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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

June 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Greek American Institute

3573 Bruckner Boulevard South

Bronx, NY 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, D. Krynicky, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. McQuade, M. Morris, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 35)

Late Arrival: Col. W. Chin arrived late and did not vote; but this did not affect quorum.

ABSENT: I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, B. Martinez, B. McCarrick, D. Noble, J. Robert (total # absent = 7)

Community Liaisons: Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Ed Pryor - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Famod Konneh – Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs

Board #10 Staff: Matt Cruz, District Manager
Susan Duffy

Chairman Peter Sullivan began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Jane Grennan, Revere Avenue Homeowners: Ms. Grennan discussed several topics, speed humps, traffic lights, Schuyler House acceptance of only seniors on public assistance, and Tosca Marquee (noise, trash).
2. Greg Capone, Tosca Marquee Corp. representative: the establishment was investigated by the New York State Liquor Authority and the NYC Department of Buildings; no violations issued by either agency. Mr. Capone’s contact information is greg.capone@kandcpllc.com and is available to discuss problems, if needed.

Board Member discussion: there is a problem with the trash pickup schedule which needs to be rectified and the music on the rooftop must be turned down at 10 p.m. It was suggested that the establishment be contacted directly for immediate noise complaints.

3. Egidio Sementelli: is against the letter to the SLA concerning Vapor Lounge; does not want a letter sent to the NYS Liquor Authority in support of the establishment. Mr. Sementelli said the non-reappointment of Mr. Misiurski is political and stated that Mr. Misiurski was the only person watching the budget and wants to know why he was not reappointed.

Mr. Sullivan refuted Mr. Sementelli's comments about Mr. Misiurski.

4. Joseph Giaquinta, father of Mrs. Michele Muccio, thanked the Board for approving the street overlay for he daughter.
5. Lou Rocco, WSCA: discussed the double parking epidemic in the community and how it prevents service vehicles from their schedule; he wants more enforcement services to alleviate the quality of life issues. Mr. Rocco stated his opposition to BIDs and feels that they do not do the job. He had concerns that were relayed to the Borough President's Office about the hearing on June 18, 2018.
6. Darinka Vlaher, Pola Mora, representing AHRC on Ferris Place, 10461: discussed the art program for clients.
7. Daphne Aponte, Outreach Coordinator, HomeBase, ARCHNY; discussed evictions in 10465 and 10461; service are available for families, individuals who may be facing housing difficulties. Contact information is daphne.aponte@archny.org, 2901 White Plains Road, #2, 10467, 347-913-4694.
8. Myla Sanders, representative from Bay Plaza Olive Garden Restaurant: introduced herself on behalf of the establishment that is applying for license renewal.
9. Sherrill Cropper, Bronx Farmers Market: market will be on the grounds of Preston High School, Tuesday afternoons from 4-7; the market will hold classes such as boot camp, Zumba, etc. The Neighborhood Community Officers from the 45th Precinct will in attendance on June 26, 2018.
10. Leida Velasquez, NYPL, Throggs Neck; F. Jacob, NYPL, City Island: discussed the programs for children, including the Summer Reading Program; suggested that community residents contact their local branch for information.
11. Kevin Daloia, Bronx Transportation Alternatives: 3rd Annual Bronx Memorial Bike Ride on Saturday, June 23, 2018 morning in the Bronx 40 riders with NYPD escort.
12. Bob Jaen, President, Throggs Neck Merchants: Mr. Jaen noted his respect for the Community Board. He added that his merchants provide scholarships. Throggs Neck is a progressive/proactive community who wants to do things better. A BID for Throggs Neck is good for the community.
13. Marjorie Velazquez, CB10 Member: at 500 West 141st Street and Amsterdam Avenue a collection will be taken for the 200+ immigrant children; diapers, wipes, clothing. Language assistance is also needed. Call 212 928 6814 for additional information.

14. Ed Pryor from Councilmember Gjonaj's Office: Contact the Council Member's office at 718-931-1721 to obtain information about the upcoming rain barrel giveaway and immigration services on Wednesdays by appointment. The Council Member will be at City Hall on Thursday to support small businesses.
15. Leon Tulton from Assemblyman Benedetto's Office: On June 29 at the Bartow Community Center, Assemblyman Benedetto is sponsoring Pizza with a Cop 6/29.
16. Famod Konneh, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs: Mayor de Blasio is committed to getting an animal shelter in the Bronx.

A motion to close the Public Participation session was made by Mr. Prince and seconded by Mr. Salimbene, with all members in favor.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Kemraj

Ms. Kemraj will be leaving the BP's office at the end of June.

