

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2010 IN LUBIN HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Captain Kevin Nicholson of the 49th Precinct. Capt. Nicholson stated that there has been a spike in robberies in and around the Pelham Parkway Houses. He stated that these robberies are being committed by 14-15 year olds robbing 14-15 year olds. Capt. Nicholson stated that there have been 3 arrests made. He stated that he is going to have a parent-police meeting at the Pelham Parkway Houses to tell the parents that there is a zero tolerance on robberies. Capt. Nicholson reported that cars are being broken into. He stated that there is a Court Watchers Presentation that can let the DA's office know of any information that might help them build a case. He told anyone who sees anything or thinks they see anything to call 911. Capt Nicholson reported that there have been 21 felony assaults and 8 domestic assaults. He reported that the 49th Precinct's School Unit makes 75 home visits a month. Cap. Nicholson reported that there have been 7 motor cycles stolen by tow trucks. He told anyone seeing a motor cycle on a tow truck to call 911. Capt. Nicholson reported that Acura Integra's have been robbed. He stated that they are taking the tires from 2010, 2009 and 2008. Also Hondas of those years. He suggested that tire locks be put on these cars. Capt. Nicholson reported that there have been 36 youth on youth crimes. He stated that they

are close to arrests on 64%. Capt. Nicholson reported that the 49th Precinct leads the list of arrests in the Bronx. He stated that 214 arrests were made in a 28 day period. The previous year there were 144. Capt Nicholson stated that the 49th Precinct made 2,000 arrests. He stated that there has been an increase of 5 % in crime in April.

Capt. Nicholson stated that he wanted to address an article that appeared in the Bronx Times Reporter paper concerning the appearance of the 49th Precinct. He stated that when he took over the command the waiting room was filled with broken desks. He stated that he got rid of them and put in couches and chairs and a security gate. Capt. Nicholson reported that he has received a \$250,000 grant from Councilman James Vacca for improvements to the precinct. Capt. Nicholson stated that he was going to have the grassy area paved. He also stated that he had a Welcome to the 49th Precinct sign installed. He asked anyone with issues to see him.

Tony stated that in getting arrests from robberies the police are getting people who have done other robberies off the streets. Tony stated that he, John and Connie Moran from DOT will be doing a walking tour to designate parking only for the 49th precinct.

Capt. Nicholson spoke about the poles needing to be painted. He stated that Mike Carriere will get the paint.

Tony reported that Ruth Burko was involved in a car accident over the weekend, and she is at Jacobi hospital. He stated that she is listening to the meeting from her phone.

II. Presentation from Health and Hospital Corporation on Link 2 Care Program

Mike letter thanked the Board for allowing them to make this presentation. He stated that Jacobi Medical Center serves 1.3 million people. He stated that there is a new program for adolescent pregnant teens.

Dr. Wendy Wilcox took over the presentation. She stated that Link to Care program is an enhancement program for adolescent pregnant teens. He introduced her team members who consist of nurses, OBGYN physicians, pediatric physicians, health educators, social workers, administrative midwives. She stated that they meet on a regular basis and provide prenatal and postpartum care as well as home visits and baby showers. Dr. Wilcox explained the benefits of

the program as well as the family planning and tools not to become a teen mother again are given.

Ms. Ellen Wack explained the importance of education to these teen mothers. They receive a tour of the labor and delivery room with a simulated labor and delivery. Ms. Wack stated that they try to include the fathers as well. As part of the program they go out to schools and meet with guidance counselors. For more information contact Tiffany Young at 718 918-6417.

III. Gallery Session

a. Brian Adams

Brian reported that the street name signs are missing on the south east corners of Mace and Mathews Avenue. He also asked about the building that is going up on Lydig Avenue and White Plains Road.

