



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Riverbay Corp.
177 Dreiser Loop
Bronx, NY 10475

AGENDA

- | | | |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Call to Order | Martin Prince, Chairman |
| 2. | Public Participation | 15 Minutes |

Public speakers are allowed to sign up for the public session until the meeting is called to order. Public speakers are allowed to speak 3 minutes unless otherwise instructed by the Chairperson.

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------|
| 3. | Acceptance of Revised Minutes of Community Board #10 Meeting of Sep. 15, 2016 | |
| 4. | Borough President's Report | Tom Lucania |

During the segments below, ONLY board members can ask questions or address the board or its speakers.

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5. | District Manager's Report | Kenneth Kearns |
| 6. | Committee Reports | |
| | a. Executive Board | Martin Prince |
| | b. Housing and Zoning | Peter Sullivan |
| | c. Economic Development | Rocco Talarico |
| | d. Youth & Education Services | Robert Bieder |
| | e. Municipal Services | Joseph Russo |
| | f. Parks and Recreation | Virginia M. Gallagher |
| | g. Planning and Budget | Julian Misiurski |
| | h. Health and Human Services | Nancy Rosario |
| | i. Veterans Committee | Anthony Salimbene |
| 7. | Old Business | |
| 8. | New Business | |



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Riverbay Corp.
177 Dreiser Loop
Bronx, NY 10475

RESOLUTIONS

1. **“Resolved...**to accept the revised minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of September 15, 2016”
2. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *new* licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*International Caterers, 3243 Ampere Ave, 10465, between Research & Library Aves,
License #NEW

There was a Motion to accept, it was seconded. The Resolution was passed unanimously

3. **Change in Method of Operation:**

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

*Uncle Al’s Soul Food Kitchen, 3841 E. Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley & Dewey Aves, License #1292387, which expires on 02/28/18.

(Adding Live Music, Karaoke, and Security Personnel)

There was a Motion to accept. The Resolution was passed with a vote of 4 yes and 3 no.

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

*La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10461, between Castle Hill & Glebe Ave,
License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/17.

(Adding Karaoke and Security Personnel)

(License suspended from 9/19/16 to 9/29/16 due to violations from Dec. 2015 March Event)

(Change in Hours of Operation against Current License)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Current Hours:	12-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-11 PM	2-11 PM	12-12 PM
Revised Hours:	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-3 AM	12-3 AM	12-3 AM

There was a Motion to accept. The vote is as follows: 3 yes and 4 no. **The Resolution was not passed.**

5. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following proposal from DOT regarding traffic mitigations on Brush Avenue be approved and forwarded to the full Board”
6. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Application be approved and forwarded to the full Board:
Event ID: 312103, Street Event, Halloween at the Square, Williamsbridge Road between Halperin and Chesbrough Avenues, 10/31/16, Event: 3 PM to 8 PM, Set up 11 AM to breakdown 9 PM. Contact: Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square Bid.
7. The revised resolution is as follows:
“Resolved...That the Board submit written or oral testimony to the MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT’S STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE regarding their proposed rules changes on or before October 24, 2016, the extended date for submission of written comments. Specifically, the Committee urges SAPO to remove the wording of “citywide” and replace it with “at the discretion of the Community Board”, and to replace the month of “November” with the month of “October” for the application time frame due to the holiday season. To define “block parties” as distinct events from “street festivals” (which have a commercial focus) and to give community boards discretion over approving “block parties”.
8. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a request for a four-way stop sign on the corners of Barkley Avenue and Vincent Avenue be installed and that this request go to the full Board for approval and be forwarded to the New York City Department of Transportation.”
9. **“Resolved...** at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the fifteen speed bumps designated in the Westchester Square Slow Zone submitted by DOT not be approved and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”
10. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to conduct a joint Public Hearing with the Housing and Zoning Committee to discuss the possible establishment of a waterfront park at the site of 222 Longstreet Avenue by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation with the affected community, and conduct outreach.”
The Committee voted in favor of the resolution with one member opposed.

11. **“Resolved...** at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to accept the Ferry Point Waterfront Park proposal presented by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and forward it to the full Board for approval.”

This Resolution passed by the Committee with a vote of three in favor, two opposed.

12. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board 10, that the FY 2018 Capital and Expense Budget (as listed) be adopted and presented to the full Board for its approval.”

13. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board 10, that the FY 2018 Capital and Expense Budget (as listed) be adopted and presented to the full Board for its approval.”