The Board Members were asked to keep the Guanill-Elukowich Family in their prayers.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Matthew Cruz

The following information was noted:

- Co-op City shower restrictions lifted
- 500 Baychester Avenue – architect to file an appeal concerning the billboard
- DSNY – cleaned the following locations: Bartow Avenue and neighboring service roads, dumping at MS 194 by Westchester Avenue and Havemeyer Avenue
- Thanked Lou Rocco for his efforts on Tratman Avenue, illegal parking issues
- Drag racing Harding Avenue summonses issued by NYPD
- Aerial larviciding in zip codes 10475, 10465 will end on 6/21/18
- Made In Puerto Rico has resolved the health violations and has reopened
- Halal food vendor is no longer on Crosby Avenue
- Public Hearing on the Throggs Neck Bid, Westchester Square Plaza and an application for a sidewalk café will be on the agenda at the June 27, 2018 Public Hearing
- Unionport Bridge temporary bridge will be in place by November 2018
- Speed camera project lapses in mid-July
- Fiscal Year 2019 begins on July 1; contact the Board Office with requests for projects
- Encouraged the community to visit their local library for summer programs and visit the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation website for summer activities
- EEO packet given to Board members should be read and the letter signed and given to the District Manager

A Board member asked for traffic agents to be placed at the Unionport Bridge. It was suggested that Senator Klein and Council Member Gjonaj reach out to DOT.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Sullivan

The June Executive Board meeting was postponed because there was no agenda. New Board members should be notified shortly of appointments to the Board. Dr. Ponder raised a concern and requested that Executive Board meetings not be postponed.

Mr. Sullivan thanked the Nominations/Elections Committee for their work.

Elections: The Nominations/Elections Committee held at the beginning of this meeting resulted in the following: Chairperson – Peter Sullivan; 1st Vice Chair – Irene Guanill; 2nd Vice Chair – John Marano; Secretary – Peter Cantillo; Treasurer – Marjorie Velazquez. The election tallies will be attached to the June 21, 2018 CB #10 Minutes.

Mr. Sullivan discussed the vote taken by the Board at the May 17, 2018 full Board meeting on the change of method in operation for Vapor Lounge. Requests to conduct a re-vote cannot be done at this meeting. Re-votes must be conducted on the day of the original vote. The Board has drafted a letter, which was given to all members, notifying the New York State Liquor Authority that the vote taken on May 17, 2018 was a vote of no confidence to not allow the establishment to continue operating under current conditions.

A motion to send the amended letter was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved by a majority of Board members, with one opposed and one recusal. The motion passed and the revised letter will be sent. It will be attached to these minutes. There were additional discussions on this topic which were brought up under OLD BUSINESS on page

Mr. Sullivan noted that Mr. Misiurski is no longer on the Board and Mr. Martin Prince will take over as Chair of the Planning & Budget Committee. He would like to see the role of the committee strengthened; the internal budget was never a heavy issue for the Board. Mr. Sullivan acknowledged Mr. Misiurski's efforts in securing additional staff to handle constituent complaints and added that CB #10 handles more complaints than any other Board in the Bronx. Dr. Ponder announced that he has joined the Planning and Budget Committee.

HOUSING & ZONING: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met jointly with the Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee in Riverbay on May 24, 2018. The topics discussed were the zoning text amendment and the proposed site of the animal shelter. Mr. Popovic noted that the Public Hearing on June 18 had many troublesome public outbursts concerning the proposed location of the animal shelter. The Board was against the location of, not an actual shelter, 2050 Bartow Avenue. Mr. Sullivan added that the troublesome comments came from the public and not Board members.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on June 5, 2018 and reviewed the renewal licenses. Tosca Marquee was visited by the NYS Liquor Authority and there were no violations found. There is an issue with the trash which is being addressed by the carting company.

For Tosca Marquee:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for a renewal license have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:”

*Tosca Marquee, 4034 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles & Sampson Aves, License #1202518, which expires on 06/30/18.

A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved by a majority of members with (2) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

The remaining liquor license renewals were voted on.

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*Capri II Pizza, 149 Dreiser Loop, 10475, between DeFoe Pl and Co-op City Blvd, License #1003567, which expires on 07/31/18.

*Applebee’s Restaurant, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #1276503, which expires on 06/30/2018. (**Assault between boyfriend & girlfriend**)

*Olive Garden, 200 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza & Mall Blvds, License #1278028, which expires on 08/31/18

*Lobster Box, 34 City Island Ave, between Rochelle & Belden Sts, License #1209049, which expires on 08/31/18.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Boiko and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Mr. Bieder

The Yankee Youth Leadership recipients were recognized at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 and were to be represented by Dr. Ponder. Dr. Ponder noted that he was unable to be present due an unforeseen circumstance. The next meeting will be on Monday June 25, 2018. Commencing with the September meeting, the start time will be 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Stephanie Woods represented the Committee at the Best and Brightest Awards Ceremony on June 9th in Riverbay and presented the certificates to the students.

