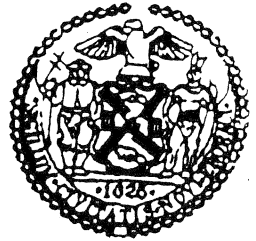


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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY
MARCH 27, 2008 IN LUBIN HALL**

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

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

I. Gallery Session

a. Gino Persichilli

**Mr. Persichilli spoke about the Bocchi Court at
Loretto. He stated that it needs to be renovated and have a
canopy placed over it.**

**John stated that this would come up under the Parks
Committee report. He said that Mr. Persichilli brought in
petitions for this project.**

b. Yamore Hurley

**Ms. Hurley spoke about a house on Astor and Cruger
Avenues which has a portable basketball court. She stated
that kids are there from 3 pm until 11 or 12, and there is a
lot of noise. Ms. Hurley also spoke about the cars that
speed down the block, dog feces. She also said that there
were no garbage cans on the corner, the graffiti in the area
and the need for more police.**

c. Greg Kisloff

**Mr. Kisloff stated that he was concerned about where
the fire took place on White Plains Road and Lydig Avenue.
He spoke about the 197A Plan. He also spoke about
Pelham Parkway being included in the rezoning. Mr. Kisloff
spoke about traffic at White Plains Road and the towing
process that is going to begin.**

John stated that he met with the BID, Joe Thompson, the 49th Precinct and Traffic Enforcement. He stated that we expressed serious concerns about the towing. John spoke about people feeding the meters which takes away parking from would be customers. He explained about the tickets for double parking and the towing which would take place twice a month on the business strips.

Greg spoke about increasing parking by using the Maran Parking lot and not for resident parking only.

John discussed how the Board had looked into this lot. He stated if we build up we will be blocking the windows of residence whose buildings abut this lot.

Greg spoke about the ponding on Muliner Avenue.

John stated that the problem is the pitch of the sidewalks.

d. Siobhan Simpson – PHC Services LTD

Ms. Simpson stated that their office is located at 1005 Morris Park Avenue. She stated that they were going to have a Health Fair on Thursday, April 14th from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at 1712 Garfield Street. Ms. Simpson distributed flyers on the event.

II. Minutes

A Motion was made by Bob Potter, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That the Minutes be accepted as received. Passed

III. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that a Nominating Committee has been appointed. The Committee consists of Gene Tutor, Chairman and Rosemary, Linda and Annette. He stated that a slate will be presented at the April meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting. At the May meeting nominations will be taken from the floor, but the person nominated must either be present or have indicated in writing their willingness to run. The elections will take place at the June meeting.

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

John reported that the budget cuts got worse. He stated that at last month's meeting he had reported that the boards were getting a \$10,000 cut. There is now another \$6,000 cut. John stated that he is

trying to meeting with Speaker Quinn. He also reported that Shelly Silver is trying to put money in the budget to be earmarked for community boards only. John stated that \$16,000 is our whole OTPS allotment. He stated that he will call Speaker Silver tomorrow. John stated that we are fighting all the way.

Fire on White Plains Road

John reported that he is calling a meeting for next week with Buildings, Environmental Protection and the owner. He stated that there are major problems due to the asbestos. John stated that he is going to set up an on going task force for the demolition and rebuilding of the area. John reported that the zoning allows the owner to build higher than the present stores. He stated that we don't want this to happen. John stated that this is a C4-4 district which allow for taller buildings. He stated that he has not met with the landlord yet. John stated that he will let Greg know when this meeting takes place.

John reported that April 10th is the Anti Crime march.

John spoke about the area around the Botanical Garden. He stated that the Garden used to start at Bronx Park. John stated that the Botanical Garden would like to beautify this area. John stated that responsibility for this area rests with State and City DOT, Parks and the Botanical Garden. He stated that while the Garden will do the planting we are trying to get it maintained all the time.

Matthews/Muliner Park

John reported that the Board is on record as asking that the park be closed at 6 PM. He stated that the new signs say close at dusk. John stated that he called the Parks Department on this.

A Motion was made by Linda White Seconded by Rosemary Deluca – That Community Board 11 sends a letter to the Parks Department stating that we want the Matthews/Muliner Park closed at 6 PM. PASSED

Street Closing Applications

1. Application from Vivian Bellantese on behalf of the Narragansett residents to close Narragansett Avenue between Rhineland and Neill Avenues on August 23rd with a rain date of August 24th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party

2. Application from Linda DeSantis on behalf of the 2200 Block of Kingsland Avenue to close Kingsland Avenue between Astor Avenue

and Pelham Parkway North on July 26th with a rain date of July 27th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block part

3. Application from Liam Moffatt on behalf of the Poplar Street Community Association to close Poplar Avenue between Lurting Avenue and Williamsbridge Road on July 12th with a rain date of July 13th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party

4. Application from Dwayne Williams on behalf of the O'Neil Place Block Association to close the 2900 block of O'Neil Place between Eastchester Road and Fenton Avenue on June 21st with a rain date of June 28th from 11 Am to 8 PM for a block party

5. Application from Joseph Bacote on behalf of Wickham-Gunther-Lodovick Avenue Homeowners to close Gunther Avenue between Mace and Waring Avenues on August 2nd with a rain date of August 9th from 11 AM to 7 PM

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Sandy Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to these street closings. **PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION WITH CAUSE FROM JOSEPH BACOTE**

6. Application from Hon. Naomi Rivera on behalf of the Bronx Council for Economic Development to close Allerton Avenue between White Plains and Boston Roads on August 17th from 8 AM to 6 PM for a street fair

John reported that a vote on this item had been tabled at the February meeting.

