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COMMITTEES

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010 IN
 LUBIN HALL**

Bronx Park
 East/Olinville

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Dom Castore, Chairman.

Community
 Development and Budget
 Priorities

John introduced the new principal of the Bronxdale School, Carol Ann Gilligan.

Education/Youth

Ms. Gilligan stated that she was in the process of finding staff for the kindergarten to eighth grade school. She stated that the first year there will only be kindergarten and sixth grade. Ms. Gilligan stated that the Bronxdale School is a middle school choice school. She handed out flyers on the school's meeting on June 8th.

Indian
 Village/Westchester Hgts

Land Use

Morris Park/Van Nest/
 Pelham Parkway

Pelham Gardens

I. Gallery Session

a. Edith Blitzer

Ms. Blitzer asked about the zero visibility on White Plains Road that was voted on at last month's meeting.

John reported that he was working with Consumer Affairs on it.

Ms. Blitzer reported that there are new vendors selling there now. She stated that there is a fruit and a food vendor. Ms. Blitzer stated that when they leave there is garbage all over.

John stated that there is a process that we have to go through to get a zero visibility.

Ms. Blitzer spoke about Lydig Avenue and the summonses that were issued for shoddy electrical work.

John stated that he would ask for another inspection.

Ms. Blitzer spoke about the barbecuing in Bronx Park.

John stated that he brought this up at that DSC meeting with Parks. He stated that we told Parks that we need PEP in the parks. John stated that Parks would like to identify areas where we can allow barbecuing. John stated that he knew that there were problems with the smoke from the barbecuing and the garbage that is left. He stated that letters need to be sent to Commission Aponte stating that we need PEP in our parks.

b. Serita Wright

Ms. Wright spoke about the preschool program at Zimmerman Playground closing. She stated that we will lose Ms. Lou who has been there for 33 years. Ms. Wright read the bio on what Louvenia Jackson has done with the preschool program. She stated that she was appealing to the Community Board to keep this program. Ms. Wright also spoke about the summer camp program that is run at Zimmerman Playground.

John reported that he had met with Ms. Lou today. He stated that he was reaching out to Councilman Koppel to restore this program. John stated that this is the only preschool program in the Bronx. He stated that closing this program was a Parks Department decision. John asked Ms. Wright if petition were being done, and Ms. Wright stated that they were working on it. John told Ms. Wright to get them to Councilman Koppel.

Joe Thompson stated that a lot of signatures to keep this program operating were gotten at the march. He told Ms. Wright to get in contact with Kenny Agosto and put them together.

Hazel stated that keeping this program in the park keeps the bad guys out of the park.

Janice stated that she had spoken with Ms. Lou today, and she does not want to retire. She is being pressured by her bosses.

c. Natasha Rivera

Ms. Rivera spoke about the need to keep this program in Zimmerman Playground.

d. Monica Major – CEC 11 President

Ms. Major reported that on June 4th they would have their Legislative Breakfast. She stated that would be honoring John Fratta and the Morris Park Association. Ms. Major reported that this is a free event and would run from 8:30-1:30. Ms. Major reported that on June 8th there will be a CEC meeting for the new Van Nest School. She

stated that all questions will be answered at this meeting. Ms. Major reported that June 15th is Community Appreciation Day at MS 127. She stated that is to thank everyone for their support.

e. Marcy Gross

Marcy thanked the Community Board for getting the speed bumps on Bolton Street. Marcy reported that in 2007 she sent a letter to Congressman Crowley asking for money. She stated that this year they met the deadline and received \$5,000. She thanked John, Councilman Vacca and Mike Carriere for their help. Marcy stated that the money would go to the anti graffiti program. Marcy reported that the Pelham Parkway South Neighborhood is having a demonstration against barbecuing in the park.