On July 29th, Pizza with a Cop, will be in Westchester Square and is sponsored by Congressman Crowley.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on June 13, 2018. DOT did a presentation on the rehabilitation of the Shore Road Bridge. DOT will return to the Board in the latter part of 2018 with additional information. The Resolution for signage on Brush Avenue near Bruckner Boulevard is being postponed pending further discussion with DOT and obtaining petitions from surrounding businesses. The following street activity permit applications were discussed:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street activity permit applications be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Event 412982: 3rd Annual Community Day, September 23, 2018, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, including setup/breakdown 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Cross Bronx Expressway Extension between E. Tremont and Dewey Avenue (system would not accept Cross Bronx Expressway Extension so entered in system as East Tremont Avenue between Tremont Avenue and Dewey Avenue. Contact: Althea Esty

Event 413397: Ferry Point Civic Association Annual Block Party, August 25, 2018, 12 Noon – 9 PM including setup/breakdown, Rohr Place between Brush Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road, contact JoAnn Sohmers.

Event 417562: Lyons Avenue 6th Block Party, August 18, 2018, 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM including setup/breakdown 12 Noon – 9:00 PM, Lyon Avenue between Castle Hill Avenue and Glebe Avenue, contact Juana Enriquez

Event 419233: Celebrating 74 Years of serving the Community, Block Party, June 24, 2018, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, including setup/breakdown 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Commerce Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Butler Place, contact Rashida Cartwright-Thigpen

Event 424540: Reed Place Block Party, August 18, 2018, 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM, including setup and breakdown 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Reed Place between Spencer Drive and Country Club Road, contact Vincent Leone

Event 406063: Bayview Avenue Block Party – July 28, 2018, 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM, including setup/breakdown: 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM, 1633 Bayview Avenue between Watt and Ampere Avenues, contact Angela Elia

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Boiko and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Lynch

The Committee met on May 31, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. A presentation by Ms. Beaugrand, from the Bronx is Blooming was done. The Ferry Point Park restroom was officially opened in early June.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee will meet on June 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The NYS Commission on Joint Health will be in attendance and will discuss rules, regulations and procedures for emergency rooms. On Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. a Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Walk will take place at SUNY Maritime College.

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Salimbene

The Committee will meet on June 29, 2018. Mr. Salimbene encouraged all to attend the Committee meetings, even non-veterans.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Russo to re-open the Public Participation Session for discussion on Vapor Lounge. The motion passed. Mr. Troy Perez, one of the owners of the establishment informed the Board and community that the hours of the establishment has been changed to close earlier and he will abide by the newly signed stipulations which were voted down by the Board. He asked that the letter being sent to the NYS Liquor Authority include this information and not include the vote of no confidence. A motion to reconsider and was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Ms. Woods and was approved by a majority of members, with (5) opposed.

Board members discussed the misunderstanding about the initial vote in opposition of a change in method of operation on Vapor Lounge. Additional security will be added. Board members feel that the establishment does not fit into the community and would like to see more outreach within the community from the establishment.

District Manage Cruz read the amended wording to the proposed letter to be sent to the NYS Liquor Authority (attached). A motion to accept the letter with amended wording was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Chambers and approved by a majority of Board members with (5) opposed.

Ms. Chambers thanked Mrs. Semaj-Williams and Mrs. Krynicki for their assistance on the Nominations/Elections Committee.

Mr. Marano noted that the small businesses in the community always give back with donations to schools, precinct councils, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out will be on August 6 in Co-op City.

Board members discussed the June 18th Public Hearing meeting, specifically the site selection for an animal shelter. Mr. Sullivan said that due to the numbers of individuals wanting to speak against the shelter and the polling of the audience by Council Member King, which overwhelmingly were against the

site, a decision was made to end the public participation session at that meeting. Bronx CB #10 listened to the community and voted accordingly.

The By-Law proposal change for Planning & Budget won't be in front of the Board until September and will be discussed at that time.

Mr. Bieder informed the community that on July 17, at 7:30 p.m. the 45th Precinct will be introducing the new Neighborhood Community Officers at 2750 Lafayette Avenue.

Bishop Rosario noted that the status of the Ad Hoc Co-op City Committee will be addressed in October. She also noted that her daughter is being recognized by FEMA for her efforts in disaster relief.

June 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. is a Public Hearing on the Throggs Neck Bid, Westchester Square Plaza and the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café for HK Kitchen Corp., 3577 East Tremont Avenue.