A Motion was made by Bob Potter, Seconded by Michael Carriere – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to this street closing.

A great deal of discussion took place on this application, the problems with closing a main thoroughfare and the fact that it was a bus route. It was brought out that the businesses would have first choice to the tables which would be free to the merchants and the entertainment that would be provided.

MOTION PASSED WITH 20 FOR AND 4 ABSTENTIONS FROM ANNETTE MARCHITELLO, HAZEL MIURA, JOSEPH THOMPSON, SANDRA UNGER AND LINDA WHITE.

Vinny reported that Michael Carriere's wife gave birth to a 6 pound baby boy.

V. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Reports had been distributed. Any questions see Harriet or me.

VI. Borough President's Reports – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that letters on reappointment should be going out next week. Andy reported on the Borough President's Team Up To Clean Up on May 3rd. Andy reported that there will be free tax assistance for Bronx seniors, low income residents and retirees on March 27 – April 3. He distributed flyers on this.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Sanitation and Environmental Protection – Michael Carriere

Michael reported that the Minutes had been submitted. He spoke about the compost that is being offered in the Bronx in the Soundview Composting Site on April 5th and 6th.

B. Parks and Recreation - Dr. Mahendra Patel

Dr. Patel reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

A Motion was made by Dr. Mahendra Patel, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Parks Department approving of converting the roller hockey rink at Loreto Park to an ice skating rink during the winter months.

It was reported that Councilman James Vacca is supporting this and will get funding for it. **PASSED**

Bocci Court at Loreto Park

Discussion took place on the renovation that was requested by Mr. Gino Persichilli for the Bocci Court. Mr. Gino Persichilli will maintain the Courts.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Parks Department requesting that the Bocci Court be renovated and that a canopy be place over it so that it can be used year round. **PASSED**

C. Highway, Traffic and Transportation – Vincent Prezioso

Vinny spoke about the request that the Board received from the new businesses on Eastchester Road for meters on Eastchester Road between Morris Park and Wilkinson Avenues.

John reported that he spoke with Al D'Angelo and that he and Silvio went to look at the area. John stated that the stores around the corner are opposed to it.

Vinny reported that we will give this to DOT. This will mean 35 meters on both sides of the street.

Vinny reported that we will give this to DOT. This will mean 35 meters on both sides of the street.

A great deal of discussion took place on this.

A Motion was made by Linda White, Seconded by Sandra Unger - That Community Board 11 requesting that these meters be installed. PASSED WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS FROM GENE TUTORO AND SILVIO MAZZELLA.

D. Youth – Linda White

Linda reported that the SYEP applications are available on line and must be submitted on line.

E. Education and Culture –

Sandra Unger reported that Sports Profession High School is closing at IS 144 and will be moving to 229th Street.

F. Housing – Gene Tutora

Gene reported that the Minutes had been submitted. He stated that the Committee is going to begin working on the problems with the Coops and then go east. He asked anyone who wants to be on the Housing Committee to let John know.

G. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Liquor License Renewals

a. La Belle Café – 2125 Williamsbridge Road for on-premises beer consumption

b. Bronxdale Diner Corp. d/b/a Castle Hill Diner - 1506 Bronxdale Avenue for on-premises consumption

c. Mendicino's d/b/a the Captain's Pizzeria – 1056 Morris Park Avenue for on-premises consumption

d. Rainbow Diner- 2195 White Plains Road - for on-premises consumption

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Vincent Prezioso – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the issuing of these renewal licenses. PASSED

e. La Onda Café – 1980 Unionport Road – for on-premises consumption

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

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Hazel Miura
- That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA asking that they waive the 30 day notice for this renewal application. PASSED

Marcia's/Karma - 1905 White Plains Road

John reported that he is working with the SLA on this location.

Linda reported that 2 week ago they closed off the triangle and parked cars there. There was also dancing going on inside the establishment.

John reported that the Board has received petitions opposed to this location.

H. Health and Social Services - Sandra Unger

Sandra reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

I. Public Safety - Vincent Prezioso

Vinny reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

J. Land Use - Joseph McManus

1. 1601 Bronxdale Avenue - BSA 21-08BZ

Joe reported that the Minutes had been submitted.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Vinny Prezioso - That Community Board 11 sends a letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals stating that we have no objection to the granting of this application. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joe Thompson reported that the Board members received information on the Anti Crime March for April 10th in their envelope. He stated that we will be marching against drugs and gangs. Joe stated that there was also a petition for more police included. Joe reported that there has been an increase in robberies and other crimes. He asked everyone to bring the signed petitions to the next meeting.

Pat Dolan reported that Westchester Square Hospital will remain open.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2008

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Hazel Miura	(1)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Michael Carriere	(4)	Robert Potter	(0)
Patrick Dolan	(0)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Joseph Reda	(0)
Estella Foley	(2)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thurston	(1)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Joseph McManus	(2)	Linda White	(2)

ABSENT

Ruth Burko	(2)	Diane Norris	(2)
Joseph Carfora	(2)	Mary Paliotta	(3)
Dominic Castore	(3)	Pat Quaranta	(2)
Albert D'Angelo	(2)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(3)
Altagracia Fabal	(2)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(2)	Irene Rukaj	(3)
David Leavitt	(1)	Vincent Taddeo	(2)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(5)	Marisa Totino	(2)
Elizabeth Nazario	(3)	Janice Walcott	(2)

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alexis Grenell – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator – Community Board 11

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 – Einstein Hospital