f. Marianne White

Ms. White stated that she was here tonight to speak on behalf of Mangia E Bevi at 702 Morris Park Avenue. Ms. White stated that there is new ownership. She stated that there are 2 partners would are trying to make a go of it. Ms. White stated that are catering to a 25 and older crowd. She stated that there will be a full restaurant. They will close at 1 AM during the week and 3 AM on the weekends. She stated that there will not be a DJ, only a juke box. Ms. White stated that she had been working here as a waitress for a long time. She stated she had to leave under the previous owners because of the way it was run. She asked that the Community Board give them a chance to run a good restaurant. Ms. White stated that previously the backyard was used for smokers. She stated that no smoking will be allowed except in front of the restaurant where a receptacle for cigarettes will be placed. She stated that no one will be allowed back there except when there is a barbecue. Ms. White stated that there will be 2 barbecues held a month. She also stated that there would be no music during the day. Ms. White stated that both partners are Morris Park residents. She stated that do private parties.

John reported that he and Dom had met with Vinny and George. He stated that they discussed the backyard. John stated that there was a motion tonight. John stated that there were problems at this location since Chuck's Bar closed. He stated that we had promises from previous owners that were never kept.

He asked how many people were here tonight to support these new owners. Seven people stood up.

g. Lorraine Ritter/Yolanda Dessus

Lorraine stated that she was here to give an update on conditions at the Pelham Parkway Houses. She stated that it was a living hell. Lorraine stated that getting in or out of their house is a problem. She stated that NYCHA does not address the problems. Lorraine stated that there are problem tenants in the buildings

John reported that he had met with the Deputy Borough Director and the Captain of the 49th Precinct as well as the NYCHA manager. He stated that they discussed the problems in the development and they were supposed to clean up the garbage. John stated that the Captain was going to deal with the crime. He asked Lt. Sturdivant what was being done to protect these women as they were threatened.

Lt. Strudivant reported that 2 foot posts were set up. One post from 4-12 and one post during the day tour. Lt. Sturdivant stated that they would place special attention to the hours that they come and go.

Ms. Desuss stated that she had not seen any foot patrols today.

Tony Vitaliano spoke about the need to make arrest. He told both ladies to go the precinct and speak to the detective. Tony stated that they need to have a paper trail of all the complaints.

Joe Reda reported that Narcotics had made arrests at this development.

John stated that these residents are complaining about other residents threatening their lives. He reported that a picture was taken of her yesterday, and she was told "Now we know who you are". John stated that he had spoken with the manager and the Deputy Borough Director about why the tenants are not screened.

Lorraine stated that she was told that screening was against their civil rights. She congratulated Captain Nicholson for the work he has done.

John stated that we will bring this to the Chairman of NYCHA. He stated that they need to get rid of the manager at the Pelham Parkway Houses. He stated that the manger calls this development Siberia and Little Ethiopia.

Lorraine thanked John for his help.

Joe Thompson asked if they were told to leave the development for their own protection and Lorraine stated that they were just told to leave.

Joe reported that he had been to their building and complained about the cleanliness and the garbage.

John stated that at the meeting they discussed the cleanliness of the building and the manager blamed the residents.

Joe Bombace stated that this is going on for 5 years. He stated that Councilman Vacca is on board with this.

II. Elected Officials

a. Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.

Marina reported that 62% of the people have filled out their census forms. She stated that the Bronx is Third in NYC. Marina reported that \$10,000 is lost for everyone who does not fill out the form.

b. Mike Frittola - Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Mike thanked the Board members who came out to the SLA meeting last month. He spoke about auto thefts being changed to a misdemeanor from a felony.

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Ruth Burko – That the Minutes be accepted as received. PASSED

IV. Elected Officials continued

Michelle A – Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

Michelle reported that the budget was not passed yet. She stated that the Assemblywoman is working on the summer events calendar. Michelle reported on a hearing on kin care. She stated that this is for families who take care of other people's children. She stated that she would keep the Board aware of the date.

V. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom reported that he and John had met with Captain Nicholson and went on a chase with him. He thanked the Van Nest Alliance for doing a great job in that area. Dom reported that the new Board member appointments will be made at the next meeting. He reported that we met with DDC on the Pelham Parkway Project. Dom spoke about opening the ramp to the Bronx River Parkway. Dom spoke about

the poor attendance at committee meetings. He stated that if you don't show up at committee meetings we will have to remove you.