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes October 5, 2016 7:30pm

Present: M. Prince, V. Gallagher, N. Rosario, P. Sullivan, B. Bieder, M. Velasquez, R. Talarico, J. Misiurski, I. Guanill-Elukowich, P. Cantillo, R. Barbarelli
Absent: J. Marano, J. Russo, T. Salimbene
Guests: J. Melendez, T. Accomando, M. Abuhaikal, E. Semetilli, E. Braxton, L. Rocco, A. Boller, M. Torioni, H. Nouri, J. Cerini

Mr. Prince opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The newest member to the Board, Joseph Melendez, gave a brief introduction, followed by the rest of the committee members who did the same. The discussion moved onto the first agenda item: an Urban Fellow by the name of Ed Braxton. Mr. Braxton introduced himself to the Committee; he is a graduate student in the New School and is studying Urban Policy. He plans to be working with the Board for the next two semesters regarding 197A Plan, which is a document that will be the main topic of his project. The committee agreed to reach out to Mr. Braxton by October 11, 2016, regarding the pressing issues they want to address within the confines of the 197A Plan document. Mr. Braxton will then assess said comments and contact the Board by October 14, 2016 with his plans for the project regarding the Board's suggestions.

The Planning and Budget Committee will have a Public Hearing on October 13, 2016 at 7:30pm; the Executive Board is expected to be in attendance to further discuss the topic of the 197A document and Mr. Braxton's involvement with the Board.

The Committee moved onto the next item on the agenda: consolidation. Attendance and not having a quorum at meetings has become a major issue for the Board. The Chairs of each committee need to reach out to their committee members to make sure they want to be on the respective committee. If we cannot achieve this, committee consolidation may have to occur. In regards to the calendar and moving meetings: going forward, the committee was able to set dates for the meetings and will be moved only if there is a holiday.

SAPO – the deadline was extended to allow Board members to read and gain an understanding of the proposed rule changes and give feedback. Municipal Services had a brief discussion, but will need to review it properly and then provide knowledgeable feedback. The committee was asked to take another review of the document and comment. The deadline is October 20, 2016.

The committee led a brief discussion on the Traffic Road Diet Plan. There was a motion made to write a letter to Councilman Vacca regarding the Diet Plan; it was not seconded therefore it did not carry.

The committee then moved onto the members keeping up their attendance and keeping the involvement by members at a consistent level. Each committee member is mandated to be a part of one standing committee, as well as keeping attendance at full Board meetings, ULURPS, and Public Hearings. Mr. Cantillo will be taking roll call votes at the full Board meeting. There was a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

[Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10](https://www.facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10)

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Housing and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2016 7:30pm

Present: P. Sullivan, B. Bieder, D. Lock, I. Guanill-Elukowich, M.J. Musano, P. Cantillo, J. Marano, L. Popovic, A. Chirico
Guests: D. Hogle – Senator Klein, M. Rivandenyra – Council member Vacca, I. Otto
Absent: R. Barbarelli, V. Gallagher, C. Papastefanou, R. Rodriguez, M. Velazquez

The meeting was opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm. The committee led a discussion on updates on P.S. 14 and what the School Construction Authority is currently doing. There have been tree stump removals as well as breaking ground slated for December 2016. The committee also discussed the Westchester Square Library: the ULURP was approved by City Planning. A discussion is needed with the NYPL to find out a time frame for the construction. The annex is not a landmark therefore it can be removed and constructed upon.

The committee wants to look into senior housing at the old library on Glebe Avenue. The community is in dire need of senior housing therefore the committee wants to find out if it were possible at the above location. The zoning is also in question to make sure it is indeed a viable location.

The committee led a discussion on possible sites for new schools. The old Whitestone Cinemas location was mentioned as a potential site for a school. The committee wants to be proactive and take charge over situations as opposed to being reactive in regards to what goes on in this committee. The location was also discussed in regards to possibly being a senior housing facility. The committee wants to request that the outside around Whitestone Cinemas be cleaned and the car sales be kept inside properly. A property on Parkview Avenue and Roberts Avenue was also mentioned to become a school.

The committee then moved onto the “zombie” properties that exist within the community. They are properties that have been vacant for a long period of time and are not maintained at all. There are group homes that want to come into the area as well. Therefore, the committee wants to be proactive in the choice of properties to suggest as sites because the group homes will be coming into the area. There was also a discussion on the ability to possibly rebuild or renovate the “zombie” properties through state funding. Senator Klein had a new law passed regarding maintaining zombie properties either by the homeowner or the larger banks that hold the mortgage.

