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Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

February 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Jeanne Jugan Residence

2999 Schurz Avenue

Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, L. Popovic, M. Prince, A. Ponder, J.M. Provetto, J. Robert, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 31)

ABSENT: P. Cantillo, T. Franklin, V.M. Gallagher, A. Henry, R. Kurz, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, K. Neddermeyer, N. Semaj-Williams, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, R. Talarico, E. Torres, S. Woods (total # absent = 15)

Community Liaisons: Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

Board #10 Staff: T. Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.,
S. Duffy, K. Lozada, P. Caruso

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

Mr. Hogle advised the community about upcoming bingo event at the Country Club Civic Association meeting on February 22. Mr. Tulton advised the community about simple tax preparation services at the East Tremont Avenue and Co-op City offices, and a breast cancer screening service which requires registration by calling 800-546-6868.

Senator Jeffrey Klein addressed the community. He discussed the following topics:

- Zombie properties and the legislation that was enacted which penalizes property managers (lenders, banks, owners) if the property is not maintained; a repository of listings is maintained by the NYS Department of Financial Services
- Drafted an amendment to an existing alcohol beverage and control law which gives local community boards more input with respect to the liquor serving establishments.

- Making college more affordable to the middle class by having free CUNY/SUNY tuition; increasing the amounts on grants; creating a 401K program to help with student debt.
- Buying New York: this is a future endeavor which would bring jobs back to the New York State
- Requested insurance companies to cover addiction services

Members of the Board and community asked questions about family leave program, tax benefits for small businesses, making technical schools more affordable and the problems encountered with Build-It-Back.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – J. Garcia, CB10 resident: discussed a quality of life issue with a neighbor and animal feces, which has turned derogatory; NYC agencies have been responding to address it. Mr. Garcia also discussed the hard work being done by the volunteers at the Board.
- 2 – D. Pena & C. Robertson, Cardinal McCloskey Community Services, 718-993-7700 ext. 253, 261, 529 Courtland Avenue, 10456: Ms. Pena and Ms. Robertson talked about the urgent for foster care homes and urged the community to become a foster parent. dpena@cmcs.org
crobertson@cmcs.org
- 3 – R. Bracero, Case Manager, R.A.I.N. geriatric program, 646-215-1333, Rosalinda.bracero@raininc.org, 1680 Metropolitan Avenue: R.A.I.N. conducts wellness and healthy aging outreach at its centers and will be looking to expand program to other senior centers and community/civic centers.
- 4 – J. Sanchez, H. Joseph, Make A Wish Foundation: volunteers are needed in the Bronx; training takes about three hours; commitment hours are flexible but once training is received only one commitment is mandatory. j.sanchez@metrony.wish.org 516-944-6212, 516-944-6441 x 133
- 5 – J. Kashman – NYPL, Pelham Bay: Mr. Kashman notified the community of upcoming classes in basic computer programs.
- 6 – K. Deloia, community resident: Mr. Deloia notified the community about the Bronx Parks Speak Up event on February 25; bike ride on City Island; upcoming Memorial Bike ride for bicyclist killed on East Tremont Avenue. He also discussed accidents and traffic calming.
- 7 – E. Sementilli, Pelham Bay: Mr. Sementilli talked about the Mayor's Budget and how it affects the community. Mr. Sementilli suggested that the individuals who are interested in running for the 13th Council Member position become more vocal about informing the constituency on where they stand on projects.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Salimbene, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2017 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and approved by thirty members with one abstention by Dr. Ponder.

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.

The Parliamentary Procedures Training was held for the Community Boards on January 30, 2017; future sessions will hopefully be scheduled for Board members and a session for Chairpersons.

Reappointment applications were due Friday, February 3, 2017; notifications should be sent in late April.

Chairman Prince participated in the Borough President's vote for ten capital and five expense items on the Mayor's Preliminary 2017 Budget.

BP Diaz and Brooklyn PB Adams announced the creation of a new Gifted and Talented Education Task Force to study issues surrounding gifted and talented education in NYC public schools, as well as the city's specialized high schools admissions process.

Black History Month Celebration has been moved to March 10, 2017.