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

John spoke about the new school on Bronxdale Avenue. He stated that the new principal is doing a great job. John stated that this new school which will open in September will help alleviate the overcrowding in our schools. John reported that he and the committee had met with Commissioner Moran about getting angle parking near the school. He stated that once construction is complete we see about getting 2 full blocks of angle parking on Morris Park and Pierce Avenues.

John reported that the Mayor pulled the proposed budget cuts for the community boards off the table. He stated that we are still \$8,000 short. John stated that we are hopeful that the City Council will restore these funds. John stated that we are keeping a coalition of community boards to push an increase to the board's budget.

John reported that he had attended another public hearing on the Pelham Parkway Project. He stated that a contractor has been hired. John reported that the task force on this project will include the Community Board, Fire, Police, EMS, the hospitals, the BID, the Pelham Parkway North, Chester Civic, Morris Park And North East Bronx Associations. He stated that it would be a 4 year project and that there would be no parking allowed on the Pelham Parkway North service road while they worked on this part of the project. John stated that he was asking Sanitation to suspend Alternate Side parking there as parking will be very difficult.

John reported that he met with management of the Pelham Parkway Projects and NYCHA. He stated that we will not allow these conditions to continue there.

John reported on the SLA meeting he attended. He stated that they gave us information on the limitations of the SLA and the community boards. He stated that there is better cooperation with the SLA because of Senator Klein.

John reported that the Board of Elections had contacted the Board about bringing one of the new electronic voting machines to the Board meeting and have everyone use it. He stated that this would be

too time consuming. He asked that the associations invite them to come to their meeting.

Pat Dolan asked for a tour of the new school. Ms. Gilligan stated that she would arrange for it.

John reported that an Ad Hoc Committee would be formed on the Pelham Parkway Project. Mike Carriere, Dr. Mahendra and Pat Quaranta asked to be on the committee. John asked anyone interested in being on this committee to call the Board office.

John stated that the contractor is CAC.

Silvio reported that on May 31st at Peace Memorial Plaza at 11 AM there will be a ceremony honoring the men and women who died in the war.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Friend's of and Community Board Treasurer's reports had been distributed. Anyone with questions can contact me or Harriet.

VIII. Borough President's Report – Andy Toledo

Andy reported that the reappointment letters were sent out yesterday. He stated that the new Board member appointee letters would be going out. Andy thanked everyone who participated in Bronx Week.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Vincent Prezioso

1. Application by Dr. David Stevens of 1228 Pelham Parkway South for a block party on Narragansett Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue on August 15, 2010 from 1 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Joe Bombace – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAP stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

B. Bronx Park East/Olinville - Joseph Thompson

1. Application by Joanne Mennona of 2321 Wilson Avenue for a block party on Wilson Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on July 18, 2010 from 12 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mike Carriere – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

2. Application by Jose Garcia for a block party on Bouck Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 14, 2010. from 1 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

3. Application from Mr. Jae Yu on behalf of La Gaviota Corp. at 730 Astor Avenue for an on-premises liquor license.

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

4. Laconia Avenue

Joe reported that Commissioner Moran had met with the Committee on the calming devices to be installed from Pelham Parkway North to 233rd Street. Joe reported that Commissioner Moran wanted to know how many accidents there had been in Community Board 11. He reported that there had been 74 injuries. Joe reported that a public hearing was held of May 19th at Columbus High School. He stated that 4 people came to the meeting. Joe reported that he met with Commissioner Moran again and learned that there had been 54 accidents in 4 years. Joe gave a detailed report on why this should be done. He spoke about the speeding on Laconia Avenue. Joe reported that they will be converted from a 4 lane roadway to a 2 lane roadway with one lane north and one lane south. He stated that it will not be done by St. Catherine's Academy from Astor Avenue to Pelham Parkway North will remain as 2 lanes. Joe reported that DOT came back and answered our questions. He stated that we asked for a cover on the lights so that people can't see the Walk/Don't Walk sign. John stated that DOT told him that this could not be done. He stated that they would look into the sequencing of the lights from Burke Avenue to Pelham Parkway North.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mike Carriere – That Community Board 11 send a letter to DOT asking that they look at the changing of the sequencing of the lights. **PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS FROM IRENE RUKAJ, FRANO ZAGREDA, GENE TUTORA AND ANTHONY VITALIANO. MARTY SACEWICZ WAS OPPOSED**

Marty Sacewicz stated that they did this on Allerton Avenue and he was against it.

