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District Manager

### MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

September 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Jeanne Jugan Residence

2999 Schurz Avenue

Bronx, NY 10465

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Kuhl, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Ortiz, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, N. Rosario, T. Salimbene, T. Smith, S. Woods

**ABSENT:** R. Barbarelli, J. Boiko, T. Chambers, L. Council, M. Davila, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, J. Marano, B. Martinez, B. McCarrick, J. McQuade, M. Morris, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, N. Sala, N. Semaj-Williams, J. Thomas-Smith, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez

#### **Community Liaisons:**

Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto

Antirson Ortiz – Office of NYC Comptroller

Famod Konneh – Mayor's Office of Community Affairs

#### **Board #10 Staff:**

Matt Cruz, District Manager

Susan Duffy

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson Irene Guanill began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moments of silence were offered for the recent passing of the fathers of Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Acampora.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

- 1 – Joseph Mondello – Asked the Board to vote in favor of Support Our Troops – Block Party scheduled for October 21.
- 2 – Ely Fontanez, Pelham Bay resident: asked the Board to review why parking signs were removed near 1910 Pelham Parkway South, at Burr Avenue. Ms. Fontanez added that there is no enforcement for placard abuse.

- 3 – Shaniece Heath, TNCAP: November 5, 2018, 6-8 pm, IS 192, 650 Hollywood Avenue, 10465 – Town Hall Active Shooter Event.
- 4 – Robert Leonardo, Logan Avenue: New owner of Epoxy Bar asked for Board support in approving a new liquor license request.
- 5 – Sherrill Cropper, Locust Point resident: Promoted the Farmer’s Market on Tuesdays from 4PM to 7PM at Preston High School. The market will run though early November. She thanked the Board for its support. In addition, she reminded the community about the Throggs Neck Merchants Fair on Saturday, September 22, 2018.
- 6 – Leslie Brown, NYPL Baychester Branch: Promoted a jazz event on September 21 at 2PM. Citywide, NYPL is actively searching for new applicants for library cards as well as holding citywide voter drives.
- 7 – Sergey Shafir, Fedcap, Senior Supervisor: Introduced program that will be financed by Bronx Community Board #10 this fall and winter upon approval by the full Board. Services to be provided are cleanups of trash, graffiti and weed removal at chronic locations throughout the community and snow removal if funding remains.

Mr. Cruz added that each Community Board received funding to be used for OTPS and he is working with Fedcap.

- 8 – Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman Benedetto: Mr. Tulton is representing the Assemblyman with respect to the SAPO application for the Annual Throggs Neck Halloween Parade on Saturday October 27, 2018.
- 9 - Famod Konneh, Bronx Borough Director, Mayor’s Community Affairs Office noted the following events and hearings: Property Tax Revisions, Charter Revision, Rikers Island Closing, Animal Shelter. With respect to the Charter Revision, Board members cannot take an official position; however as private citizens, he or she can take a position and encouraged that they should do so.

A discussion among the Board members raised a concern as to losing experienced members and its effect on the Board. R. Baez also addressed the on-going problems at Throggs Neck Houses.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor.

The required quorum of twenty-four members for voting on Resolutions could not take place and will be added to the Agenda of the October 18, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President’s website: [bronxboropres@nyc.gov](mailto:bronxboropres@nyc.gov).

Borough President Diaz issued statements on the following:

- The Anniversary of 9/11
- BP Provides nearly \$10 million to Bronx Schools
- BP invests over \$3 million in new affordable housing
- Bronx Metro-North Station Area Study
- Tour de Bronx 2018 October 28, 2018

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:** Mr. Cruz

Mr. Cruz noted the following topics:

- Casa Lounge incident: Owner and manager met with local elected as well as CB 10; a music video was being filmed at establishment; a copy of the filming contract was given to Mr. Cruz as proof that it was a private event.
- NYC Department of City Planning will meet with its Metro North Working Group in October and November; Mr. Prince and Mr. Cruz will be in attendance.
- The NYC Department of Design and Construction will do a project presentation of the 2019 scheduled water and sewer main project in Pelham Bay.
- George's Restaurant on Buhre Avenue was shut down by the NYC Department of Health for numerous violations.
- Two raccoons in Pelham Bay were identified as carrying distemper; animals should be kept on a leash at all times.
- At the November elections, voting will be done on the City Charter Commission's proposal to limit Board member appointments to four (2) year terms starting in April 2019.
- Throggs Neck Merchants Fair on East Tremont, September 22, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Parade will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018, starting at 12 noon.

A Board member made a suggestion to the Charter Revision with respect to street activity permits and the role of the community board in which the event takes place in that community boards are better equipped to review and approve single day events such as block parties and can better coordinate the notification of needed services by NYPD, FDNY and DSNY.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Guanill for Mr. Sullivan  
The Committee will meet in October.

**HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Popovic  
The meeting for September was postponed to October.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando  
The Committee met on September 5, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. There were resolutions for renewals and new liquor licenses which will be voted on in October.

**YOUTH and EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder  
The Committee will meet on September 24, 2018. It will be a joint meeting with the Youth Committee of Bronx CB #11 and the topic will be a discussion with Mr. Steve Ritz, of Bronx Green Machine and a

new program to be implemented at P721X, Stephen D. McSweeney School, 2697 Westchester Avenue, 10461. NYC Bronx Park's Commissioner Rosa and Council Member Gjonaj will be in attendance.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Cruz for Mr. Russo

The Committee did not meet this month. The Resolutions for two Street Activity Permits will be voted on at the October meeting.

**PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince

The Committee met on September 13, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolution was voted on at the committee level and will be voted on at the full Board meeting of October 18, 2018:

“**Resolved** ...at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to enter into a contract with the Fedcap/Wildcat services to provide supplementary maintenance services within the CB 10 district area at the request the CB 10 District Manager for the period ending June 30, 2019 and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Cruz for Mr. Lynch

The Committee will meet on September 25, 2018.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Dr. Hunt for Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on June 28, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. Dr. Hunt went over the minutes and commended Council member Torres. The Committee will meet on September 27, 2018. Board member Tom Smith offered his assistance to the Committee as he serves on Montefiore Hospital System's Community Advisory Board. It is hoped that Council Member Torres can attend the October 25, 2018 meeting.

**VETERANS SERVICES:** Mr. Salimbene

The Committee met on June 29, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on September 28, 2018. Mr. Salimbene noted that the Veterans Parade will be on Sunday, November 18. In addition a fundraising event at Brewski's Bar and Restaurant on Sunday, November 11 will be held to purchase toiletry items for veterans as well as a 50/50 ticket with a winner to be selected on November 18 at the end of the Veterans Day Parade.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Meeting ended at approximately 9:10 p.m.

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 September 20, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Cantillo", written over a horizontal line.

PETER CANTILLO  
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: October 12, 2018