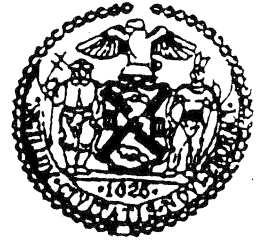


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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29,
2007 AT CALVARY HOSPITAL**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by
Dominic Castore, Chairman.**

**I. Presentation of Proclamation from Senator Ruben
Diaz Sr.**

**Marina King read from the proclamation to honor
Valerie Romero who represented the United States at the
Special Olympics.**

**Marina reported that through Senator Diaz 1900
turkeys were distributed at the senior centers. She also
spoke about the 3 tractor trailers with clothes and other
needed items that were sent to Santo Domingo who
suffered a hurricane.**

**Marina invited everyone to Senator Diaz's Christmas
party on Friday December 21st from 7PM - 1 AM at Maestro's
at 1703 Bronxdale Avenue.**

II. Gallery Session

a. Joe Bombace – Morris Park Community Association

**Joe stated that on behalf of the Morris Park
Association and all our neighbors he wanted to thank Joe
Thompson, John Fratta and all the Board members who
came out to march for more services to our community. He
stated that we are ready to do it again.**

b. Pat Flanagan – Parkside Senior Center

**Mr. Flanagan spoke about the need for patrols at
Parkside when the seniors leave the center. He reported**

COMMITTEES

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

that their Thanksgiving/Birthday party served 130 seniors. Mr. Flanagan also reported that they served 40 seniors for breakfast today.

c. Thomas Mullfield – New Era Veterans, Inc.

Mr. Mullfield reported that soldiers are coming home and finding themselves homeless, with a job and some have lost their families. He reported that the City Council gave him \$200,000 to open a Resource Center for veterans... Mr. Mullfield spoke about the problems that veterans returning home face. He discussed how many of them get into drugs, abuse alcohol and whose personality has changed. He asked anyone who knows of a veteran who is showing any of these signs to contact him so they can get the help they need. He can be reached at his office at 718 904-7029 or on his cell at 917 420-6616. Mr. Mullfield stated that he is available 24/7.

d. Andy King – 1199 SEIU Health Care Project

Ms. King spoke about the education program. She acknowledged Valerie and her accomplishments. Ms. King stated that she wanted to educate people on the need for health coverage. She thanked the people who signed the petition. Ms. King stated that this helped them to get money.

e. Wanda Bennett

Ms. Bennett spoke about the pot holes on Seymour and Waring Avenues. She stated that Waring Avenue to Eastchester Road has been repaved. Ms. King reported that the center of Waring Avenue and Eastchester Road has been patched several times and keep sinking. Ms. King stated that she wanted to know if they check what the problem is before they patch it.

John reported that they just patched it to make it safe for now. They will do an excavation later on. He stated that the Board is watching this.

f. Tania Crespo – 537 Van Next Avenue

Ms. Crespo spoke about a sink hole they are trying to get filled since July. She stated that the city has said that the street will be ripped up and she will be responsible for her problem.

John reported that homeowners are responsible from the middle of the street to the home. He stated that he would check it out and call her.

g. Geri Roth – PS 96 UFT representative

Ms. Roth asked for the Board's help in solving the parking problem at the school. She stated that the street has no parking 2-4 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Roth stated that MS 135 has street parking and PS 76 have street parking. She asked that the signs on Barker and Olinville Avenues be changed to help them.

h. Marcia Bridgett - Marcia's Restaurant 1905 White Plains Road

Joe Thompson spoke and reported that Ms. Bridgett is the new owner of the former Rush Lounge which the Board previously turned down.

Ms. Bridgett stated that it will be an eating and drinking establishment.

Joe spoke about the need for parking, and asked her about this.

Ms. Bridgett stated that she has a lease from the landlord for a lot on Rhinelander Avenue. It will be valet parking. The lot is 1 block from the restaurant and holds 50 cars. When asked, Ms. Bridgett stated that there will be no dancing and that they are not going for a cabaret license at this time. She stated that they will serve West Indian food.

Joe stated that he would like to see the parking lease. Joe also stated that he measured and they are 225 feet from the Mosque.

i. Carmen Fraguada – Center Care Health Plan

Ms. Fraguada spoke about the free or low cost health care is available. She stated that a birth certificate, SS# and proof of income. Ms. Fraguada left brochures for anyone interested.

j. Alexis Grenell – representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Alexis reported that the tree lighting will be held on December 13th at 3:30 at Peace Memorial Plaza. She stated that Senator Klein has launched a new program for homeowners in his district whose mortgages are with Countrywide. She stated that letters are being sent out by Countrywide next week.

k. Patty Sbano - Learning Disabilities Support Center

Patty distributed copies of their newsletter. He stated that they have programs that can help people with learning disabilities become better people. He discussed the keys to success and the recipes for success. Patty stated that Michael Benedetto will be coming to their meeting to give a speech.