John stated that it should be ready by next year.

b. Ronald Roberg – 2025-81 Wallace Avenue

Mr. Roberg thanked Joe Bombace for coming to the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association meeting. He stated that 2025-81 Wallace Avenue is a co-op. Mr. Roberg stated that there are 89 apartments and that 25 are occupied by FEGS clients. He stated that this group home atmosphere affects the co-op. He stated that it is devaluing the buildings. Mr. Robert stated that 18 of the 25 apartments are owners by FEGS and the remainder is housed by FEGS.

John stated that the Board was supposed to get back to him. He stated that if 25 apartments are being used by FEGS that should constitute a group home. He stated that in that case they would have to come before the Community Board. John stated that he would have to see a copy of the co-ops bylaws.

Mr. Roberg stated that FEGS is not responding to their calls or coming to co-op meetings.

John stated that he would follow up on this on Monday.

Mr. Roberg spoke about the work that was recently done in Bronx park. He stated that when they redid the park they took out almost all of the benches inside the park.

John explained that this is not really our board, but he would look into it.

IV. Elected Officials

a. Jeremy Warneke, representing Councilman James Vacca

Jeremy reported that several houses do not have addresses posted. He stated that 1545 Stillwell Avenue was one of them. Jeremy reported Councilman Vacca is working on 4 bills to implement more speed reducers. He stated that they will be dealing with stop signs and stop light requests that have been denied. Jeremy stated that there are will be detailed reports that only the community board or the council will be privy to. Jeremy reported that presently there are no standards for installation of speed bumps. Jeremy spoke about a determination of the hearing problems posed by use of subways and buses.

Pat Dolan spoke about veterans being deprived of their right to vote.

Jeremy spoke about a loop hole in the basic star program and the enhanced star program. He stated that they do not check to see that the income you list is accurate.

John welcomed Pat Dolan back after heart surgery.

b. Marina King, representing Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.

Marina reported that the governor signed 3 bills that will protect and improve services to senior citizens. The bills will allow health insurance subscribers 65 years of age and over to designate a third party to be informed prior to the cancellation of a health insurance policy, provide much needed financial relief to naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and expand services to elderly resident who live in NORC. Marina reported that on Saturday, October 23rd there will be a Peace in Our Streets Initiative to get the guns off our streets it will convene at 12:30 and run from 1-4 PM starting at 825 Courtland Avenue. She also reported that they won the September primary.

V. Minutes

A Motion was made by Mike Carriere, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That the Minutes be accepted as received.

A correction was made by Joe Bombace that the on page 10 it should read that the rules and regulations as received by Senator Klein be accepted with the stipulation that if an establishment has agreed to a stipulation that it be included in these rules.

Accepted with corrections. PASSED

VI. Chairman's Report – Dominic Castore

Dom reported that will be convening a 5 person Ad Hoc committee to update the Bylaws. He stated that anyone interested in being on this committee should contact the Board office.

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

Precinct parking – John reported that he would be going on a walking tour next week to survey the area around the precinct in order to give the police more parking. He stated that he would also be meeting with Bill Walsh of Jacobi Medical Center to see if they could additional space in the hospital parking lot. John reported that on Lydig Avenue DOT will do conversion to make the street go from 2 ways to 1 way.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Friends of and Community Board Treasurer's reports had been updated and distributed.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio thanked Dom, John and the Board members who attended the budget consultations. He stated that the Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2012 had been distributed.

A Motion was made by Silvio Mazzella, Seconded by Joe Bombace – That the Budget Priorities for FY 2012 be accepted as received. PASSED

X. Borough President's Report – Thomas Lucania

Thomas reported that he and John have worked together for 16 years. He thanked Susan who will be leaving in August and Harriet who will be staying for their work.

Thomas Lucania reported:

1. Borough President Diaz brings "Peace in our Streets" to Highbridge

2. Borough President Diaz issues statement regarding hate crimes against gay men in the Bronx

3. Borough President Diaz & Bronx County Historical Society Launch New Video documenting Poe Cottage

4. Borough President Diaz issues letter regarding New York State math and reading tests

Thomas reported that Monica Major has been named to the Panel for Education Policy. He also reported that 3 sessions for gifted and talents children programs were going to be held. Flyers were distributed. Thomas reported that there will be a bicycling event on Sunday, October 24th beginning at the court house. He stated that there will be a 24 and 40 mile event. Thomas reported that the Borough President the Van Nest Alliance meeting on October 6th, and he appreciated the invitation and will follow up on the items brought to his attention at the meeting.

