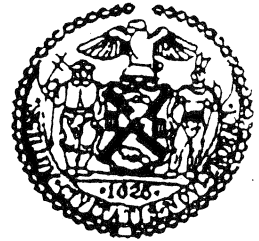


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District Manager**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2008 IN LUBIN HALL**

**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

**I. Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2009**

**No spoke during the time allotted for the Public Hearing.**

**II. Gallery Session**

**a. Pat Flannigan**

**Mr. Flannigan invited the Board members to the Bronx County Medical Society Legislative Forum/Breakfast at Maestro's on Friday February 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 Am to Noon on health issues.**

**b. Brian Adams - 2355 Williamsbridge Road**

**Mr. Adams spoke about a Con Edison van that was double parked on Williamsbridge Road and Stell Place for 15 minutes on February 14<sup>th</sup>. He asked what the Board could do about this.**

**John told him that in the future he should call the Board Office.**

**c. Donna Dechiaro - Crime Victims Services of the North Bronx**

**Ms. Dechiaro gave the background of the program. She stated that victims have rights in New York State. Ms. Dechiaro spoke about the services they offer and stated that they are located on Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue. Hours are Monday-Friday 9-5:30 PM. She stated that if you are a victim of a crime you should call the police and report it and then call them. Ms. Dechiaro spoke about the fund raiser at Maestro's on April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**John spoke about the job this organization does for crime victims.**

**d. Robert Guiffre**

**Mr. Guiffre spoke about congestion pricing and stated that he is against it. He stated that only one bus goes into Manhattan. Mr. Guiffre spoke about license plate fraud. He also spoke about graffiti arrests. He stated that there were 580 arrests in the Bronx. Mr. Guiffre stated that there needs to be a plan instead of arrests.**

**John explained how Community Board 11 handles graffiti vandals.**

**e. Monica Major – Second Vice President of Community Education District Council 11**

**f. John Rivera**

**Mr. Rivera spoke about a house that was knocked down on Bronxwood Avenue between Allerton and Mace Avenues. He stated that they are putting up a 4 story house. He also spoke about the need for more lights in the area.**

**John stated that he looked up the zoning, and it allows that type of building to go in. John stated that we can only make sure that he lives up to codes and that he has the correct permits.**

**g. Adam Bermudez – Bronx Times Reporter**

**Adam stated that he has recently begun working for the Bronx Times Reporter. He stated that he lives in the community.**

**H. Alexis Grenell representing Senator Jeffrey Klein**

**Alexis spoke about Marcia's and that Senator Klein had taken action to have their license revoked.**

**i. Sharise Swarez – representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera**

**Ms. Swarez reported that she is the liaison to Assemblywoman Rivera.**

**III. Guest Speaker – Ordene Alexis**

**Ms. Alexis stated that identify theft is the biggest white collar crime that effects 7-10 million people. She spoke about the different areas of identify theft: Financial, Driver's License, Social Security Number, Medical.**

**Ms. Alexis stated that she works for a company that helps people deal with the restoration after the identify theft takes place. She stated that the ways to prevent this are to shred your mail, be aware of your mail.**

#### **IV. Yankee Awards**

**John read from the applications of those youth chosen to receive this award. Elizabeth Borgatti of the North East Bronx Association, Teresa Trapasso of the Allerton Avenue Tenants and Homeowners Association, Victoria Rella of the Van Nest Association, Ryan Gilligan of the Chester Civic Association and Pleshette Carr of the Morris Park Association.**

#### **V. Minutes**

**A Motion was made by Ruth Burko, Seconded by Al D'Angelo – That the Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED**

#### **VI. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso**

**Vinny announced that Michael Carriere's wife gave birth to a baby boy.**

#### **VII. District Manager's Report – John A. Fratta**

**John reported that there was a major fire on White Plains Road. He stated that we lost 12 businesses. John thanked the Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, Councilman James Vacca and BOEDC for their help. John reported that the site needs to be demolished. He stated that there is asbestos in the ceiling and an engineer must come in and look at it and tell us how to safely do this. John reported that the fire started in the Laundromat. He stated that it was not a suspicious fire. John stated that the fire began in the morning and was not life threatening. He stated that we will be monitoring this site.**