I. Catherine Cervantes – Learning Disabilities Support Center

Ms. Cervantes explained how to utilize ways to eat and have a better life style. She stated that they have a program for drop outs and they support children and adults. She stated that anyone interested in volunteering their time can contact them.

John explained that this program receives no funding. He stated that the work with learning disabled people. John stated that the work is done by Ms. Cervantes and her husband, as well as volunteers. Any help will be good. He also added that he had met with her and Dom today.

j. Bob Nolan – Budget Director for the Bronx

Bob spoke on the capital and expense budget items that Borough President Adolfo Carrion supported. He stated that the Borough President was not allowed to put money into private property.

Capital Budget

PS108 is getting a mobile science lab

PS105 is getting library up grades

MS135 in conjunction with Councilman James Vacca is getting an ASPIRE Intermediate School and computer upgrades

Lehman High School Renaissance

\$250,000 for new equipment at Jacobi Medical Center

Fire Department getting new van

Bob asked anyone who wanted to be included in the Borough President's budget to get the letter to him by the end of January to be included in the adopted budget.

Expense Budget

Senior programs. Bob explained that there was no money put in youth programs because the mayor eliminated youth programs.

Money was allocated to Aging in America, Morris Park Association, NIDC, Northeast Bronx Association, Van Nest Senior Center

Bronx Dance Theater

Bob reported that 4 years ago the Borough supported 58 programs with his 1.7 million. Today he is still supporting 58 programs with the same money. He stated that there were minor reductions in funding to those programs that were getting other monies.

Bob wished everyone a happy holiday.

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Blanche Comras Rifkin, Seconded by Al D'Angelo and Sandra Unger – That the Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED

IV. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom stated that he is still recovering from the shock of the party that the Board threw to honor him.

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

John reported that the Board had received a notice from OMB of a \$5,000 cut in this year's budget and another \$5,000 next year. He stated that he responded that we have been cut by not getting an increase. John stated that there is no way we can come up with a recommendation for this budget cut. John stated that the 59 boards met and came up with the same response. John stated that he responded that they should cut the program that hires people to ride around and look for quality of life issues.

John thanked everyone who showed up to march. He asked all the Board members to show up next time. John stated that we need more programs. John stated that they thugs were jeering us. He asked for the Eye in the Sky and under cover officers. John stated that the next march will be in the spring for the Van Nest and Morris Park area and then the Allerton area. John stated that no area will be left out.

John reported that we are at still in discussions with the Department of Youth. He spoke about the letter that appearing in the letters to the editor responding to our letter. We stated that programs that are funding in our community are not meeting our needs. John stated that he is reaching out to other programs in other areas and asking them to come into our area.

John stated that one of the problems we have is that we do not have a facility to use. He stated that Joe Thompson and he met with Jacobi about the use of the facility at the Nurses Residence. He stated that we asked if we could run a program out of there. John stated that they agreed to give us the use of the gym and use of rooms near the gym. John stated that we will need money for renovations of

these areas. He stated that he spoke to the Borough President's office about this.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that there were no changes in the Treasurer's Report.

V. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that applications are available for board membership.

Borough President Carrion urges Bronx Residents to Heed Call to Civic Duty

**Borough President Releases Final 2008 Budget
Monies to go to libraries, Cultural Institutions, Street
Improvements, Parks, Health and Borough Services**

Biking the Bronx – Record Crowds join Bronx BP at Annual Tour de Bronx

VI. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Joseph Thompson

1. Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses

**a. A & A Restaurant d/b/a Pine Too – 1634 Eastchester Road
(RENEWAL)**

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

b. Mirador – 2712 White Plains Road (RENEWAL)

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

**c. T Mac Lounge d/b/a Guido McGee – 925 Allerton Avenue
(NEW)**

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

d. H & R - 651 Morris Park Avenue (NEW)

**A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Junior
Campbell – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the SLA stating**

that we have no objection to the issuing of this license. **PASSED WITH 1 AGAINST BY LINDA WHITE AND 1 ABSTENTION BY AL D'ANGELO**

e. Bronxdale Mobile Gas Station - 2090 Bronxdale Avenue (RENEWAL)

Joe reported that they have one day left on their license to sell beer.

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

f. Marcia Restaurant – 1905 White Plains Road (NEW)

Joe reported that he will check on the parking and how this will impact on Van Nest and Morris Park.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That Community Board 11 table a vote on this location until we hear from Morris Park and Van Nest. PASSED

Linda spoke about the way the restaurant is angled. She also stated that the parking lot has trucks in it and is a gravel lot. Linda stated that a lot of accidents happen there, people use that as a short cut.