John reported that the Bronx Times Reporter had a picture of Dom & Pat riding in the Columbus Day Parade. He congratulated Dom on being Grand Marshal.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Bronx Park East/Olinville – Joe Thompson

Joe reported that there had been a march from the Coops and Parkside Houses. He thanked the Board members who participated as well as the Van Nest Alliance and the Morris Park Association.

1. Application from Edigio Sementelli of the Bronx Italian American Cultural Association at 2303 Yates Avenue for renewal of an on-premise liquor license.

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

B. Indian Village/Westchester Heights – Michael Carriere

Mike thanked Cece for doing the minutes and Dr. Patel for chairing the meeting. He thanked the 49th Precinct and Councilman Vacca. He also thanked Joe McManus for his donation of \$2,000 for the graffiti program.

C. Morris Park/Van Nest – Al D'Angelo

Al spoke about the need for angle parking on Bronxdale Avenue for the new school. He also spoke about the merchants of Lydig Avenue putting their wares on the sidewalks and hanging from their awnings. Al spoke about the barbecuing on Pelham Parkway. He asked the member of his Committee to send suggestions for topics to be on the Committee Agenda to the office.

Bernadette Ferrara asked for an update on Mangia E Bevi.

John stated that he blasted Charlie Khalil. He stated that Charlie told him that he was taking it back. John stated that Charlie said that he had a woman who wanted to make it into a restaurant. He stated that the woman brought a menu from the restaurant she owns in Yonkers. John stated that he told Charlie that the Board would not approve a liquor license for this location until the place is in her name. He stated that the place has been better. John stated that if we receive a liquor license report it would be given to the Committee.

Joe Bombace stated that they have a sign saying Jimmy's Bar Rocking Bar & Grill.

John stated that he told Charlie that no liquor is to be sold there until there are new owners.

Joe Bombace stating that they are operating under Fasolino's license. He stated that in August they received a violation for selling to a minor.

John stated that he would add this to the Morris Park Committee agenda for November.

C. Pelham Gardens – Anthony Vitaliano

1. 1678 Pelham Parkway South – new housing

He stated that they did not show up to the meeting.

2. Christmas House

Tony reported that Buildings issued a Stop Work Order. He thanked Jeremy for helping to get the lot on Waring Avenue cleaned up. Tony stated that people throw garbage there. He stated that every summer Sanitation come and cleans it, but this summer they did not. He stated that they have seen rats.

John stated that this is on the Agenda for the DSC meeting.

3. Application by Ramon Calleja of Kokonuts Night Club at 1330 Blondell Avenue for renewal of an on-premise liquor license.

Tony reported that they did not come to the Committee meeting. He stated that they stated that they never received a letter to appear before the Committee. Tony stated that their license expires on October 29th. He stated that he spoke with the 49th Precinct and they have no problems with this location.

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

4. Co-naming of Mickle Avenue between Astor Avenue and Pelham Parkway North for Lou Salvati

Gene reported that Lou Salvati was a past president and board member of the Chester Civic Association, a community activist, and a distinguished World War II veteran.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella and Vinny Prezioso – That Community Board 11 send a letter to Councilman Vacca asking that this street co-naming be done. PASSED

Gene spoke about the new requirements for co-naming streets that would require 75% of the residents on the block to sign a petition in favor of this. He stated that on some blocks there may only a few houses and on other blocks there may be apartment houses.

D. Youth and Education Diane Norris

Diane reported that the Committee had not met this month. She stated that she had attended the ribbon cutting of the new school named for the 2 fire fighters who died. Diane reported that the widow of one firefighter spoke and one child. She stated that will get a date for the Board to visit the school.