Motion to close the Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Marano, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of June 21, 2018.



PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: July 11, 2018



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EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION TALLY

June 21, 2018

MEMBER	CHAIR	1 st Vice Chair		2 nd Vice Chair			Secretary	Treasurer	
	PS	IGE	MP	JM	JO	MP	PC	MV	MP
Acampora, Hannah	X	X		X			X	X	
Accomando, Thomas	X		X				X	X	
Baez, Raquel	X	X		X			X	X	X
Barbarelli, Robert	X		X			X	X		X
Bieder, Robert	X	X		X			X	X	
Boiko, Joseph	X	X		X			X	X	
Cantillo, Peter	X	X		X			X	X	
Caruso, Maria	X	X		X			X	X	
Chambers, Taisha	X			X			X	X	
Chin, Col. William	X			X			X	X	
Chirico, Andrew	X	X		X			X	X	
Council, Lauren	X	X		X			X	X	
Davila, Michele	X		X	X		X	X	X	
Franklin, Terence	X		X	X			X	X	
Guanill-Elukowich, Irene			X				X	X	
Hunt, Deborah									
Johnson, Monique									
Krynicky, Dorothy	X		X	X			X	X	
Lynch, Kevin	X	X		X			X	X	
Marano, John	X	X		X			X	X	
Martinez, Brian		X		X			X	X	
McCarrick, Brendan									
McQuade, James	X	X		X			X	X	
Morris, Martin	X	X		X			X	X	
Musano, Mary Jane	X	X		X			X	X	
Noble, Denise							X	X	
Onwu, Joseph	X	X			X		X	X	
Ortiz, Jesalyn	X		X	X			X	X	
Papastefanou, Christos	X		X	X			X	X	
Ponder, Alvin	X		X		X		X	X	X
Popovic, Louis	X	X		X			X	X	
Prince, Martin	X		X			X	X	X	
Robert, John							X	X	X
Rodríguez, Ruben	X		X		X		X	X	
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	X	X		X			X	X	
Russo, Joseph	X	X		X			X	X	X
Sala, Nick	X	X		X			X	X	
Salimbene, Anthony	X	X		X			X	X	
Semaj-Williams, Naita	X	X		X			X	X	
Sullivan, Peter	X	X		X			X	X	
Velazquez, Marjorie	X	X			X		X	X	
Woods, Stephanie			X		X		X	X	X
TOTAL	33	23	11	23	8	3	30	21	6

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June 22, 2018

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New York State Liquor Authority
317 Lenox Avenue
New York, NY 100217

On May 17, 2018 during a meeting of the General Board, Bronx Community Board #10 opposed the resolution below with regard to Karma Lounge, also known as, Vapor Lounge which is located at 3758 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10461 under License #1270813:

**Karma Lounge & Tapas Bar, 3758 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #1270813, which expires on 01/31/20 (Formerly Vapor Lounge-Same Owner)*

Hours: Sunday 1 p.m.-3 a.m.,

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday 4 p.m.-3a.m.

Adding Karaoke, Live Music, Comedy Shows, Change in Hours"

(15) In favor (15) Against and (3) Abstentions. The Resolution did not pass.

It is our understanding that Vapor Lounge is before you for a change in its method of operation for Wednesday, June 27, 2018. As you know, Bronx Community Board #10 and the overall community have had concerns about this establishment. To be sure, Bronx Community Board #10 wrote your office a letter dated March 16, 2018 to review the establishment and take appropriate enforcement action that your agency deemed necessary. As you know, the New York City Police Department's 45th Precinct conducted numerous MARCH operations during this calendar year. Additionally, the 45th Precinct has been called to address numerous acts of violence throughout the years at this establishment. With regard to the aforementioned resolution that failed on May 17, 2018, it should be noted that Bronx Community Board #10 wants to see Vapor Lounge change its current method of operation. Simply put, the current establishment cannot exist as it has in the past.

To Vapor Lounge's credit, its ownership came to our March General Board meeting and indicated it would alter its method of operation. Bronx Community Board #10 is aware and also pleased that ownership has taken the necessary steps toward changing its establishment with acts such as purchasing new store signage and submitting its change of method of operation when the Board suggested it do so. We accept these as acts made in good faith.

We ask that you accept this letter as a means of clarifying our vote. Ultimately, Bronx Community Board #10 wishes to see Vapor Lounge change its method of operation, and should your agency approve the change in method of operation, act in a manner that respects and adheres to the quality-of-life our residents currently enjoy. Please contact our District Manager, Matthew Cruz, at (718) 892-1161 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Sullivan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Sullivan, Chairperson