

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX

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CHAIRMAN

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 1982

AT ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 P.M. by Dom Castore, Chairman.

I. Gallery Session

A. Jimmy Vacca - District Manager, Community Board #10.

Mr. Vacca wished the Board and the audience a Happy New Year from himself and Sandra Parness, Chairman of Community Board #10. He stated that they looked forward to working with Board #11. Mr. Vacca said that the issue he was here to discuss is the proposal by a group to establish a shelter for homeless men and women of the Bronx at Van Etten Hospital. Mr. Vacca said that a few weeks before the holidays he had attended a meeting held in the office of Community Board #3. He said that there were representatives of Community Board #11 there. Mr. Vacca stated that as far as he could ascertain, no City agency has approved this request, and that no City agency has stated that Van Etten Hospital will be a shelter for homeless men and women. He said that the coalition which has been established is actively pursuing this possibility without consulting Community Board #10. He stated that he hoped that Board #11 would follow the same path as Board #10 whose Executive Committee voted against the establishment of a men's and women's shelter at Van Etten Hospital. Mr. Vacca said that this proposal to establish a shelter for 150 homeless men and women would lead to a further saturation of the area. He said that he felt that this shelter would not meet the needs of the homeless men and women, because most of the homeless men and women do not reside in Board #10 or Board #11, but in other parts of the Bronx. Mr. Vacca said that if a shelter for the homeless is established, it should be in an area where there are a large amount of homeless men and women in the area. He said that men and women should not be bused all day and night. Mr. Vacca said that the City's policy on shelters for homeless men and women is that it does not have to consult the community. He urged Board #11 to go on record as disapproving this shelter for homeless men and women.

B. Pat Quaranta - President, Morris Park Community Association.

Mr. Quaranta stated that he agreed with Jimmy Vacca that the area is saturated with facilities. He said that the things that are good for the area they do not get. Mr. Quaranta said that the Morris Park community would fight this.

C. Georgianna Soccodato - Morris Park Community Association and Businessmen's Association.

Ms. Soccodato stated that the Businessmen have been discussing this shelter. She stated that they have been fixing up the area, store fronts, etc. with their own money to keep the shopping in the area. She said that these homeless people have the option

of not returning to the area from which they came, and that seeing these homeless people walking through the street will discourage shopping in the area and greatly hurt business.

Dom stated that the Board had spoken with the Director of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center who stated that he has received nothing in writing. He said that the Board is continuing to monitor the developments. Dom said that this shelter is being proposed by a private group. He said that the man in charge, Mr. England, did this in Harlem. He said that the Board will be discussing this later in the meeting.

D. Richard Shaftan - representing Michael V. Dolan Conservative Party Club

Mr. Shaftan stated that he had attended the meeting at Board #3 with Dom Castore, Tom Brown and Jimmy Vacca. He stated that he was appalled at the callousness of the committee making the decision. He stated that they wanted all present to ratify what they already had planned, and tried to make others feel guilty for being against it.

E. Angelo Campanaro - President of Chester Civic Association

Mr. Campanaro congratulated the Board on the action it took on the Lodovick Avenue Home. He spoke about the meeting he attended with Mr. Carmichael and the new Director on Lodovick Avenue. Mr. Campanaro stated that Mr. Carmichael had never visited the Lodovick Avenue site or the block, and that not one of the people on the Board of the organization selected to run this home lives in the Bronx.

F. Michael Swain - Morris Park Community Association

Mr. Swain stated that the 43rd Police Precinct has stated that the Morris Park area is a low crime area. He said that there are car thefts, battery thefts, but not a great deal of major crime. Because of this, there are practically no foot patrols or police in the area. He stated that bringing these people (homeless) into this area will create problems which the community does not need.

G. Mario Finora - Van Nest Civic and Block Associations.

Mr. Finora stated that he felt bus shelters should be a priority where there are no buildings. He mentioned 180th Street and Adams Street on the southeast corner, and Bronxdale Avenue and Morris Park on the northwest corner, which is an open lot. He stated that these areas offer no protection to people waiting for buses.

H. John Cotti - Bronx Heights

Mr. Cotti stated that cots were delivered to Van Etten Hospital. He said that a local fireman told him that any homeless person would be delivered to Van Etten Hospital.