John stated that Dept of Education wants to shut down Columbus High School and the UFT and principle want convert it to a charter school. He stated that it is going to CEC the night before the November Board meeting. John stated that because there is a time frame they would need a letter of support before the November Board meeting. He stated that this will go to the Executive Board.

Tony reported that Aging in America was sold.

E. Land Use – Joe McManus

Joe reported that the Committee met on October 19th, and the minutes were submitted.

1. Zoning text amendment to clarify the meaning and usage of key terms “development and “building”

Joe stated that we want included that we do not want the definition of semi attached houses to be changed.

A Motion was made by Joe McManus, Seconded by Sandi Unger – That Community Board 11 send a letter to City Planning approving the clarification of the meaning and usage of “development” and “building” and that there be no changes to semi attached.

A roll call voted was taken. The motion passed with Jessica Dewberry Abstaining with Cause and Abstentions from Bernadette Ferrara, Oral Selkridge and Joe Thompson.

XII. New business

Change in requirement of 75% of people on block for co-naming of street

A great deal of discussion took place on this. It was stated that this was needed because requests for street co-naming had gotten out of hand. It was stated that a person’s contributions to the community were of utmost importance.

Joe McManus reported that he got the rules from Community Board 1 in Manhattan where there are mostly apartment buildings

John stated that he felt that this needed to be look at on a case by case basis.

Discussion took place on a request that the Board had received from the family, but that the applicant had not contributed much to his community.

John suggested that when a co-naming is requested that the block be notified.

Silvio suggested that this be brought back to the land Use Committee for consideration.

Joe reported that this had been voted on 2 times. Once by the Committee and then by the full Board.

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Vinny Prezioso – That the percentages required be brought back to the Land Use Committee for reconsideration. PASSED

Joe Thompson reported that the 49th precinct Council would be meeting on Tuesday at Maestro's at 7:30 PM. He stated that Senator Klein would be the guest speaker.

Dr. Patel stated that he felt that parking should not be exclusive to the 49th Precinct.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Ruth Burko,
Secretary**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 IN LUBIN HALL

PRESENT

Joseph Bacote	(3)	Mary Paliotta	(0)
Joe Bombace	(0)	Dr. Mahendra Patel	(0)
Ruth Burko	(0)	Shradanand Pirtam	(0)
Michael Carriere	(3)	Vincent Prezioso	(2)
Dominic Castore	(0)	Joseph Reda	(0)
Albert D'Angelo	(2)	Eliezer Rodriguez	(0)
Jessica Dewberry	(2)	Blanche Comras Rifkin	(1)
Pat Dolan	(2)	Joanne Rubino	(1)
Rosemary Durso	(3)	Irene Rukaj	(3)
Bernadette Ferrara	(0)	Martin Sacewicz	(2)
Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	(0)	Oral Selkridge	(0)
Kenneth Gelnick	(2)	Joseph Thompson	(0)
Denise Giocondo	(0)	Joseph Thurston	(0)
David Leavitt	(0)	Eugene Tutora	(0)
Silvio Mazzella	(0)	Sandra Unger	(0)
Joseph McManus	(0)	Anthony Vitaliano	(0)
Hazel Miura	(0)	Frano Zagreda	(3)
Diane Norris	(0)		

ABSENT

Richard Angeletti	(4)	Robert Potter	(2)
Edith Blitzer	(1)	Pat Quaranta	(4)
Junior Campbell	(2)	Vincent Taddeo	(1)
Sal Conforto	(2)	Joann Terrelonge	(1)
Harain Figueroa	(3)	Janice Walcott	(1)
Marcy Gross	(2)	Linda White	(2)
Annette Marchitello	(2)		

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Jeremy Warneke – Representing Councilman James Vacca

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Marina King – Representing Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

John A. Fratta, District Manager – Community Board 11

Harriet Lasky, Secretary – Community Board 11

Thomas Lucania – Representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.