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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall

116 City Island Avenue

Bronx, NY 10464

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill, D. Krynicki, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, L. Popovic, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Smith, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 24)

ABSENT: R. Baez, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, J. Kuhl, J. Marano, B. Martinez, J. McQuade, M. Morris, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, T. Salimbene, J. Thomas (total #absent = 15)

Community Liaisons: C. Amato – Office of State Senator A. Biaggi
Leon Tulton - Office of Assembly Member M. Benedetto
M. Torrodo – Office of Assembly Member L. Sepulveda
F. Rubin – Office of Council Member M. Gjonaj

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 – Dr. E. Rae, President – Hutchinson River Restoration Project: Dr. Rae is concerned that the sea walls proposed by the Army Corp of Engineers for the Hudson River will adversely affect estuaries along the Hudson River. Dr. Rae can be contacted at 718-885-9653, hutchinsonrrp@aol.com.
- 2 – L. Rocco, WSCA: Mr. Rocco discussed the removal efforts of over forty abandoned/derelict vehicles in the Westchester Square community and discussed community parking issues.

- 3 – C. Cebek, CICA: City Island is in need of additional police, especially on holidays and the upcoming warmer weather. Ms. Cebek would also like to see an NYPD substation on the Island as well as more traffic control.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Board has requested additional NYPD staffing and traffic controls for the entire service area. Mr. Bieder added that the 45th Precinct has lost approximately five officers due to promotions.

- 4 – E. Sementilli, PBCIS Inc: Mr. Sementilli noted his opposition to Business Improvement Districts; he requested a review of the Throgs Neck BID and the Westchester Square BID. He also discussed Blondell Commons and its opposition by both Community Boards 10 and 11.
- 5 – A. Aviles, artistic director of Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance (BAAD): Mr. Aviles invited the community to attend upcoming events at 2474 Westchester Avenue, Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance. Arthur@BAAD!Bronx.org
- 6 – Clare Hughes, Michelle Brailsford, New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA): Ms. Hughes informed the community of the upcoming nursing strike at area hospitals. Ms. Hughes added that there are very dangerous nurse to patient ratios, and patient care is affected. Ms. Hughes requested the assistance of Community Board #10 in sending a letter to Dr. Steven Sayfer, President of Montefiore.
- 7 – Bob Carmody, City Island Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Carmody presented a petition for a traffic light at the corner of City Island Avenue and Pilot Street.
- 8 – Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council President: The annual Precinct Council Breakfast is scheduled for May 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. More information to follow.
- 9 – Susan Strazzer, City Island resident: Ms. Strazzer is against the issuance of a liquor license to Caliente at 414 City Island Avenue and is concerned with lack of parking and noise.
- 10 – William Cawley, City Island resident: Mr. Cawley is against the issuance of a liquor license to Caliente at 414 City Island Avenue and is concerned with lack of parking and noise.
- 11 – Candy Mancuso, City Island resident: Ms. Mancuso is against the issuance of a liquor license to Caliente at 414 City Island Avenue and is concerned with lack of parking and noise.
- 12 – Colleen Peccoraro, City Island resident: Ms. Pecoraro is against the issuance of a liquor license to Caliente at 414 City Island Avenue and is concerned with lack of parking and noise.

Chairperson Sullivan addressed the community and said that liquor licenses are governed by the State of New York, not New York City. The Community Board has suggested that establishments close earlier than the allowed 4:00 a.m. NYC 311 should be called for any noise complaints with a request that it be forwarded to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Sullivan said the City Island Civic Association should be contacted concerning the special district designation for the Island. Board member T. Smith, who is also a City Island Civic Association member, said the Civic Association has met with the proprietor and manager. The Civic Association said that the

establishment is amenable to requests made and noted there is no outside area for Caliente. The City Island Civic Association has no objection to the license.

- 13 – Christian Amato, Senator Biaggi’s office: Call the Senator’s office for upcoming mobile office locations; on April 5, 1250 Waters Place, 1202, 5-7 pm there is a meet/greet in the Senator’s office. Call 718-822-8049 for information on mobile offices locations.
- 14 – Leon Tulton, Assemblyman Benedetto’s office: Mr. Tulton noted that the free tax prep services has been completed and referred constituents to reach out to Council Member Gjonaj’s Office or call 311. Constituents who have had their taxes done should call 718-892-2235 to arrange for pick-up of completed taxes.
- 15 – Mirian Torrado, Assemblyman Sepulveda’s office: Ms. Torrado advised constituents to contact the Senator’s office for information on supported legislation and upcoming events – 718-991-3161.
- 16 – Farrah RubIn, Council Member Gjonaj’s office: Ms. Ruben said tax prep services will be done on April 5, 2019 at the office; call 718-931-1721 for a reservation.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Ms. Guanill, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the **February 21, 2019** Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Guanill, and unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Lucania

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President’s website: bronxboropres.nyc.gov.