I. Celia Rostand

Ms. Rostand spoke about the problem of cars parking in front of curb cuts for the elderly and handicapped. She stated that this meant the people had to walk in front of or in back of the cars to cross the street. She asked that yellow lines be painted there and that "No Parking" signs be put up.

J. Thal Davis - Seniors of Pelham Parkway

Mrs. Davis spoke about the need for apartments for the elderly. She also spoke

about children being stopped and harassed for money. She also spoke about the Willowbrook problem.

K. Bob Nolan

Bob Nolan stated that the Borough President has stated that he is strongly opposed to the location of this shelter at Van Etten Hospital. Bob said that the Borough President feels it is a terribly inappropriate use of Van Etten, and that he was going to do his part to keep this out of Van Etten Hospital. Bob also conveyed the Borough President's wish that the Board and the community would do its part and send letters to the appropriate City agencies to keep the shelter from going into Van Etten Hospital.

L. Deborah Izzi

Mrs. Izzi stated that her home is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  blocks from Van Etten Hospital. She stated that this was the first she had heard of the Board's meetings. Mrs. Izzi said that she learned of the meeting from a flyer that had been distributed. She said that several of the homeowners in the area were here tonight, and that they would like to be notified and informed of what is being done so they can protect their area.

Dom explained to Mrs. Izzi that the Board holds a meeting on the third Thursday of the month, and that there are also Executive Committee meetings and Committee meetings.

Dom introduced Nadine Hoffman of Comptroller Goldin's Office.

## II. Guest Speaker - Ted Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein stated that he was here tonight to speak about a new Home Improvement Loan Program for small homes. He stated that leaflets had been distributed tonight. Ted said that the previous 312 Loan Program had been frozen. He explained how the money for loans was obtained and that the loans were at low interest rates. Ted stated that owners of 1 - 4 family homes could obtain loans up to \$10,000. Ted named the areas eligible as Van Nest - Morris Park and Allerton Avenue. He stated that there are income limits. Ted said that applications are available in his office and in some banks in the area. Ted said the banks involved are Manufacturers, Chemical and Anchor Savings in Morris Park - Van Nest, and Chemical and Manufacturers in Allerton. He urged all those who are interested to apply as soon as possible because the money must be spent by March 1st. Ted then explained why this money must be spent by this date.

## III. Minutes

Corrections

Tom Brown stated that in the Chairman's Report on page 1 (first line) it should read White Plains Road line rather than White Plains Road-Dyre.

Motion by Lew Goldstein - Second by Mike LaGuardia - That the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Unanimously accepted.

## IV. District Manager's Report

Tom stated that the District Service Cabinet Minutes had been distributed. He welcomed the new members, and said that those present should have received a questionnaire from

the Chairman on committee assignments. He asked those who had not received one to come up and get one. Tom asked the new Board members to stand up and introduce themselves. Those present were: Israel Greenberg, Tom Miller, Kenneth Fleisser, Arthur DeLuca and Nora Fox.

Dom welcomed all of them to the Board.

Tom said that he had testified at a Consumer Affairs hearing on a license renewal for Garbology. He reported that Garbology's license had not been renewed. Tom said that he had learned that another carter, Heritage had had its license suspended for selling its dumping permits at the City dump to Garbology. He said that there is a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday (January 25) on how the Garbology decision is being implemented. Tom said that his testimony along with of Adina Taylor of the Mall Corporation showed Community Affairs the community's sense of outrage regarding the services provided by Garbology

Tom stated that he had met with Aurie Silva Nier, the Director of the Community Education Resource Program at Columbus High School in the Board office. He said that he had invited her to attend the District Cabinet Meeting. Tom said that Shirley Rubman, Chariman of the Youth Committee was also present at the meeting in the Board office.

Tom reported that Comptroller Harrison Goldin may attend the February Board meeting. He asked the Board members to think about questions to ask the Comptroller, and to call or mail them into the Board office or to speak to one of the Officers.

#### V. Treasurer's Report

Leslie McHenry stated that a copy of her report had been distributed. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

#### VI. Borough President's Report

Bob Nolan reported that the Borough President was happy to invite the members of Community Board #11 to the opening of the Michael Rockefeller Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He stated that it is being held on February 3rd from 6 - 8:45 P.M. Bob said that he had tickets for those Board members who wish to attend, and that the audience can call the Borough President's office for tickets.

