

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #11, THE BRONX BRONX MUNICIPAL HOPFITAL CENTER NURSES RESIDENCE ROOM 11N22 PELHAM PARKWAY SOUTH & EASTCHESTER ROAD BRONX, NEW YORK 10461 (212) 892-6262

THOMAS J. BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 1984 AT

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARY QUEEN OF PEACE LODGE

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 P.M. by Chairman Lee Mager.

1. Gallery Session

No one spoke during the time allocated for gallery speakers.

II. Chairman's Report - Mr. Lee Mager, Chairman

A. Attendance

Chairman Mager stated that Mr. Romolo Imundi, whose name was going to be brought up for removal from the Board, has submitted his resignation. Chairman Mager also stated that the Board was informally contacted by Mr. Alan Kalish that he is resigning from the Board.

B. Salary Increases for Board Staff

Chairman Mager stated that at the last Executive Committee meeting it was proposed that a raise be given to the District Manager and the Board Secretarial Staff. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the District Manager be given a raise from his current salary of \$30,912 a year to \$33,230, a raise of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. In addition, the Executive Committee recommended that the Secretarial Staff be given a merit increase of 7%. This is in addition to raises that they would be entitled to under the contract. This marks the first time that the Executive Committee is recommending to the Board that merit increases be given to the Secretarial Staff.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bill Liblick, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Burko and carried unanimously, that the District Manager and Secretarial Staff be given increases.

Chairman Mager reported on Waldbaum's on Gun Hill Road. He stated that there would not be a report on this tonight as Chester Civic Association will be meeting with Waldbaum's in January. Chairman Mager stated that the initial application by Waldbaum's for a Buildings permit was rejected by the Building Department. He did not know what Building's objection to the plans were. However, he understood that Waldbaum's would be submitting other plans.

Discussion took place on Waldbaum's and various fliers which had been distributed in the community. Chairman Mager stated that, at this time, Waldbaum's is not asking for a Variance and that any position the Board might take would have no weight. Last spring there had been discussions about a site on Van Nest Avenue. Chairman Mager stated that when more information is available it will be presented to the Board.

A Moti was made by Mr. Lewis Goldstein, seconded by Mrs. Blanche Rifk and carried with 2 abstentions, that the October Board Minutes be accepted as received.

IV. District Manager's Report - Mr. Thomas Brown, District Manager

The District Manager reported that the Board had officially moved into the new office. The District Manager also reported that the Board had received a request to reopen a newsstand on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway North Service Road in front of the Capital Restaurant. The Parks Department is asking for the Board's recommendation on this. The District Manager stated that the owner has to be a resident of New York City and that he is not currently. Consumer Affairs has indicated that if he gets the stand he has to move to the City.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bill Liblick, seconded by Ms. Leslie McHenry and carried with 4 abstentions, that the Board approve this newsstand.

V. Borough President's Report - Mr. Robert Nolan

Mr.Nolan reported that the Borough President had toured the 49th Precinct this morning with Chief McCabe. He stated that Chief McCabe had told the Borough President that the Police Department was hoping to have the Precinct open by January 8th.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Housing - Mr. Frank Muccioli, Chairperson

Mr. Muccioli reported that a meeting was held on December 4th at Beth Abraham Hospital. He stated that there are two prospective owners for the Allerton Coops, Mr. Morris Miller and Mr. Phil Rosenberg of the Botanical Garden Association. Mr. Muccioli stated that they have a loan pending for $$12\frac{1}{2}$$ million for the renovation of the Coops. He stated that the City would be putting in \$6\$ million, City Planning Commission would be putting in \$5 million and the owner would be putting in $$1\frac{1}{2}$$ million. Mr. Muccioli said that when the turnover is signed there will be a tax abatement on the Coops for 20 years. He stated that there would be a moderate rehabilitation of the windows, kitchen floors, roofs, boilers and pipes.

Mr. Muccioli stated that in regard to 1753 Melville Street he had received a letter from the Sales Unit, which he read, revoking the bid of Mr. Foster. Mr. Muccioli discussed the Board's previous decision to have this building demolished, and asked what the Board wanted to do now that it has not been sold.

Mrs. Stella Fernandez asked that the discussion on 1753 Melville Street be tabled so she could inform the community and see whether they still want to have that building demolished, or perhaps someone else might be interested in it.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Stella Fernandez, seconded by Mr. Bill Liblick and carried, that the Board table the discussion on 1753 Melville Street.

B. Health - Mr. Bill Liblick, Chairperson

Mr. Liblick reported that the group home on Kingsland Avenue is scheduled to open sometime in January with 14 beds. He asked anyone who would like to serve on the Community Advisory Board of the home on Kingsland Avenue, or on Wallace Avenue, to contact him. Mr. Liblick reported that Mrs. Thal Davis had testified as the Vice Chairperson of

the Northeast Fonx Council on the Aging at a Public Hearing. He stated that copies of this testimon would be passed out.

C. Sanitation - Mrs. Stella Fernandez, Chairperson

Mrs. Fernandez reported that her report was mailed out.

The District Manager reported that a new fruit and vegetable store/stand on Morris Park Avenue have their boxes and crates all over the sidewalk. Police Officer Jim Strafella indicated that several summonses have been issued by Sanitation, and the Police have spoken to the owner.

D. Highways, Traffic and Transportation - Mr. Ernest Odierna, Chairperson

Mr. Odierna was not present. The District Manager reported that he had received a letter from the Transportation Division of the Department of City Planning informing the Board that a consultant was hired to do a study on express bus service in the outer boroughs. The District Manager stated that he spoke with the consultant and learned that a city-wide advisory panel had been formed to make recommendations to City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate. The District Manager stated that the Board should send a letter to Chairman Sturz of City Planning Commission, with a copy to Commissioner Teah, representative of Bronx City Planning Commission, strongly requesting that all the Boards in the Bronx which have express bus service be made a part of this advisory panel, as well as a fair representation of community organizations.

A Motion was made by Mr. Lewis Goldstein, seconded by Ms. Leslie McHenry and carried, that the Board send a strongly worded letter to City Planning Commission requesting representation on this advisory panel for the Boards and community organizations.

Chairman Mager stated that the Task Force should be included in this.

E. Youth/Youth Services - Mr. Raymond Locascio, Chairperson

Mr. Raymond Locascio and Mrs. Linda Loeb read from their report which had been distributed to Board members. Mr. Locascio stated that the report took a lot of work. They met for four hours on December 12th. He was appreciative of the committee's hard work.

A Motion was made by Mr. Raymond Locascio, seconded by Mr. Henry Yuspeh and passed, that Community Planning Board #11 recommend to the Youth Bureau that the Y.D.D.P. programs recommended by the Youth Committee be funded for Fiscal Year 1985-86 as recommended.

A Motion was made by Mr. Henry Yuspeh, seconded by Mrs. Blanche Rifkin and carried, that Community Planning Board #11 accept the Youth Committee's recommendations as received.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Nicholas Cremonese discussed the problem of City Buses #5 that park on the Esplanade. He stated that this was brought up at the last meeting under Traffic. Mr. Cremonese stated that it is creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Cremonese also stated that if the buses parked further back on the island near the main road, there would be less of a problem.

There being no further business, Chairman Mager wished all a Happy Holiday. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Submitted by Brancha Petri Date January 18, 1985