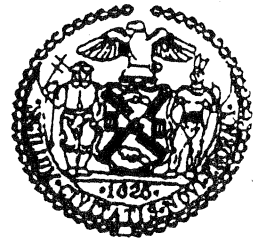


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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25,
2007 IN LUBIN HALL**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by
Vincent Prezioso, First Vice Chair.**

I. Gallery Session

a. Helene Samberg – New York Public Library

Ms. Samberg thanked the Board for its support. She reported that the libraries are now open 6 days a week. Ms. Samberg gave a revised schedule of library hours to John. She also reported that the Bronx Library Center is open 7 days a week from 9 AM to 9 PM.

Ms. Samberg reported that over the summer the library had a reading program which included adults. She also reported that there is a Toddler Program on Tuesdays twice a month at the Van Nest branch. Ms. Samberg reported that there is a book discussion program.

b. Natasha Richards

Ms. Richards reported that she is a student at Lehman. She spoke about the Summer Youth Employment Program. She stated that this program offers jobs to youth and is based on a lottery system. Ms. Richards stated that she wants to give back to her community.

John suggested that she join the Youth Committee.

c. Ann Mercadante – Resident Council of Eastchester Gardens

Ms. Mercadante reported that handicapped ramps are needed at Bouck and Burke Avenues. She also spoke about the drainage problem in the park and the need for cameras in the development.

John reported that the issue of cameras is in the budget to be voted on tonight.

d. Helen Brandt

Ms. Brandt reported that there will be a public hearing at 6 PM on Wednesday at Hostos College on the Congestion Pricing. She also reported that the Amtrak and subway trestles need to be cleaned. Ms. Brandt also reported about a pot hole on Pelham Parkway South that took _ days to repair.

e. Joe Bombace

Joe spoke about the dual purpose trucks MLP. He stated that they dispense rock salt and sand. Joe said that they are good for the small streets where the bigger trucks cannot go down.

Joe spoke about the 24 hour delis on White Plains Road and Williamsbridge Road. He asked about setting up a meeting with the deli owners, the 49th Precinct, the Community Board and the Morris Park Association.

John stated that we are trying to discourage 24 hour delis. He stated that the problem is we can call a meeting but they won't come. John said that this is an ongoing problem, but we will try and set one up.

John reported that we have been requesting MLP's for years. He stated that the borough supervisor claims that when they need it they get it. John said that we will request it again.

f. David Leavitt

David spoke about the problems at P.S. 83. He stated that school construction is working to repair a leak and it will take 18 months. David stated that there is a great deal of noise as they transport materials from 4 PM to 12 AM. He stated that he would like to meet with school construction to discuss this.

John stated that he asked for a meeting next week. He stated that this work should have begun at the end of June.

John reported that 1,000,000 trees will be planted in NYC. John stated that now it will be automatic that trees will be planting at every location. He spoke about stump removal and that they are being done much faster now.

g. Luis Perez – Eastchester Gardens Youth Committee

Mr. Perez asked about redoing the park. He stated that it is in need of repairs. The drains are a problem in the basketball court. The

floor becomes slippery when it rains. Mr. Perez stated that the handball courts are not used. He asked about putting in a skateboard park there.

John reporting that a skateboard park is going in at Bronx Park East. He stated that he would speak to the Parks Manager.

h. Greg Kisloff

Mr. Kisloff spoke about the pigeon droppings under the trestles. He stated that the TA needs to meet with us on the trestles and the pigeon mitigation system.

John reported that he had met with the MTA. He stated that they did a pilot pigeon program which was not successful.

Mr. Kisloff spoke about the ponding on Brady Avenue.

John stated that DOT is going to mill the street by the end of the week.

Mr. Kisloff spoke about the Pelham Parkway train station. He stated that tiles are falling off and it has not been painted yet.

John asked Mr. Kisloff to send him his complaints so that he can respond to them. He stated that there is no painting contract included in the project. It will come under a separate contract.

Mr. Kisloff spoke about the congestion on White Plains Road. He stated that they need a left turn signal.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Bob Potter – That the June Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED

III. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that he had spoken with Dom and he was still stunned by the party that was given for him.