#### VII. Committee Reports

##### A. Proposed By-Laws Revisions

As Charlie Re was not present to discuss the proposed amendments, a motion was made to table this matter until the next Board meeting.

Motion by Myra Rose - Second by Leslie McHenry and Joe Milone - That action on this item be tabled until the next meeting.

Unanimously passed

##### B. Land Use

As Steve Lovitch was not present, Tom Brown gave a report. Tom stated that the Board had received a certified U.L.U.R.P. application and a preliminary U.L.U.R.P. and a preliminary U.L.U.R.P. application. He stated that the preliminary U.L.U.R.P. application was for a renewal of a permit for the use of a tunnel between the two buildings of Morningside House (Nursing Home). Tom said that it is renewable this year, and will be

certified within the next several weeks.

Dom gave the background information on this tunnel to the Board. He stated that it is on Lurting Avenue between the two buildings and that it has been in use for five to six years.

Tom read the U.L.U.R.P. application to the Board. He stated that it has not been certified, and therefore the clock has not begun on this yet.

Tom said that the Board had also received a certified U.L.U.R.P. application for the disposition of two "City owned" properties. He explained that one of the properties is the Pelham Parkway Jewish Center. Tom said that he called the President of the congregation, and learned why the City had taken title. He said that he had asked for and received a letter from the President stating that the congregation has taken care of the problem. Tom said that since he did not have the letter with him, Board action could not be taken now. Tom stated that at the February meeting, the Board must decide whether or not it wants to hold a Public Hearing, because a recommendation on the disposition is required prior to the March meeting.

Tom said that the other property is City-owned. He stated that it is a partially developed lot at the corner of Mead and Garfield Streets. He explained that several years ago the Van Nest Civic Association had applied for Community Development Block Grant money for an Interim Site Improvement Program to develop a nice passive recreation area on that lot. Tom stated that this was accomplished and the Association is the sponsor of this mini park. He said that he understood that there is a three year review process where automatically the Division of Real Property attempts to place such properties on the auction block. He said that he felt that the Board should ask the Van Nest Civic Association to comment on this, and that a Public Hearing should be waived, and the Board's recommendation would be to recommendation against sale.

### C Health and Social Services

#### 1. 2225 Lodovick Avenue

Myra Rose reported that she had not had any response, as was promised at the meeting regarding 2225 Lodovick Avenue with Mr. Carmichael. She stated that Tom had contacted Dennis Novic, and that Dennis had told him that Bronx Developmental Center has worked out the parking arrangements for the home. Myra said that Dennis said that plans are going ahead despite the letter from the Board stating its opposition to a residence for 20 retarded at that location. She said that the parking problem may have been resolved, but that there would not be a change in the type or number of residents. Myra stated for those who live on or near Lodovick Avenue that nothing was happening. She asked Rita Bolstad if she had anything to add. Rita said that there seemed to be some activity and some people around.

Motion by Anthony Funigiello - Second by Romolo Imundi - That Community Planning Board #11 request information from Mr. Carmichael on the Lodovick Avenue contract, the budget, length of the contract and who will be monitoring it.

#### 2. Men's Shelter

Myra reported that at this moment there is no shelter. She stated that the Health and Hospitals Corporation owns the Van Etten building, and that H.H.C. has not relinquished the building to any agency. Myra said that L.A.B.O.R. (the group proposing this shelter) has no funds to do the necessary alterations. She stated that the Board is monitoring this, and if there is any movement the community would be notified. Myra said that the building is currently used, and elaborated on the different programs in Van Etten Hospital.

Simeon Goldstein stated that he had a substitute site in mind. He stated that Morrisania Hospital (to the best of his knowledge) is empty above the second floor. He stated that it might be an alternative site. Simeon said that it is accessible to transportation.

Dom said that two other sites were being discussed.

Tom said that one was an armory and the other an alcoholic detoxification center.

Motion by Barbara Fried - Second by Joe Milone - That Community Planning Board #11 go on record as being against the concept of homeless people in the entire Community District #11 area, and send letters to all elected officials.

Tony Funigiello added and that a copy also be sent to the Health and Hospital Corporation.