Board member reappointment letters will be sent out in mid-April; new appointments will be announced in early May.

The offices of the Bronx Borough President, NYC Parks & Recreation and the Governor are sponsoring a summer camp along with the Fresh Air Fund in honor of “Junior” for ages 9-13, to be held at Harriman State Park.

The NYC Department of Education and the offices of the Borough Presidents announce the new program Extended Use Hardship Waiver Program which will pay the DOE permit fees for community organizations who would like to use any DOE facility for community programs.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

Mr. Cruz highlighted the following community topics:

- 801 Co-op City Boulevard, a Simone Development project in conjunction with Montefiore for a six story building, applied to the Board of Standard and Appeals for reduced parking spots
- 3660 East Tremont Avenue, McDonald’s, property renovation is scheduled to begin in the summer with an opening several months after

- Co-op City Metro North Station – sessions are to be scheduled for community involvement; no date yet
- Covenant House, a supportive youth transitional housing, is scheduled to move in to 1550 St. Peters Avenue in April
- Pell Place street signage approved by DOT to be installed shortly
- Vacant lot to the right of the City Island Bridge (exiting CI) will be cleaned; NYC DOT will determine ownership of property; work will commence when owner is contacted for approval
- Bus extension for Section 5 in Co-op City being proposed
- CABO Restaurant's new ownership has not submitted neighborhood petition; the Board will notify the State Liquor Authority
- Economic Development Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month (except July, August, and December); meeting discusses new and renewal licenses and is open to all. Community can call the Board office with questions on any license.
- CB #10 Committee Chairs should try to have a member on his/her committee from every community
- The April 2019 full Board meeting is on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. due to Holy Thursday
- Patrick Caruso of the Board office has been instrumental in assisting the public with property tax applications for SCHE, SCRIE/DRIE, STAR/ESTAR, VETERANS, CLERGY and DISABLED over the past several months. These programs will reduce property taxes or rents to qualified individuals. Due to his efforts many constituents' taxes have been reduced by half.
- DA Darcel Clark will be visiting 159 Dreiser Loop on Friday March 22 to discuss criminal justice reform legislation
- E-Waste Event, IS 192 Hollywood Avenue, Saturday, March 23
- Department of Finance outreach, March 26, 2019, 12-2 pm, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway, to assist with property tax exemptions, property assessments
- Saturday, March 30, 2019, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Shred Event & Rain Barrel Give-Away, at the Greek School, 3573 Bruckner Boulevard South
- April 13, 2019, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. IS 192, Hollywood Avenue, Health Fair
- May 8, 2019 Orchard Beach Parking lot, DSNY Disposable Waste Event starting at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on March 20, 2019. Mr. Sullivan went over the minutes which are self-explanatory. Mr. Sullivan noted that topics discussed at Committee meetings and voted on at the full Board level are not readdressed. Elected officials, as community members, may discuss these topics again but the Board will not redo a vote once rendered. In addition, on occasion an item may be brought up at a committee meeting that is not on the agenda for that evening. In the majority of instances, that item will be added to the following month's agenda. This is to ensure as much transparency as possible. If it is a critical time sensitive matter it may be discussed.

The following Resolutions were voted on at the March 21, 2019 CB #10 Board meeting:

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that a Nominations and Elections Committee be formed for the 2019 Board Elections and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded Mr. Accomando and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

Mr. Sullivan discussed the creation of a Nominations and Elections Committee. Ms. Noble, who volunteered to serve will be the Committee Chair, Mr. Sala volunteered to serve and Mr. Sullivan asked Ms. Krynicki to serve again on the Committee. A motion to accept Ms. Noble as Committee Chair was unanimous.

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that the proposed merger of the three documents into one By-Law document be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

Ms. Guanill recognized the document working group, Ms. Chambers, Ms. Davila, Ms. Noble and thanked them for their efforts on the document merger project.

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Veterans Committee be dissolved due to poor attendance and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Popovic and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

- "**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that a Veterans Group be established and placed under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee and to appoint Anthony Salimbene as the Liaison of Community Board #10 to all veterans groups in the Borough of the Bronx and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Chambers and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on March 12, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory.

Fordham University Alumni is interested in purchasing the property on Country Club Road and plans to donate it to the University for the Rowing Team. The Committee was satisfied with the responses received from the presenters and will draft a letter of support on the concept of the presentation. A motion by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando to accept the draft support letter was unanimous. Future development projects will be discussed at the next Housing & Zoning Committee meeting.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Board submit a conditional letter of support for 3341 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 in its request for a special permit at the City Board of Standard and Appeals.

