

Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association. 2/15/66 at P.S. 133.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Mr. Ortiz spoke about the membership drive. He said as of this date we have 665 paid members; or just slightly more than 50% of our possible membership. He asked for volunteers to be block captains to see if our membership could be brought even higher.

Mr. McCarthy then told us that all the necessary steps had been taken and that our Association was now incorporated and the name officially is "The Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, Inc."

A Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that we send a letter to the office of Traffic Commissioner Barnes. Several months ago, a traffic light was promised on Hillside Ave. at the West exit of Cross Island Parkway. To date, these lights have not been installed. We would like information as to when we can expect these lights to be installed, and to urge that it be done very soon.

Mrs. Brown said that a year ago we passed a motion to purchase a new 50 star flag. We have as yet not gotten the flag. (Mr. McCarthy named Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Cameron, and Mrs. Brown as a committee to see to the purchase of a new flag.)

Mr. McCarthy then made a report on extension of our boundaries to include the South side of the Creedmore tracks to Jamaica Ave. He said that each Association, regardless of size had 2 votes in the Eastern Queens Civic Council. He therefore felt that it would be to a greater advantage if we assisted them in forming a working organization rather than enlarging our own. No vote was taken.

Mr. McCarthy then gave a brief report on our petitions and the Board of Assessors hearing Re: the sewer assessments. He said that as a result of these things, our payments have been delayed, to an undetermined date.

Mr. Nichols secured the proposed assessed valuations for 1966-67. There were 44 changes which he read aloud.

Mrs. Brown spoke about the \$25.00-\$35.00 Auto Stamp tax which was proposed at the budget hearings and which is recommended by advisers to Mayor Lindsay. (Other proposals are to raise toll rates and to add tolls on now toll free roads; also to raise parking meter rates. She said that these increases, added to our already increased insurance and registration rates, would add an undo burden on auto owners.) She asked that all those that were opposed to this extra taxation write to Mayor Lindsay to protest passage of these taxes.

Mr. McCarthy said tables had been set up so that anyone not already having them, might get the figures on their proposed sewer assessments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Brown, Rec. Secy.