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Passed

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation

1. Sites for Bus Shelters

Mike LaGuardia stated that the Highways, Traffic and Transportation Committee had met on January 19th to discuss bus shelters and bus service cutbacks. He stated that a copy of the list of sites for bus shelters which the Committee is recommending had been distributed. Mike asked if any Board members would like to add or delete any sites.

John Cifichello stated that under New Locations, site F should read southeast corner of Mace Avenue on Williamsbridge Road.

Tom said that all these sites will be surveyed by the appropriate people.

Mike stated that a resolution was also suggested at the January 19th meeting that a program be fashioned to combat vandalism perpetrated on these shelters once constructed.

Elizabeth Brown stated that site G appears twice, once on the New Locations list and once on the Previously Submitted list.

Motion by Mike LaGuardia - Second by Lew Goldstein - That with the corrections noted that Community Planning Board #11 recommend that Borough President Stanley Simon submit Community Board #11's bus shelter sites to the Department of General Services as sites for the installation of bus shelters in Community District #11.

Unanimously approved

Tom asked Bob Nolan if there is a time frame for review of the suggested sites. Bob said yes, but that he did not know the timeframe. However he said that he would let Tom know as soon as he had checked on it. Tom asked if the Board would be notified as to whether all its sites are approved, and in what order they are approved. Bob said he would check into this and let Tom know.

2. Bus Service Cutbacks

Mike stated that there will be cutbacks beginning on January 24th on the following buses: #5, #9, #12, #13, #17, #22, #26, and #28. He stated that some of the

school are also affected. Mike said that those schools are: Truman in the A.M. and Lehman, Grace Dodge, Gompers, Wade, J.H.S. 82 and P.S. 127 in the P.M.

There were no questions. Dom said that the Board has nothing to do about this.

#### E. Housing (report attached)

Simeon Goldstein reported that the Housing Committee had met on Monday. He stated that Special Assistant to the Secretary of H.U.D., Jane Galvin-Lewis, was there. He said that she will furnish the Community Board Office with a list of buildings to be offered for sale each month. Simeon said she also discussed the status of 655 Thwaites Place. She stated that it is not being sold, and will not be sold until foreclosure has been completed. Simeon said that he is exploring the possibility of offering the building to the tenants before selling to private individuals or groups.

Simeon stated that he learned today about the planned demolition of 2920 Morgan Avenue. He stated that it is a run down building, and then elaborated on the good and bad sides of demolition. He said he had also learned of two houses being offered for auction, 592 Van Nest Avenue and 1630 Taylor Avenue.

Tom said that the letter on 2920 Morgan Avenue, referred to by Simeon, requests the Board's disposition on contemplated demolition. He suggested that the Committee look at the building and make a recommendation to the Board.

Simeon said that he will look into it, and call a meeting.

Simeon said that he had learned that H.U.D. has two policies on houses it forecloses on. He stated that in good areas it repairs the buildings which it takes over before offering them for sale, and in bad areas it demolishes them. He stated that the communities in our District are basically good areas.

Simeon reported that the lots at Mead and Garfield Streets of which Tom spoke earlier became a park as a result of Board action also.

John Cifichello informed the Board that construction is proceeding on the north side of Mace Avenue on Williamsbridge Road and Hone Avenue. He stated that there will be seven new two family homes.

#### F. Sanitation

As Ernie Odierna was not there, Tom gave a report. He stated that literature was distributed tonight on a bottle deposit bill before the State legislature. Tom said that the Department of Sanitation is requesting Board support as well as community support on this proposed legislation.

#### G. Parks

Elizabeth Brown reported that there was no Parks Committee meeting this month. She stated that she had some discussion with Sid Richards of the Parks Department on the construction projects in parks and playgrounds in the district.

#### H. Youth

Shirley Rubman stated that the Youth Services Committee meeting had been cancelled because of the bad weather, and would be rescheduled.

I. Education

Ruth Burko stated that she had not been able to attend the December 21st meeting of the Community Education Resource Program, but that Blanche Rifkin had attended.

Blanche stated that she had attended the meeting, and that another meeting had been scheduled for Monday, January 18th, which she assumed was cancelled because of the weather. She said that she was sure she would be notified of the next meeting. Blanche stated that she had met Aurie Silva Nier, the Program Director. Blanche said that Grace Rosa, Principal of Columbus High School, had said that the program will include all ages, from seniors to tiny tots. She said that this program is an extension of the day and evening session. Blanche said that Ms. Silva Nier is preparing a survey for the program. Blanche said that this is a one-year program, with funding from the Charles Mott Foundation. She said that after the first year they hope to have funds from the Board of Education.