A motion to accept the resolution was made by R. Bieder and seconded by P. Cantillo and unanimously approved by all.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on March 5, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses.

Renewals

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for renewals 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:

*Tac Food Services, 895 Shore Rd-Orchard Beach #5, between Orchard Beach Rd & Park Drive, License # 1294677, which expired 10/31/18 (Seasonal).

*Tac Food Services, 895 Shore Rd-Orchard Beach #7, between Orchard Beach Rd & Park Drive, License # 1294686, which expired 10/31/18 (Seasonal).

*Tac Food Services, 895 Shore Rd-Orchard Beach #10, between Orchard Beach Rd & Park Drive, License # 1294676, which expired 10/31/18 (Seasonal).

*McDermott’s in the Neck. 3809 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Schley Aves, License #1284250, which expires on 05/31/2019.”

*Scavello’s on the Island, 121 City Island Ave, 10464, between Reynolds & Pilot Sts, License #1282711, which expires on 03/31/19.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Bieder and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

New

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment applying for a new license has 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:

*Caliente’s, 414 City Island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars & Bowne Sts, License #NEW.

Hours:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	12PM-2AM	12PM-2AM	12PM-2AM	12PM-2AM	12PM-3AM	12PM-3AM	12PM-3AM
MOP:	DJ, Recorded Music, Live Music						

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and voted on favorably by a majority of members with one abstention. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on February 25, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on March 25, 2019. Mr. Bieder went over the students names for the Yankee Youth Leadership Award. Ms. Woods will represent the Board at the May 7 Community Board #10 Day with the students at Yankee Stadium.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on March 13, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The following street activity permit applications were discussed and voted on.

“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 460328: 11th Annual Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 15, 2019, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Lane Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Benson Street, contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event 460312: Merchant Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 15, 2019, 11 PM – 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue, between Maclay and St. Raymond’s Avenues, contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event 460357: WS Merchant Fair at the Square, Saturday, June 15, 2019, 10:00 AM – 6 PM, setup/breakdown: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Lane Avenue between Frisby and Benson Avenues, contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event 458491: Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 15, 2019, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue between Frisby and St. Raymond Avenues, contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event 463535: Carnival of Love, Saturday, July 6, 2019, 12 Noon – 5:00 PM, setup/breakdown 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, St. Raymond Avenue between St. Peters Avenue and Overing Street, contact Christopher Garcia

Event 465712: Electronic Waste Recycling Event, Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10 AM to 4 PM, including set up/break down 9 AM – 5 PM, Randall Avenue between Hollywood Avenue and Throgs Neck Expressway, curb closure only, at IS 192 contact: Christine Datz-Romero

Event 465158: Circle the Square Movie Nights Weekend Walk, April 27, 2019, Noon – 3:00 PM, setup/breakdown 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Lane Avenue between Westchester Avenue and East Tremont Avenue, Yasmin Cruz

Event 469196: Weekend Walk – The Square Movie Nights 5/4/19, 7/13/19, 9/14/19 and 10/5/19, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, setup/breakdown 5:00PM – 9:30 PM, Lane Avenue between Westchester Avenue and East Tremont Avenue, Yasmin Cruz

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

A final matter, a drop-off no-parking zone in front of Scavello’s Catering Hall was pending an approval of the City Island Civic Association. Mr. Smith noted that the City Island Civic Association has no objection. Mr. Cruz will forward the request to NYC DOT. Board will take vote in April meeting with petitions from Scavellos.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Krynicki for Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on March 14, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee discussed District Needs items. A Resolution resulted from the discussion, below.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board to write a letter of support to the Mayor’s Office for the Play Fair Initiative for sustainable funding for all NYC Parks in the FY 2020 Budget, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

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

On May 18, 2019 there will be a skate event in Waterbury/Bufano Park and will be funded by the Council Member.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on February 28, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee discussed the continuing hallway bed situation at Einstein Weiler. In addition a presentation on community needs health assessment survey by Community & Population Health will begin in early March through December 31, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the March 20 Executive Board meeting a discussion on the Ad Hoc Co-op City Committee took place. This committee will be disbanded. Topics will be referred to Municipal Services or Housing & Zoning Committees. A motion to disband the Committee was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Franklin and unanimously approved.

Chairperson Sullivan told the public and Board Members that he will not seek re-election as Chairperson.


NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sullivan nominated Ms. Chambers for the position of Secretary for the Executive Board. This nomination was seconded by Ms. Woods.

Motion to close the March 21, 2019 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando 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 March 21, 2019.


PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: March 29, 2019