#### **Marcia's – 1905 White Plains Road.**

**John reported that at the December meeting the Board tabled a voted on this liquor license. He stated that they got their license two weeks ago. John reported that he called the SLA to revoke their license because of what she told us at the meeting was not what was on her application. John reported that we are going to change the method on how we handle new applications. The applicant must come to the Economic Development Committee meeting with a copy of their application.**

**John reported that Senator Jeffrey Klein and Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera took the lead and called the Commissioner. We sent a copy of the transcript of Ms. Bridgett's testimony at the meeting via Senator Klein to the SLA. He reported that the Morris Park Association is also sending a letter to the SLA. John reported that the**

night they opened the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct issued 28 tickets for vehicles parked on the sidewalk. This weekend they are going to set up and DWI check point. He stated that as long as they are open the police will continue to monitor this location closely.

Al D'Angelo stated that the SLA needs to realize that when we ask that to waive a license or turn it down they need to listen to us.

John reported that OMB is taking \$10,000 out of our budget as of July 1, 2007. He stated that we are fighting it. John said that he is going to the City Council hearings to ask that they not get this cut from us. He stated that our OTPS is only \$17,000. John stated that he sent a letter to OMB stating that there was no way we could take this cut. John stated that OMB recommends that the money be taken from Personnel Services if you cannot take it from OTPS. He stated that our budget for FY2009 reflects a cut of \$10,000 from our Personnel Services. He stated that they just removed the money from our budget. John reported that City Councilwoman Christine Quinn is ordering the City Council to take a cut in their budget. John stated that he was not making any cuts yet. He stated that he will know in March and April.

Rabbi Fuchs suggested that the organizations send letters opposing this cut.

#### **Street Activity Permit Applications**

1. Application from Maritza Owen on behalf of the Harvest Home Farmer's Market, Inc. to have a Farmer's market on Pelham Parkway between Wilson Avenue every Tuesday from Jun 17<sup>th</sup> -November 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 4 PM

2. Application on behalf of Emmaus Bible Chapel for a religious ceremony from July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup> (except August 2<sup>nd</sup>) to close Throop Avenue between East Gun Hill Road and Burke Avenue from 7-10 PM

3. Application on behalf of Ecclesia Church Int'l to close Bonxdale Avenue between Van Nest and East Tremont Avenues from June 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 PM to 8 PM

4. Application from Stefania Bonasea on behalf of the Radcliff Block Association to close Radcliff Avenue between Neil and Rhinelander Avenues on July 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

**5. Application from Gary Migliaccio on behalf of the Morningside Nursing Home to close Lurting Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and the Esplanade on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 12<sup>th</sup> for a Block party**

**6. Application from Linda Rufino on behalf of the 1900 Block of Haight Avenue to close Haight Avenue between Rhinelander and Neil Avenues on July 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 8 PM**

**7. Application from Savel Richards on behalf of BJCC/Senior Services to close Waring Avenue between Paulding Avenue and Williamsbridge Road on June 27<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM for a Community Health Fair**

**8. Application from Irene Estrada on behalf of the Mini Olympic to close on June 28<sup>th</sup> Wallace Avenue between Arnow Avenue between Williamsbridge Road from 11 AM to 8 PM for a mini Olympics**

**A Motion was made by Al D'Angelo, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ - That Community Board 11 approves of these street closings. PASSED**

**9. Application on behalf of the Bronx Council for Economic Development to close Allerton Avenue between White Plains and Boston Road on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 6 PM for a street fair**

**A Motion was made by Hazel Miura, Seconded by Joseph Thompson - That Community Board 11 table a vote on this application until further information is received. PASSED**