J. Community Development and Budget Priorities

Ruth Bernstein reported that the Board is awaiting the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and a report from the City Planning Commission on Community Development Funds. She stated that the Board would be holding a Public Hearing on the Budget on February 8th at the Knights of Columbus. Ruth asked that attendance at this Hearing be mandated.

Dom stated that this Hearing was mandated for all Board members, and that attendance would be taken and counted.

Ruth reported that the City Planning Commission will be holding its Public Hearing prior to the Board's February meeting. She asked that the Board empower the Budget Committee to make without discussion any Board recommendations necessary for the testimony to be given.

This suggestion was tabled until the February Public Hearing.

IX. Old Business

1. District Office Space

Myra stated that the Board's move to the Nurses Residence at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center was in the application process.

2. Tony asked what was being done about the closed exits on the Dyre Avenue line at Gun Hill Road.

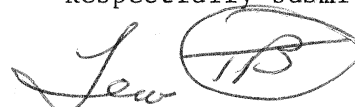
Tom said that he is checking into it.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lew Goldstein,  
Secretary



ATTENDANCE AT JANUARY 21, 1982 MEETING \*

PRESENT

Ruth Bernstein	(5;3)	Lew Goldstein	(0;0)
Rita Bolstad	(1;1)	Simeon Goldstein	(0;1)
Elizabeth Brown	(2;0)	Israel Greenberg	(0;0)
Ruth Burko	(1;5)	Michael LaGuardia	(0;4)
Dominic Castore	(0;1)	Leslie McHenry	(2;5)
John Cifichiello	(2;3)	Thomas Miller	(0;0)
Ann Danisi	(3;5)	Joseph Milone	(2;5)
Arthur DeLuca	(0;0)	Salvatore Napolitano	(1;2)
Pasquale DeMartino	(0;0)	Abraham Pereira	(4;2)
Gloria DiGianni	(4;6)	Joseph Reda	(4;6)
Kenneth Fleisser	(0;0)	William Ricevuto	(4;7)
Nora Fox	(0;0)	Myra Rose	(2;0)
Barbara Fried	(1;2)	Shirley Rubman	(1;3)
Anthony Funigiello	(0;5)	Madeline Saltaformaggio	(0;2)
Romolo Imundi	(4;4)	Ruth Weiss	(0;2)
		Blanche Comras Rifkin	(2;4)

ABSENT

Robert Black	(5;7)	Silvio Mazzella	(6;4)
Edith Conato	(11;8)	Frank Muccioli	(2;2)
Rhoda Gogatz	(2;2)	Ernie Odierna	(4;3)
Simon Konovitch	(5;5)	Charles Re	(3;5)
William Liblick	(2;4)	Jerry Santarpia	(11;8)
Steve Lovitch	(5;4)	Henry Yuspeh	(6;4)
Lee Mager	(6;4)	Steve Zarkin	(3;8)

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas M. Denaro - Rep. Hon. Jerry Crispino

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Leonard Liker - Rep. Assemblyman Vincent Marchiselli  
Eileen Weinrib - Rep. Senator Bernstein  
Debby Linhardt - Rep. Assemblyman Engel

STAFF, BOROUGH PRESIDENT, AND AGENCY OFFICIALS

Annette Marchitello - Bronx Borough President Simon's Office  
Nadine Katz Hoffman - Comptroller Goldin's Office  
Robert Nolan - Rep. Borough President Simon  
Thomas Brown, District Manager - Community Planning Board #11  
Harriet Lasky - Community Planning Board #11 Secretary

GUESTS

Thal Davis - Chairman 2424 Boston Road Senior Citizen Center  
Sgt. George Hunt - Bronx Borough Command  
Arnold Linhardt - President, H.H.H. Democratic Club  
Rita Allen - President, Eastchester Gardens Tenants Association  
Earl Kellman - Vice President, Eastchester Gardens Tenants Association  
Edward Davis - Eastchester Gardens Tenants Association

\*Numbers in parentheses indicate absences from Board meetings and Hearings which were mandated for Board Members, as applicable since January 1, 1981.