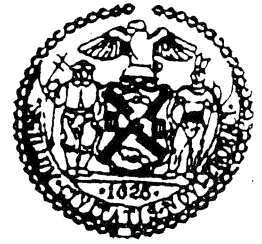


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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20,
2007 IN CALVARY HOSPITAL**

COMMITTEES

- Community Development & Budget priorities
- Economic Development
- Education & Culture
- Health & Social Services
- Highways, Traffic & Transportation
- Housing
- Information & Technology
- Land Use
- Parks & Playgrounds
- Public Safety
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- Youth

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

I. Gallery Session

a. Tony Andresakes – New York Sports Club

Mr. Andresakes stated that he was here tonight to talk about the new site on Bronxdale Avenue. He stated that the New York Sports Club has 157 locations, and that this is the first one in the Bronx. Mr. Andresakes stated that they have a pool, babysitting services, yoga, and Pilate classes as well as kick boxing.

b. Anjali Kechar

Ms. Kechar stated that she lives on Eastchester Road between Pelham Parkway and Astor Avenue. She stated that she had heard loud noises, and when she went to investigate she saw that old trees on the property behind her house were being cut down. Ms. Kechar said that she hear talk that it was going to be a medical office. She stated that some of her neighbors went to see Councilman Vacca and Senator Klein about their parking concerns.

II. Minutes

**A Motion was made by Dominic Castore, Seconded by Vinny Prezioso – That the Minutes be accepted as received.
PASSED**

III. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom stated that anyone who is not happy on the committee they are on to contact the Board office and we will take you off that committee.

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

John spoke about the lack of you programs in Community Board 11. He stated that he had received a call from Don Blueston of the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center that they received a grant for a program to run in a NYCHA Development.

John stated that we hope to have a program at Jacobi Medical Center. He stated that we need money to fix up the area in the Nurses Residence. John said we are pushing our elected officials to help.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that there is no report as there were no changes. There will be a report at our next meeting.

VI. Borough Presidents Report – Andy Toledo

On behalf of Borough President Adolfo Carrion Andy wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year. He thanked the Board and staff for working with them.

Andy reported that applications are available for Board membership.

Andy submitted the following report:

- 1. Borough President Carrion urges Bronx residents to heed call to civic duty**
- 2. Bronx Borough President realizes the Annual Bronx Chanukah celebration**
- 3. Borough President Carrion announces FY 2008 DFTA funding allocations**
- 4. Keeping our kids health Carrion funds school health centers**
- 5. Grand Concourse renewal on pace for early completion**
- 6. Funding for senior citizens programs**

Aging in America Community Services, Bronx Jewish Community Council, Morris Park Community Association, Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corp., North East Bronx Association, PSS/Parkside Senior Center, RAIN Administration, RAIN

Boston Road Senior Center, RAIN Eastchester Senior Center, San Gennaro Senior Citizen Club, Senior Citizen Referral Service/Allerton Senior Center, Van Nest Senior Center, Crime Victims Support Services of the North Bronx, Rebekah Rehab and Extended Care Center

7. Funding for programs that serve entire Borough

Bronx Dance Theatre, Bronx Legal Services, Bronx Regional Interagency Council (BRICA), Bronx Week Senior Celebration, Church Alive Community Church, Citizens Advice Bureau-Home Repair Program, Community Services Society-RSVP Program, Council of Senior Centers for Services, Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Grandparents Around the World Productions, Inc., HANAC Information and Referral Program, JASA, Bronx Special Needs Unit, JASA Geriatric Mental Health Outreach, Millennium Art Academy, Neighborhood SHOPP, New York Foundation, Home Sharing Program, Pregones Theater, Special Olympics New York, VISIONS, Inc.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/Diane Norris

Ruth reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

Diane reported that she had attended a meeting at the Borough President's office with Dr. Toni Lasewere of the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene. She stated that it was important for all children to be vaccinated and that they get the flu shot.

B. Housing – Eugene Tutora

Gene reported that he had attended a meeting at the Morris Par Association called by Senator Klein for people in his district who are losing their homes through mortgage scams. He asked if anyone knows someone about to lose their home to contact the Board of Senator Klein's office. Gene stated that the Van Nest and Throggs Neck areas have the most foreclosures.

C. Public Safety – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that the Committee met on December 3rd with the community groups to discuss their problems. He stated that a follow up meeting was held on December 12 with Deputy Inspector Collins about the gang problem. Vinny stated that he will prepare an agenda

for each meeting and work with the community groups under Deputy Inspector Collins.

D. Health and Social Services – Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that Sandra Unger has joined her Committee. She passed out flyers about Hope 2008, The NYC Street Survey.

Harain Figueroa spoke about the Center of Excellence at Albert Einstein. He suggested that Blanche meet with them and have them come to a committee meeting.

E. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Al D'Angelo

Al spoke about the haulster snow removal machine. John stated that the Board has been requesting this machine for a long time. He stated that Sanitation has told him that the front loaders do the same thing, and that while the haulsters are housed in Community District 12 they can be sent wherever they are needed.

Gene spoke about recent snow and asked why they only cleaned 10 feet of the street. John stated that they usually use 2 plows. One following behind the other.

Sandy spoke about snow being left on the corners making it difficult to cross the streets.

Al stated that the drivers have to cover a certain amount of streets.

It was stated that it was the responsibility of the homeowner of the corner to house to clean that area.

Al stated that he would put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Technology and Communications – Diane Norris

Diane reported that the Minutes had been distributed.

G. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

Rabbi Fuchs spoke about the clean up of White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway.

H. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

Joe reported that last month tabled a vote on Marcia's Restaurant at 1905 White Plains Road. Joe stated that the Committee feels that we should not reopen a vote on this.

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Dom Castore
– That Community Board 11 not reopen this decision. **PASSED****

VIII. Old Business

Diane Cerino spoke about the 25 traffic lights that freeze on___.

John stated that it could be a defect in the light.

Irene stated that she is the National Immigration Chair. She spoke about the Reform law. Irene stated that we need letters to be sent to Congress to stop deportations until the new law is enacted.

John stated that there is a process the Board needs to follow. It needs to come before the Executive Committee to be reviewed before it is brought before the full Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2007

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Diane Norris	(1)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Robert Potter	(0)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Vincent Prezioso	(1)
Diane Cerino	(0)	Pat Quaranta	(0)
Al D'Angelo	(1)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Rosemary Durso	(2)	Irene Rukaj	(2)
Altagracia Fabal	(1)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)	Joseph Thurston	(1)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Marisa Totino	(1)
David Leavitt	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(1)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)		

ABSENT

Macharia Brown	(3)	Hazel Miura	(1)
Joseph Carfora	(1)	Elizabeth Nazario	(2)
Michael Carriere	(3)	Mary Paliotta	(2)
John Dennehy	(2)	Joseph Reda	(2)
Estella Foley	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(3)	Janice Walcott	(1)
Joseph McManus	(1)	Linda White	(1)

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