John stated that they are only painting lines, and the residents as in favor of it.

Joe explained the reasons for the 13 feet.

C. Indian Village/Westchester Heights – Michael Carriere/Dr. Mahendra Patel

Mike reported that the 49th Precinct had honored him with a Citizens Award for the graffiti removal.

Dr. Patel reported that the minutes had been submitted.

1. Application by Maritza Wellington Owens of Harvest Home Farmer's Market, Inc. for a farmer's market at 1400 Pelham Parkway South in front of Jacobi Hospital on Tuesdays from June 1st to November 23rd.

John reported that the farmer's market at Jacobi Hospital was very successful last year.

A Motion was made by Dr. Mahendra Patel, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this permit. **PASSED**

2. Application by Maritza Wellington Owens of Harvest Home Farmer's Marker, Inc. for a farmer's market at Loreto Park on Morris Park Avenue between Tomlinson Avenue and Haight Avenue on Saturdays from June 10th to November 20th.

John reported that in prior years this farmer's market was held in the parking lot of Our Savior Lutheran School. He stated that they came to us last year and we turned them down. John reported that the community would lose parking there for 27 weeks.

Mr. Keller spoke. He stated that he was the Operations Manager of the farmer's market. He stated that Loreto Park would only be a drop off area for trucks. He stated that parking would remain.

Joe Reda asked where people who want to purchase produce will park. He also stated that he did not find the produce to be very good. Joe stated that there is a super market 2 blocks away, and that he contributes to the community.

Dr. Patel reported that they did not have a quorum at the meeting so they are only making a recommendation.

Vinny Prezioso spoke about the flyers that they had printed that indicated that there would be a farmer's market at Loreto Park before the Board voted on it.

A Motion was made by Dr. Mahendra Patel, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO asking that this permit be denied. PASSED

3. Application by Vivian Bellantese of 1933 Narragansett for a block party on Narragansett Avenue between Neill and Rhinelander Avenues on August 21, 2010 from 12 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Mike Carriere, Seconded by Joe Bombace and Joe Thompson – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

4. Conversion of Lydig Avenue from Williamsbridge Road to Seminole Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way street going westbound.

Mike reported that a public hearing was held on this and there was a very low turn out. He stated that the Committee made sure that every house received a flyer about the meeting.

A Motion was made by Mike Carriere, Seconded by Joe Bombace and Joe Thompson – That Community Board 11 send a letter to DOT asking that Lydig Avenue between Williamsbridge Road to Seminole Avenue be converted from a two-way to a one-way stretch going westbound. PASSED

D. Morris Park/Van Nest – Joe Bombace

Joe reported that the minutes had been submitted.

1. Application by Dawn Galante of 1557 Haight Avenue for a block party on Haight Avenue between Sackett and Pierce Avenues on July 31st from 12 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made Joe Bombace, Seconded by Frano Zagreda – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

2. Application by Vincenzo Scriberi of Pumpkin 2010 Inc. d/b/a Mangi E. Bevi at 702 Morris Park Avenue for a full liquor license_(NEW)

A Motion was made by Mike Carriere, Seconded by Joe Bombace – That a vote on this liquor license request be tabled until the Committee meets with the owners. PASSED

E. Pelham Gardens – Anthony Vitaliano

1. Application by Diane Cerino of 2305 Woodhull Avenue for a block party on Woodhull Avenue between Astor and Waring Avenues on August 7th from 12 PM to 8 PM.

A Motion was made by Tony Vitaliano, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to SAPO stating that we have no objection to the issuing of this street closing. PASSED

F. Youth/Education – Diane Norris

Diane reported that the minutes had been submitted.

1. Zimmerman Playground pre-school program

Diane reported that since there was not a quorum at the Committee she could only make a recommendation. Discussion took place on the importance of this program in our community.