The District Services Cabinet meeting for CB 10 will be held on Tuesday, February 21 in the Board Office. It's an opportunity for the agencies to meet and discuss concerns.

A concern from a Board member started a discussion on the board's budget. The member's concern was requests for his community (Co-op City) and how one could become more involved in the process. It was recommended that the Council Member for the district in which he resides could be contacted about existing and new requests, as well as joining the Planning and Budget Committee for the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Executive Board Committee met on February 6, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Prince encouraged Board members to participate in future Parliamentary Training sessions. Election Guidelines will be drafted for the 2017 Nominations Committee. Materials were provided to all Board members via email on Friday February 10 concerning changes to the By-Laws. It was requested that all Board members review the material in preparation for a full Board vote at the March 2017 meeting.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince for Mr. Cantillo

The Search Committee for the position of District Manager met on January 31, 2017. A resolution was drafted in Committee for the acceptance of the employment announcement and associated documents and presented to the full Board for approval.

“Resolved...at the request of the Search Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the timeline, job description, ads for different publications and media outlet information for the position of District Manager be presented to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, and seconded by Bishop Rosario. Before a vote was taken, a Board member questioned the overall process for the District Manager search and suggested that it had been railroaded through too quickly. A discussion about the process and timeline took place. Dr. Ponder made a motion to table the matter which was not seconded.

Another follow-up motion to proceed with the resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Lock and was voted on with the following results: thirty in favor and one against (Dr. Ponder). ***The resolution passed.***

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee will meet on February 23, 2017.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Talarico

The Committee will meet on February 22, 2017. Resolutions will be prepared for the full Board for the March 16, 2017 meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee did not meet in January because there was a conflict with the Parliamentary Procedures Training for Community Board Members. The Committee will meet on February 21, 2017.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee will meet on February 28, 2017.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on February 13, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on February 15, 2017. The first part of the meeting was the Committee portion, followed by a Public Hearing which discussed the FY2018 Mayor's Preliminary Budget. Minutes are self-explanatory. At the Committee meeting, a moment of silence was offered for Mr. H. Aponte, former Bronx Borough Commissioner for Parks & Recreation.

The following resolution was read:

“Resolved ...at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board 10, that a letter outlining the Board’s responses to the REGISTER OF COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS For the Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2018 Bronx 10 be sent to Mayor Bill de Blasio by March 10, 2017.”

A motion to approve the Resolution to prepare and send a response to the Mayor by March 10, 2017 concerning the FY 2018 Preliminary Budget was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando was unanimously approved by all.

A discussion about the capital and expense requests took place. Mr. Lucania noted that most, if not all, Community Boards, are never satisfied with the responses received from the respective agencies. It was suggested that future requests be looked at more closely to see if some of the items should be reviewed at the Committee level for strengthening and tightening. Another suggestion was to streamline requests. The Board members and community were all encouraged to become more active in the budget process. Mr. Prince noted that the full FY2018 NYC budget can be accessed at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/omb/publications/finplan01-17.page>

Mr. Misiurski acknowledged Senator Klein’s staff and thanked them for reaching out to the Board in budget discussions.

In closing, Mr. Misiurski said that the college intern should be ready with a presentation on the Metro North station in Co-op City for the March meeting. Mr. Misiurski added that the New York City Aviation Roundtable met on February 15, 2017 and he hopes to have a report for the March meeting.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The February 9, 2017 Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather.

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Salimbene

Committee will meet on February 24 at the S.H.Young Post. Invitations have been extended to other community boards. Mr. Salimbene thanked Mr. Caruso for his services in providing veteran related information to the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bieder advised that the MAKE A WISH foundation spoke at a recent 45 Precinct Community Council meeting and encouraged the community to become a sponsor.

Mr. Sullivan requested that at the next full Board meeting the changes proposed at the June 2016 meeting concerning nominating procedures be included in the By-Laws. Mr. Prince said that it will be

discussed further and at this point, all that is needed are guidelines for when the 2017 Nomination Committee is selected in the Spring.

Motion to close the February 16, 2017 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.