Ms. Bridgett was asked about her hours of operation and she stated that it would be open from 3 PM till 4 AM.

B. Education and Culture – Ruth Burko/Diane Norris

Ruth stated that there was no meeting in November due to the march. The next meeting will be on December 4th.

Diane reported that she met with the Board of Ed in November. She stated that the Bronx Adult Learning Center was packed to capacity. There are basic educations free adult classes day and night.

Bob reported that he had attended a UFT workshop at the Sheridan. He stated that he submitted 3 directories to the office. Bob said that at the meeting they discussed programs available for trades. He said that they would come to an Education meeting.

C. Housing

Dom asked Gene to take over Chairing the Committee and holding meetings.

D. Health and Social Services – Blanche Comras Rifkin

Blanche reported that there was no meeting in November due to the march. She reported that the 49th Precinct has a drive for package and dry food and for coats. Blanche reminded everyone to get their flu shots.

E. Public Safety – Vinny Prezioso

Vinny reported that the Committee met in November. He stated that the Committee does not function. He spoke about the candle light march. Vinny stated that there is crime in the community and we have no youth programs. He stated that he spoke to Deputy Inspector and the community leaders about attending the Public Safety meeting on Monday December 3rd at 7 PM in the Board office. Vinny stated that he will put a brochure together. Vinny stated that the community needs to function as one with the help of the police and the community organizations. He invited everyone to attend the meeting. Vinny stated that an agenda will be made and followed. He stated that we need to find out the problems and complaints in the community.

F. Sanitation and Environmental Protection - Al D'Angelo

Al reported that the Committee met this month. We talked about the haulsters that removes snow on narrow streets. Al stated that CB 12 has 4 and we have none. He stating that we are pushing for a permanent haulster in CB 11.

John stated that we have been pushing for this for a long time. He stated that the Borough Commissioner says we can get it any time we need it.

Gene asked about the night pick ups and John explained that from October until March garbage is picked up at night. He stated that they vary the area.

G. Youth – Linda White

Linda thanked everyone who came out and marched. She stated that the Eye in the Sky will be a big held. Linda reported that the march was for more police and youth programs. Linda stated that John had sent a letter to YDDP regarding the list of programs they told him were being funded in our area. She read from the Letters to the Editor in the Bronx Times in which they responded to him.

John spoke about a new program CASA. John stated that he has contacted Councilman Vacca about getting a Beacon in CB 11. John stated that Council Vacca said that he has no money for a Beacon. John asked everyone to please march with us they next time we have a march. He stated that big numbers help our cause. John stated that we need programs to put into Jacobi. He also spoke about the NAB public hearing at 6:30 PM on December 3rd at Bronx House.

Bob Potter reported that Councilman Larry Seabrook donated \$100,800 to Eastchester Gardens for new computers for the adolescents and seniors.

H. Land Use - Joe McManus

a. Street Tree Planting - 080081 ZRY

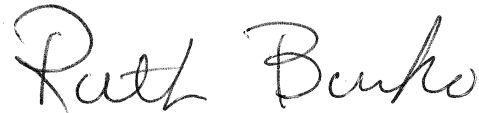
b. Yards Text Amendment -080078 ZRY

Joe commended his Committee and everyone who attended the meeting with City Planning.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Linda White - That Community Board 11 send a letter to City Planning that we have no objection to these U.L.U.R.P.s. PASSED

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 29, 2007

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(0)	Joseph McManus	(0)
Ruth Burko	(1)	Hazel Miura	(0)
Junior Campbell	(1)	Diane Norris	(1)
Joseph Carfora	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Dominic Castore	(1)	Robert Potter	(0)
Diane Cerino	(0)	Vincent Prezioso	(0)
Al D'Angelo	(1)	Pat Quaranta	(0)
Pat Dolan	(0)	Joseph Reda	(1)
Altagracia Fabal	(1)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(0)
Harain Figueroa	(0)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(0)
Elizabeth Foley	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(1)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Linda White	(0)

ABSENT

Macharia Brown	(2)	Elizabeth Nazario	(1)
Michael Carriere	(2)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
John Dennehy	(1)	Irene Rukaj	(2)
Rosemary Durso	(2)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(1)	Joseph Thurston	(1)
Rev. Leslie McHenry	(2)	Marisa Totino	(1)

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.
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
Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator – Community Board 11
Robert F. Nolan, Budget Director – Borough President Adolfo Carrion's office
Andy Toledo – Representing Borough President Adolfo Carrion