A Motion was made by Diane Norris, Seconded by Denise Giocondo – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Parks Department against closing this program. PASSED

2. New school at Bronxdale and Van Nest Avenues

Diane reported that the school is going to be named for two fire fighters who died on 9/11, Lt Curtis Meyran and Firefighter John Bellow

John explained the process that was done in order to name the school after these two fire fighters.

Joe Bombace stated that he felt that the school should have been named for a community person, Chief James A. Romito. He stated that he was getting petitions for this.

3. Dine reported that the Synagogue at Barnes Avenue is going to become a school.

G. Land Use – Eugene Tutora

Gene reported that the Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, June 2nd. He stated that City Planning will be there to talk about Car Share parking. Gene stated that it was important that we have a quorum for this meeting.

H. Nominations – Eugene Tutora

Gene read the slate of officers as submitted by the Committee. Dom Castore, Chairman, Vinny Prezioso, First Vice Chair, Joe Thompson, Second Vice Chair, Silvio Mazzella, Treasurer and Ruth Burko, Secretary.

Gene asked for nominations for Chairman. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella
– That nominations for Chairman be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were nominations for First Vice Chair.

Vinny Taddeo nominated Tony Vitaliano and Joe Reda seconded the nomination. Tony stated that he accepted the nomination.

Gene asked if there were any other nominations for First Vice Chair. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella
– That Nominations for First Vice Chair be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Second Vice Chair. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Sandra Unger
– That nominations for Second Vice Chair be closed for First Vice Chair. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Mike Carriere
– That nominations for Treasurer be closed. **PASSED**

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. There were none.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Sandra Unger
– That nominations for Secretary be closed. **PASSED**

Discuss took place on allowing the candidates to speak before the voting took place. Joe Thompson suggested that an explanation of what the job entails be given to everyone.

A Motion was made by Frano Zagreda, Seconded by Sandra Unger – That the candidates be given an opportunity to speak before the voting takes place. PASSED

K. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:08 PM and returned to business at 9:13 PM.

A Motion was made by Mike Carriere, Seconded by Joe Thompson – That Community Board 11 remove Elizabeth Nazario as a Board member due to her absences. PASSED

VIII. New Business

Hazel asked about Barker Avenue from Allerton Avenue to Pelham Parkway North being repaved.

John stated that he asked DOT to cold patch it.

Joanne Rubino asked if a homeowner was allowed to pave their back yard, paint line and park cars there.

John told her to call the Board office.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING HELD MAY 27, 2010

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(2)	Diane Norris	(4)
Joe Bombace	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Ruth Burko	(3)	Vincent Prezioso	(2)
Michael Carriere	(5)	Pat Quaranta	(3)
Dominic Castore	(5)	Joseph Reda	(7)
Albert D'Angelo	(3)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(4)
Pat Dolan	(1)	Joanne Rubino	(2)
Bernadette Ferrara	(1)	Irene Rukaj	(5)
Harain Figueroa	(4)	Martin Sacewicz	(0)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(4)	Vincent Taddeo	(3)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Marcy Gross	(1)	Joseph Thurston	(2)
David Leavitt	(1)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Annette Marchitello	(6)	Sandra Unger	(4)
Silvio Mazzella	(1)	Anthony Vitaliano	(3)
Hazel Miura	(6)	Janice Walcott	(0)
Elizabeth Nazario	(9)	Frano Zagreda	(1)

ABSENT

Richard Angeletti	(8)	Elizabeth Nazario	(10)
Junior Campbell	(5)	Mary Paliotta	(5)
Sal Conforto	(3)	Bob Potter	(2)
Jessica Dewberry	(3)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(5)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Oral Selkridge	(5)
Kenneth Gelnick	(3)	Linda White	(10)
Joseph McManus	(2)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Jeremy Warneke – Representing Councilman James Vacca

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz

Michael Frittola – Representing Senator Jeffrey Klein

Michelle - Representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board 11

Susan Nolan, Community Coordinator – Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board 11

Andy Toledo – Representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

GUESTS

Carol Ann Gilligan, Principal PS/MS498X

Helene Samberg – Van Nest Library