#### **VIII. Councilman Eric Gioia**

**Councilman Gioia thanked the members of the Board who volunteer their time. He spoke about the need to improve computer, after school programs, more libraries. Councilman Gioia stated that he spoke with teachers who told him about children coming to school hungry because they did not have breakfast or dinner. Councilman Gioia reported that there are people who qualify for food stamps and don't get because of all the red tape. He stated that when he began as councilman the application was 24 pages. It is now 4 pages. He spoke about putting the application on line. Councilman Gioia stated that people don't realize that they qualify for food stamps. He stated that if your income is under \$24,000 and you have kids you probably qualify. Councilman Gioia asked everyone to tell just one person about this. He asked houses of worship and civic associations to put it in their newspaper. Councilman Gioia stated that he would come to a meeting for any association. He also added that he wants to start a**

program of free breakfast in the schools. He stated that the first ten minutes of the first class would be for kids to eat breakfast. Councilman Gioia stated that he was also working on indexing food stamps for inflation.

Councilman James Vacca reported that there was a grand opening for the 2424 Boston Road Senior Center. He stated that they have a sauna, a computer room and an exercise room. Councilman Vacca stated that community boards are important to him. He stated that we have a tough budget year ahead. Councilman Vacca stated that we can't allow for cuts that come to the marrow.

**IX. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella**

Silvio reported that there were no changes to the treasurer's reports.

**X. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo**

Andy reported that the Borough President delivered his 7<sup>th</sup> State of the Borough Address 2 weeks ago. He reported that Borough President will host a first borough-wide summit on sub-prime mortgage crisis on February 11<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about the job fair at the Supreme Court building and Irish Heritage which will be celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at The Rambling House Restaurant.

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Health and Social Services – David Leavitt**

David reported that the minutes had been distributed.

Sandra Unger reported that Westchester Square Hospital will remain open. John reported that the rally scheduled for Saturday has been postponed.

**B. Public Safety – Vinny Prezioso**

Vinny stated that we people to come to our meeting to let us know what problems they are having. He stated that the committee meets the first Monday of the month.

**C. Technology – Mary Paliotta**

Mary reported that the minutes had been distributed. She stated that the Board's website will be done by DoITT. Mary went into detail about the look of the website. She distributed papers on how the site would look.

**A Motion was made by Mary Paliotta, Seconded by Pat Quaranta – That Community Board 11 accept the structure of the website as proposed by the committee. Passed**

**D. Parks and Recreation - Joseph Carfora**

Joe reported that the minutes had been distributed.

John reported that the Parks Committee is going to look at the Loretto Park Hockey Rink and the feasibility of when it is not being used for the roller hockey league in the winter that it be turned into an ice skating rink.

**E. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Vincent Prezioso**

Vinny reported that there are new businesses on Eastchester Road. He stated that there is a chicken place, a breakfast place and an Allstate office that have opened recently. Vinny stated that there is not enough parking and they are asking for meters on Eastchester Road between Stillwell and Morris Park Avenues. Vinny stated that John and he had looked at the areas before bringing it to the Board.

**A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Bob Potter - That Community Board 11 request that meters be installed on Eastchester Road between Stillwell and Morris Park Avenues on both sides of the street.**

**A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Diane Cerino - That a vote on this be tabled until it could be brought before the Morris Park Association. PASSED**

**F. Education and Culture - Ruth Burko**

Ruth reported that the minutes had been distributed. Ruth stated that the Committee had met with Rev. Johnnie R. Johnson of the Methodist Church on Tremont Avenue. She stated that he wants to make the parsonage house on Poplar Street into a Learning Center for adults. Ruth stated that they need a letter of support from the Community Board.

**A Motion was made by Ruth Burko, Seconded by Sandra Unger and Denise Giocondo - That Community Board #11 send a letter of support for this change. PASSED**

**G. Housing - Eugene Tutora**

Gene reported that the committee met on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**H. Economic Development Joseph Thompson**

**1. Liquor License - Marcia's 1905 White Plains Road**

Joe discussed the problems that occurred at this location, and that the board was not given the true information by Ms. Bridgett.

