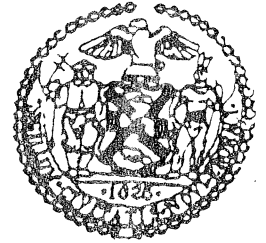


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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

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 7:15 PM by
Vincent Prezioso, First Vice Chair.**

**No one spoke during the time allotted for Gallery
Speakers.**

I. Minutes

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

PASSED

II. Chairman's Report – Vincent Prezioso

**Vinny reported that Al D'Angelo is the new president
of the Morris Park Association.**

**Vinny reported that Joe Reda had quadruple bi pass
surgery. He stated that he is home now.**

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

John wished everyone a Happy Passover.

**John told the Committee Chairs that when they have
an item that is discussed at your meeting and needs a
motion either for or against it must come before the Board
for a vote. He stated that we lost the opportunity to have a
say on a group home because it never came before the
Board. John stated that in this instance it was not a
problem as it only involved a change to an existing home.**

5. Application from Dawn Galante on behalf of the Haight Avenue Homeowners Association to close Haight Avenue between Sackett and Pierce Avenues on August 9th with a rain date of August 16th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

6. Application from Mary Ann Danna on behalf of the Hone Avenue Association to close Hone Avenue between Van Nest and Pierce Avenues on July 19th with a rain date of July 20th from 11 AM to 8 PM for a block party.

A Motion was passed by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Al D'Angelo - That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to these street closings. PASSED

Elizabeth Nazario stated that she was reading the Daily News and all the other community board meetings dates are listed but ours. John said that he would contact them about this.

Al D'Angelo asked about the Mayor's tree planning program. He asked if Morris Park would be getting some of these trees.

John explained how the tree planting would be accomplished. He also went into detail on under what circumstances the city will make the repairs to the flags that have been raised due to the tree rootes. He stated that a representative from Parks will be at the next Park Committee meeting.

Bob Potter asked when Circuit City will be opening. John said that they are slated to open on or about August 1st.

IV. Borough President's Report - Andy Toledo

Andy reported that May 3rd is Team Up to Clean Up. He stated that today was the deadline to register your area. Andy stated that they will be doing graffiti removal as well as clean up of the streets. He stated that flyers were available on the back table. Andy reported that May 17th is Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Orchid Beach. He also reported that May 16th is Bike to Work Day which will state at 7 PM at Poe Park.

John introduced George Torres from the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit.

George reported that Valarie Davis-O'Neill is now back with the Parks Department. He stated that he now covers the entire Bronx. George stated that while the graffiti numbers seem to have increased this is only because the clean up has just begun. He reported that the

D. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko

Ruth reported that the Committee had met on April 1st. She stated that the meeting was very poorly attended. Ruth stated that there were no minutes. Ruth asked the members to please attend these meetings as well as Health. Ruth spoke about CSE2, a program for children who would need tutoring. She stated that she would get back to the Board with more information.

E. Housing – Joe Bacote

Joe reported that the Committee met on May 14th. He reported that there was a guest from the United Cerebral Palsy. Joe stated that there is monies available for people who have someone in their home is disabled. He stated that this money would be used to help them make necessary modifications to their home.

John stated that the program has been around since last year. He stated that there was very poor response. John stated that they are coming to the boards to make them aware of the program. John stated that up to \$25,000 is available. He stated that this can be in low interest loans, or if this is not feasible they will work with the people. John said that the money can be use for rails, chair lifts etc. He stated that they will be coming to the District Service Cabinet meeting. John stated that this program is designed to keep people in their homes rather than having to go into a home.

F. Economic Development – Harain Figueroa

1. Liquor License Applications

a. Stillwell Café – 1680 Stillwell Avenue for on-premises consumption (RENEWAL)

b. La Gaviota Corp. – 730 Astor Avenue for on-premises consumption (NEW)

Harain reported that the application had come before the Committee with his application.

A Motion was made by Harain Figueroa, Seconded by Linda White
– That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating that we have no objection to the renewal and new license being issued.

PASSED

G. Health and Social Services – Blanche Rifkin

Blanche reported that the meeting held on April 1st was very badly attended. She asked the Committee members to please call the Board office if they cannot attend the meeting.

face painting, a magician, music by students from the Julliard School of Music. Silvio state that there will be free gifts to the first 100 people who come. Parking is free.

VI. Old Business

Gene spoke about a Land Use issue that came before the Board several months ago. He stated that the Committee worked hard on this. They went out to the site and came back with a recommendation that the Board deny this application. Gene stated the applicant came before the Board and cried. He stated that the Board voted for her application.

Gene stated that the new application is for 2320 Eastchester Road.

John spoke about the need for proof of Community Board membership. He stated that when Board members go out to visit a site they will often be asked who you are. We need some form of ID to show that the person is a member of the Board.

Blanche reported that today is Vinny's 45th anniversary.

Al asked George Torres about the thefts of cell phones. He stated that the police arrest them and then they are released.

John stated that in this case 2 detectives witnessed the theft. They were caught with the evidence on them and the victim was willing to press charges. He stated that DA's office declined to prosecute the case.

Linda stated that this is a gang initiation. She stated that they will walk up behind someone with an IPOD or cell phone and take it from them. They are also going after women's pocketbooks.

Andy Toledo reported that the White Plains Road Association has been going after stores on Fordham Road who buy these cell phones and change the card and then they sell them.

Al stated that the 49th Precinct will etch your phone at no charge.

Bob asked about the DA's office coming to a Board meeting.

Irene spoke about six sex offenders who were listed in the Bronx Times. She stated that one of them had lived in her building. Irene stated that he has moved, but his old address where there is a new family living. She stated that the sex offenders lists need to be updated.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2008 IN LUBIN HALL

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Robert Potter	(0)
Ruth Burko	(2)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Alfred D'Angelo	(2)	Pat Quaranta	(1)
Patrick Dolan	(0)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(2)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Blanche Rifkin	(2)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Irene Rukaj	(3)
Estella Foley	(2)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Vincent Taddeo	(2)
David Leavitt	(1)	Joseph Thurston	(1)
Annette Marchitello	(2)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Elizabeth Nazario	(3)	Janice Walcott	(2)
Diane Norris	(2)	Linda White	(2)
Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)		

ABSENT

Junior Campbell	(2)	Rev. Leslie McHenry	(6)
Joseph Carfora	(3)	Joseph McManus	(3)
Michael Carriere	(5)	Hazel Miura	(2)
Dominic Castore	(4)	Mary Paliotta	(4)
Altagracia Fabal	(3)	Joseph Reda	(3)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(3)	Joseph Thompson	(1)
Kenneth Gelnick	(1)	Marisa Totino	(3)

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

George Torres – Community Assistance Unit

GUESTS

Cecilia Haas – Albert Einstein College of Medicine