There was a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016 7:30pm

Present: R. Talarico, I. Guanill-Elukowich, A. Chirico, B. Bieder, T. Accomando, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, M. Prince
Absent: H. Acampora, R. Rodriguez, J. Robert, N. Rosario, M. Velazquez, J. Marano
Guests: Liquor License Applicants
Observers: M. Abuhaikal, A. Boller, A. Taveras
Staff: P. Caruso

Mr. Talarico opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Virginia Gallagher and Monique Johnson were removed from the committee due to absenteeism. They will be notified and advised via a formal request. He moved onto the introduction of the owner of Spoto's and the approval of the establishment's liquor license renewal that was approved at last month's meeting. The committee then moved onto new liquor license applicant from International Caterers. The applicants gave a brief introduction on the establishment.

The Resolutions were read as follows:

For New Licenses:

"Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments 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:

*International Caterers, 3243 Ampere Ave, 10465, between Research & Library Aves,
License #NEW

There was a Motion to accept, it was seconded. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Change in Method of Operation:

"Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments 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:

*Uncle Al's Soul Food Kitchen, 3841 E. Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley & Dewey Aves, License #1292387, which expires on 02/28/18.

(Adding Live Music, Karaoke, and Security Personnel)

The owners of the establishment gave a brief introduction and explained change of operations. The committee was informed on their hours of operations: the establishment is occasionally opened till 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. The doors are not open late, there have been no noise complaints, and "No Dancing" signs are placed around the establishment. Mr. Bieder would like the record to reflect his stance on the approval of sound: he does not want to approve sound because of the issues that have taken place in the past with other establishments.

There was a Motion to accept. The vote is as follows: 4 yes and 3 no. The Resolution was not passed unanimously.

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

*La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10461, between Castle Hill & Glebe Ave, License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/17.

(Adding Karaoke and Security Personnel)

(License suspended from 9/19/16 to 9/29/16 due to violations from Dec. 2015 March Event)

(Change in Hours of Operation against Current License)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Current Hours:	12-10 PM 12-12 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-11 PM	2-11 PM
Revised Hours:	12-12 AM 12-3 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-3 AM	12-3 AM

The owner of the establishment told the committee that there are security cameras and security located outside of the establishment. Mr. Caruso suggested having the last call for alcohol at 2am for the nights that the establishment would be open till 3am. There will be two security guards there on Fridays and Saturdays. Mr. Onwu commended the owners for rectifying all issues that had taken place in the past. Mr. Bieder questioned if the owners are taking any steps to change the clientele base that might have been the root cause for disturbances in the past. The owner is taking steps to make sure the advertisement of their establishment is in a positive manner to ensure negative situations no longer take place. Mr. Accomando stated that you cannot discriminate against persons, but to try things such a dress code to help with the clientele visiting the establishment.

There was a Motion to accept. The vote is as follows: 3 yes and 4 no. **The Resolution was not passed.**

Old Business: the youth and education committee is working on internships in partnership between the high schools and the local merchants.

There was a Motion to close. The Motion was seconded.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes September 19, 2016 7:30pm

Present: B. Bieder, I. Guanill-Elukowich, J. Provetto
Absent: L. Council, M. Davila, A. Henry, J. Onwu, E. Primavera, R. Sawyer, S. Woods
Guests: A. Lynch, M. Abuhaikal

The meeting opened with a discussion on the new playground at IS192 Beacon School being implemented. Councilman James Vacca held a meeting at the school with the members of the community and the Trust for Public Land to discuss the design. The Board had requested this previously and is grateful to see it come to fruition. The Councilman put in \$800,000. The Borough President put in \$300,000.00 and the trust for public land put in \$330,000.00. The Beacon School is receiving a "Program of Distinction" award from Generations United for a program that Patrick Caruso helped set up with Ft. Schuyler House where the youth and seniors get together. Edwin Scott, Director of the Beacon School asked the Committee to thank Mr. Caruso for his assistance in creating this program.

The Community Education Council meets on the 21st of September and Bob Bieder will reach out to them. There is a meeting with Chancellor Farina on the 24th of September that Mr. Bieder will attend. There was a discussion on the Budget Consultations in which DYCD gave us a list of programs being funded in our community totaling \$5,289,328.50; a total of 19 programs. The Committee will take a look at the Board web site to insure all these programs are listed in our youth directory. The DOE was also at the Budget Consultations where they gave the Committee a list of seats required; in Throggs Neck they listed a scope for 344 seats which we asked to be included in any scoping meeting.

The Community Boards seem to have been cut out of the scoping process and this is where the opportunity to review plans in the beginning stages occur. The Committee feels it is imperative that we as we did in years past be included in all scoping meetings.