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

John spoke about the lack of youth programs in our area. He stated that he met with Commissioner Mulgrau from the Department of Youth in July. John stated that the Commissioner stated that \$2,000,000 is being spent in Community Board 11 for youth programs. John stated that he requested a copy of the contracts and the listing of what other boards are getting. In August when I did not receive this information I requested it under FOIL. John stated on Monday when he

still had not received it he sent a letter to Corporation Counsel. John stated that they finally faxed him a list. When he went through it of Youth Recreation Programs with the exception of NIDC which runs a fantastic program, and sports foundation the programs listed were either not in our area or not recreation programs. Visiting Nurse Services, Father's program, Immigration Assistance, Aging In America Intergeneration Program. John stated that an article appeared in the Daily News stating that we requested a Beacon Program.

John stated that we need to beef up the Youth Committee. He stated that the organizations don't have the capabilities to run programs such as the YMCA. He stated that he met with the elected officials and sent a letter to the mayor requesting a beacon program. John stated that some, not all of our elected officials sent a letter to the mayor.

John reported that on November 8th the Board is sponsoring a march to target areas needing youth services. The first march will be the Pelham Parkway South area. Take Back Your Neighborhood. We are co-sponsoring this with the 49th Precinct Community Council. John said we will begin with a press conference. He stated that last year we asked for a Beacon and the mayor told us we had to wait until the RFP came out. When the RFP came out we were told we were not eligible.

Hazel Miura spoke about the precinct not admitting to gangs and crime in our community.

Alexis Grenell of Senator Klein's office reported that she had written a letter on a proposal to expand the Dram Shop law and hold bartender s libel for selling liquor to minors. Also those selling fake IDs

Marina King stated that Senator Diaz spoke about the shelter system that requires people needing shelter to be at the location before 5 PM to get in.

Bob Potter stated that there are blood tags on the sidewalk for 2 weeks at. He spoke about the walking patrols he has seen.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that there were 3 reports. One for Community Board 11 and two for Friends of Community Board 11. If you have any questions see me or Harriet.

VI. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that there on the After School Programs and High School Dropouts

VII, Committee Reports

A. Youth – Linda White

1. FY 2007 Yankee Awards

Linda reported that the applications are due back in the office by October 29th. She stated that so far we have only received 1 application to date.

2. Youth Funding

Linda reported that we have been working on this since June. She stated that DYCD has not been responsive to us for 1 ½ years. Linda stated that when she first began on the board community boards held the purse strings on how the youth money was distributed in their community board. Gradually the purse strings were removed from the community boards. Linda stated that they now allocate the money according to the demographics. Linda stated that if 1 Police Plaza reported crimes as they actually happened we would see more dollars.

Linda spoke about the report on youth funding compiled by the Borough President's office. Linda disputed the information listed in the report.

Linda reported that John called a meeting asking all our elected officials to attend to discuss the youth funding issue. She stated that only 5 elected officials attended. They were Senator Jeffrey Klein, Councilman James Vacca, Peter Rivera, Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera and Senator Ruth Hassell Thompson.

Linda discussed the Beacon Program and explained what they are and what they do. She stated that they run from kindergarten up. Linda stated that we need board members and community residents to back the board on our request for a Beacon.

Linda reported that the list that DYCD sent us of funding listed programs that are not in our area, no longer running or not youth programs. Linda stated that as a community we need to be outraged and be proactive.

Al D'Angelo stated that we need our elected officials to step up to the plate.

Linda also reported that there are also federally funded programs that are run.

B. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

a. T. MAC Lounge d/b/a Guido McGee – 925 Allerton Avenue

Joe reported that there were 3 poker machines there when he visited. He stated that we need to see if they need a license for 3 machines.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White

– That a vote on this license be tabled until we receive a report from Consumer Affairs. **PASSED**

b. M.A.S. Tavern Corp. – 2241 White Plains Road

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

c. Castuck Café Inc. – 2040-42 Eastchester Road

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

Linda asked Joe about 600 Van Nest Avenue. She stated that the owner is deceased. Linda also asked about H & R Bar & Grill on Amethyst Street.

Joe said that he would look into this.

C. Education and Culture – Bob Potter

Bob reported that the report had been distributed. He spoke about a program that R.A.I.N. has for seniors where they can get a free refurbished computer after completing a 5weeki course. Bob stated that the classes are 2 times a week and service is included for one year.