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA asking that the license for this location be revoked. **PASSED****

**2. Liquor License Renewals**

**a. Sizzler – 2375 East Tremont Avenue for on-premises consumption**

**b. Kambousi Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Royal Coach Diner – 3260 Boston Road for on-premises consumption**

**c. Puebla Restaurant Corp. d/b/a C & H Coffee Shop – 2141 White Plains Road for on-premises consumption**

**d. Green Park Deli & Grocery – 1512 Schorr Place for off-premises consumption**

**Some discussion took place in which it was alleged that they were selling beer and cigarettes to minors. Gene stated that someone needs to go there at 3 PM when the children are dismissed from school and see this. Joe said that the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct can send someone to check this out.**

**A Motion was mad by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that we have no objection to the renewal of these licenses. **Passed with 2 opposed from Gene Tutora and Irene Rukaj****

**e. Whispers Inn Lounge – 1246 East Gun Hill Road for on-premises consumption**

**f. Zoo Terrance Buffet – Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption**

**g. Dancing Crane Café – Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption**

**h. Wild Asia – Bronx Zoo for on-premises consumption**

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mary Paliotta – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that we have no objection to the issuing of these liquor license renewals. **PASSED with 1 opposed by Irene Rukaj****

**i. Hollywood Bar & Grill – 1660 East Gun Hill Road for on-premises consumption**

**Joe reported that this location has been leased to Caridad & Louie two months ago. He stated that they had a grand opening on Sunday and no liquor was served. Joe explained that they needed a**



waiver of the 30 days in order to work off the old license until they can get their own. He stated that this is a common practice.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Bob Potter – That Community Board 11 ask the SLA to waive the 30 day notice for renewal. PASSED with 1 opposed by Irene Rukaj.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA that we have no objection to this license renewal. PASSED with 1 opposed by Irene Rukaj

**XII. Other**

Joanne Rubino spoke about businesses on Eastchester Road closing down because the landlords are raising their rents. She stated that they are putting in medical buildings.

**XIII. Old Business**

Diane Cerino announced that this will be her last meeting as she has decided not to ask for reappointment.

**XIV. New Business**

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 PM and returned to business at 9:30 PM.

A Motion was made Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 send a letter to Borough President Adolfo Carrion citing that we are removing Macharia Brown from the Board due his never coming to any Board meetings since his appointment to the Board. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Burko,  
Secretary

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

**PRESENT**

<b>Joseph Bacote</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Mary Paliotta</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Ruth Burko</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Dr. Mahendra Patel</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Junior Campbell</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Robert Potter</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Joseph Carfora</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Vincent Prezioso</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Diane Cerino</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Pat Quaranta</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Albert D'Angelo</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Joseph Reda</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Patrick Dolan</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Eliezer Rodriguez</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Altagracia Fabal</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Joanne Rubino</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Harain Figueroa</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Irene Rukaj</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Rabbi Moshe Fuchs</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Martin Sacewicz</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Kenneth Gelnick</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Vincent Taddeo</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Denise Giocondo</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Joseph Thompson</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>David Leavitt</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Joseph Thurston</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Silvio Mazzella</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Marisa Totino</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Hazel Miura</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Eugene Tutora</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Elizabeth Nazario</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>Sandra Unger</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Diane Norris</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>Janice Walcott</b>	<b>(1)</b>

**ABSENT**

<b>Macharia Browne</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>Annette Marchitello</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Michael Carriere</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>Rev. Leslie McHenry</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Dominic Castore</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Joseph McManus</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Rosemary Durso</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Blanche Comras Rifkin</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Estella Foley</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>Linda White</b>	<b>(2)</b>

**EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS**

**Hon. James Vacca – City Councilman**

**OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz**

**Alexis Grenell – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein**

**Charese Suarez – Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera**

**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**

**Hirmanshu Mistry – DCP Bronx Office**

**Cecilia Haas**