sale on White Plains Road between Pelham Parkway South and Brady Avenue on July 19-21 from 10 AM to 7 PM.

3. Application by Gary Migliaccio on behalf of Morningside Nursing Home to close Lurting Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Esplanade on September 14th with a rain date of September 21st from 9 AM to 6 PM.

4. Application by Gregory Butler on behalf of the Westervelt Residents to close Westervelt Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues on August 25th with a rain date of August 26th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

5. Application by Dawn Galante on behalf of the Haight Avenue Residents to close Haight Avenue between Sackett and Pierce Avenues on August 18th with a rain date of August 25th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

6. Application by Linda DeSantis on behalf of the 2200 block of Kingsland Avenue to close Kingsland Avenue on July 28th with a rain date of July 29th from 12 PM to 9 PM for a block party.

7. Application by Dr. David Stevens on behalf of the Narragansett Block Party Committee to close Narragansett Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig

Avenue on August 4th with a rain date of August 5th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

8. Application by Joseph Menta on behalf of the Allerton Avenue Homeowners Association to close Hering Avenue between Mace and Waring Avenues on August 11th with a rain date of August 25th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

9. Application by Diane Sanabria on behalf of the 2900 Block of Hone Avenue to close Hone Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Boston Road on August 18th with a rain date of August 25th from 11 AM to 8 PM.

10. Application by Al D'Angelo on behalf of the Lurting Avenue Residents to close Lurting Avenue between Rhinelander and Neil Avenues on August 4th with a rain date of August 11th from 11 AM to 8 PM

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these street closings. **PASSED**

11. Application by Irene Rukaj on behalf of the Mayfair Tenants/Mini Olympics to close Wallace Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Williamsbridge Road don August 11th with a rain date of August 18th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Michael Carriere – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION WITH CAUSE FROM IRENE RUKAJ**

12. Application by Joseph Bacote on behalf of the Wickham, Gunter, Lodovick Avenue Residents to close Gunther Avenue between Mace and Waring Avenues on August 4th with a rain date of August 11th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block Party.

PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION WITH CAUSE FROM JOSEPH BACOTE

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the reports had been distributed. He stated that on the 613 line it reads \$1568 remaining and this should read \$.50. Anyone with questions can contact Harriet or me.

VI. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that there is a Bronx Mitchell Lama Task Force. Anyone interesting in joining this task force should see him or contact James at 718 590-6104

Andy reported that the Bronx Health League is doing free mammograms. Call 718 590-2648.

Marina King of Senator Ruben Diaz's Office spoke about ARGUE. She stated that the Bronx DA's office is having a free informative awareness Workshops on June 18th from 5:45 PM - * PM at 198 East 161st Street 3rd Floor.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Michael Carriere
Mike reported that the Committee had been submitted.

990 Rhinelander Avenue. Mike reported that the house is up to par.
Mike reported that a graffiti removal sprayer has been bought by Joe McManus.
Mike reported that he met with TK Singleton regarding people who have to do community service.

Mike stated that he needs a Sanitation Superintendent at his meeting.

Mike stated that there were 19 people at the last graffiti removal clean up.

Joe Bacote spoke about a student from Sports Profession High School who graffitied a house.

Bob Potter spoke about graffiti at Eastchester Gardens.

B. Technology and Communications – Mary Paliotta

Mary stated that the Committee did not meet. She stated that she is working on a new web site.

C. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

1. Report on Pelham Parkway Project

Rabbi Fuchs reported that this project will involve closing lanes. He stated that it is a very big project which will be affected by the new express buses running on Pelham Parkway.

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about commercial vehicles parking on residential streets.

D. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. Patricia's -1080 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption (renewal)

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the renewal of this license. **PASSED**

b. Rainbow for on-premises consumption (renewal)

A Motion was made by Joe 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 renewal license. **PASSED**

c. Alex Café – 2526 Wallace Avenue on-premises wine license (NEW)

Discussion took place on this location and that there have been problems at this location before. Joe explained that because it is not a full liquor license the same rules (must be 500 feet from a school) do not apply.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that we have no objection to the granting of this new license. **PASSED WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS FROM GENE TUTOR AND LINDA WHITE**

d. MSG Deli - for off-premises consumption (NEW)

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Joe Reda – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that we have no objection to the issuing of this license.

e. P & A d/b/a Paulding Bar – 1024 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption new owners

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the granting of this license. **PASSED**

f. Compadres 600 Van Nest Avenue for on-premises consumption (NEW)
Some discussion took place on this location.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That this item be tabled until the June meeting. **PASSED**

g. 726 Astor Avenue for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Dom Castore – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this license. **PASSED**

Car Service

1. Discovery Car Service – 756 Morris Park Avenue

Joe reported that he and John had met with the owners. He stated that there will no cars here. It will only be a dispatch service.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Sandy Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter the TLC stating that we have no objection to the granting of this car service license. **PASSED WITH PAT QUARANTA AND LINDA WHITE ABSTAINED**

E. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the Minutes had been submitted. She spoke about the upcoming breakfast at the Eastwood Manor on June 8th.

F. Land Use – Joe McManus

Joe asked about the possibility of making the lot on Maran Place multi tiered. John said it could be done and Joe asked that it be put in the budget for next year.

G. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the Minutes had been submitted, and the next meeting is June 5th.

H. Public Safety – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that Captain Collins has been promoted to Deputy Inspector. Vinny reported that tomorrow is the 49th Precinct Council breakfast at Maestro's. He stated that they will be honoring Lt. Venice.

I. Elections – Eugene Tutora

1. Slate of Officers as proposed by Committee

Dom Castore Chairman

Vincent Prezioso – First Vice Chairman

Joseph Thompson – Second Vice Chairman

Ruth Burko – Secretary

Silvio Mazzella – Treasurer

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Linda White – That nominations for Chairman be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations from the floor for First Vice Chair. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Linda White – That nominations for First Vice Chair be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Second Vice Chair. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Linda White – That nominations for Second Vice Chair be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Linda White – That nominations for Secretary be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Linda White That nominations for Treasurer be closed. **PASSED**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko
Secretary

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MAY 31, 2007

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(3)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(1)
Ruth Burko	(2)	Robert Potter	(0)
Joseph Carfora	(1)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Michael Carriere	(5)	Pat Quaranta	(5)
Dominic Castore	(3)	Joseph Reda	(4)
Diane Cerino	(3)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(5)
Patrick Dolan	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Altagracia Fabal	(2)	Irene Rukaj	(4)
Harain Figueroa	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(3)	Vincent Taddeo	(3)
Kenneth Gelnick	(4)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(1)	Marisa Totino	(1)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Eugene Tutora	(1)
Joseph McManus	(1)	Sandra Unger	(2)
Hazel Miura	(4)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Diane Norris	(1)	Linda White	(1)
Mary Paliotta	(2)		

ABSENT

Junior Campbell	(3)	Lilith Lozano	(5)
Alfred D'Angelo	(3)	Annette Marchitello	(4)
John Dennehy	(3)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(7)
David Leavitt	(1)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ricardo Concepcion – Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera
Marina King – Representing Senator Rubin Diaz
Kenny Agosto, District Leader

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board 11
Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board 11
Andy Toledo – Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion

GUESTS

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library
Mary Ann Potenzo
Abigail Taylor – Leake and Watts
Regina Gavlick