D. Land Use Joseph McManus

Joe reported that on September 6th he attending a scoping hearing for the 911 center.

Parking Lot on Maran Place

Joe reported that DOT is trying to get out of the parking lot business.

John spoke about building that is going up and will be blocking the windows of the properties abutting it.

John reported that the lot is always empty. He stated that if Joe wanted we would include it as a budget request.

1. Vote on U.L.U.R.P.

a. Street Tree Planting Text Amendment – 080081ZRY

b. Yard Text Amendment – 080078ZRY

Some discussion took place on these items.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by John Dennehy – That a vote on this item be tabled until next month and that a copy of these U.L.U.R.P.'s be sent to the committee members.

PASSED

E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

1. Street Naming

a. Martin Gold – Tenbroeck Avenue between Mace and Allerton Avenues

b. Michael Cotter – Wickham Avenue between Stillwell and Astor Avenues

John Dennehy spoke about each of these men and their contributions to the community.

A Motion was made by John Dennehy, seconded by Al D'Angelo – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the City Council recommending that a street sign be added for each of these men at the appropriate locations. **PASSED**

John reported that Borough President Carrion would like a list of buildings in our area that are 30 years old or older for possible Landmark status. He also reported that the Borough President would like to go on tour of these buildings.

F. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche thanked Linda for her report on babies having babies. She also thanked CeCe for doing the minutes. Blanche reminded everyone on the importance of getting their flu shots.

John reported that he Al, Silvio and John Dennehy took a tour of Einstein College of Medicine's research building. He stated that this is a big plus for the community

G. Public Safety – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that members of the Public Safety Committee spoke tonight. He stated that some of you are not attending the meetings. He stated that only CeCe who is a non Board member of the Public Safety Committee attends every meeting.

H. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio thanked John, Dom and all the Board members who attended the Borough Consultations and the public hearing.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joe Thompson – That the FY Budget Priorities be submitted as compiled by the Committee and that the Parking Lot on Maran Place be made #7 and everything else moved down. PASSED

I. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Al D’Angelo

Al reported that Mike Carriere goes out on Fridays with P.O. DiPierro and Morris Park Association to take care of the graffiti.

Al reported that starting next week the Parks Department will be collecting leaves. There will be two pick up dates. He stated that the leaves must be put in paper bags. Al said that the bags are available at Home Depot.

J. Technology & Communications – Mary Paliotta

Mary reported that the minutes will be mailed out tomorrow. She also reported that the Committee will be meeting on the First Monday of the month in the Morris Park Library. Mary thanked the library staff for all their help. Mary reported that the Committee is working on the structure of the web site and all suggestions must be in by November 5th.

K. Parks and Recreation – Joseph Carfora

Joe reported that the minutes had been submitted. He spoke about the listing of money spent since the Croton Mitigation Plan.

VIII. Old Business

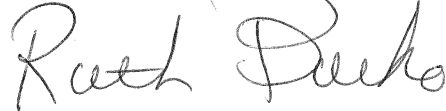
Diane Cerino spoke about the Mayor’s sidewalk incentive program for sidewalk repairs. She stated that the Mayor has money

for new tree planting but not repair of sidewalks damaged by city trees.

Joe Thompson reported that the 49th Precinct Council will be meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the 49th Precinct.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Burko".

**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2007

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Joseph Carfora	(0)	Robert Potter	(0)
Diane Cerino	(0)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Al D'Angelo	(0)	Pat Quaranta	(0)
John Dennehy	(0)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(0)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)
Estella Foley	(0)	Joanne Rubino	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Vincent Taddeo	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)	Joseph Thurston	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Marisa Totino	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Joseph McManus	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Hazel Miura	(0)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Elizabeth Nazario	(0)	Linda White	(0)
Mary Paliotta	(0)		

ABSENT

Macharia Brown	(1)	Annette Marchitello	(1)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(1)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Diane Norris	(1)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Joseph Reda	(1)
Rosemary Durso	(1)	Irene Rukaj	(1)
Altagracia Fabal	(1)		

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marina King – Representing Senator Rubin Diaz
Angelita Madrid - Representing Congressman Joseph Crowley
Alexis Grenell – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

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 Jr.

GUESTS

Cecilia Haas
Bobi Brooks