The Committee discussed a plan to create internships between our high schools and local merchants. They would like to utilize the required community service hours within our merchant strips. In order to achieve this, Mr. Bieder has reached out to Irving Roman, Family Leadership Coordinator at DOE, members of the committee, as well as the Economic Development Committee to work on outreach to our local merchants.

The meeting was adjourned.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes September 20, 2016 7:30pm

Present: J. Russo, T. Accomando, A. Chirico, J. Boiko, H. Acampora, B. Bieder
Absent: R. Baez, C. Papastefanou, M. Pricoli, R. Rodriguez
Guests: MJ. Musano, M. Abuhaikal, A. Grauer, K. DeLoia

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a discussion regarding the issue of speeding on Layton Avenue. The Committee will reach out to DOT to request a traffic study on Layton Avenue, from Dean to the Throggs Neck Expressway Service Road.

A petition requesting a Four Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Vincent Avenue and Barkley Avenue and a speed bump in both directions was submitted on behalf of the residents of Vincent Avenue. The Committee decided to table Agenda Item #1 i.e. traffic calming on Layton Avenue and submitted the following Resolution concerning Vincent Avenue:

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a request for a four-way stop sign on the corners of Barkley Avenue and Vincent Avenue be installed and that this request go to the full Board for approval and be forwarded to the New York City Department of Transportation.”

The Committee wants to speak with DOT about the implementation schedule of the Slow Zone at Westchester Square. They are not in compliance with the Committee’s Resolution about supporting the Slow Zone in that there has been no communication with the Board Office from DOT. The construction of speed bumps is contingent upon the approval of the homeowners whose property is adjacent to the proposed speed bumps.

The discussion moved onto the City Benches – there are more than just two and many have already been installed. The Committee would like to know what the schedule of installation is and where the benches have been installed. There should be more joint involvement from City agencies and the Community Board to better the community; there are other locations that would benefit from the implementation of the benches. Mr. Accomando will look into this situation and report back to the Committee at next month’s meeting.

The Committee then moved on to the new edition of the SAPO rules. There are no street activity permits to go over however, the new rules need to be looked over. Mr. Bieder proposed the idea that single block party permits should be handled and approved by Community Boards alone in order to ease the burden on SAPO. It would also allow the Community Boards to coordinate needed services such as change in garbage pick-up times and fire hydrant sprinkler caps, etc. The Resolution should come from the Committee and not the Full Board about proposed changes. The Committee would also like to remove “...and citywide” from the bullet point proposed rules and leave it at the discretion of Community Boards. The hearing to submit comments and or suggestions is October 13, 2016. There was a Motion to approve and all were in favor. It was approved unanimously. The Committee wants a letter stating that due to the time restriction, the Committee would like to go forward with the proposed rule changes.

La Cocina Boricua's license has been suspended for 10 days by the SLA due to multiple violations. The restaurant is allowed to be open but cannot serve alcohol for 10 days. The discussion went on to the twenty-eight bars that are on E. Tremont Avenue and it was proposed that the NYPD check on the patrons leaving the establishments. The establishments in Board 10 should be more aware of their patrons leaving drunk because of the bad repercussions that can take place. The law that holds bar owners responsible for their patrons being drunk should be implemented (Dram Shop Act). E. Tremont Avenue is very dark; lighting is a big issue, especially for nighttime driving.

A member from Transportation Alternatives led a discussion on advocating for bicycle safety in the Bronx. The topic of getting an article into The Bronx Times regarding Transportation Alternatives was also discussed.

There was new business regarding Maclay Avenue: the asphalt is messed up and the ice that accumulates in the winter is hazardous to pedestrians. The discussion moved on to how the community views Board 10 regarding the dealings with the Traffic Diet on E Tremont. A suggestion was made in reference to a letter on the topic of the Traffic Diet. There was a Motion to adjourn. It was seconded.

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes October 18, 2016 7:30pm

Present: J. Boiko, T. Accomando, A. Chirico, B. Bieder, H. Acampora, J. Robert, R. Baez
Absent: J. Russo, C. Papastefanou, M. Pricoli, R. Rodriguez
Guests: J. Otto, L. Sorin, E. Sementilli, L. Rocco, J. Safron, K. Daloia, E. Figueroa, U. Keden, H. Keden, K. Kalb, A. Grauer

The meeting was opened by Mr. Accomando with the Pledge of Allegiance. The committee then moved onto a Department of Transportation Presentation given by Mr. Kalb and Mr. Safron of DOT concerning Brush Avenue. DOT has assessed the location and would like to contribute improvements to the area including a traffic mitigation idea with a timeframe of late 2016 for markings to be placed. The issues include bus delay on the Q44 bus route, difficulty accessing the bus stop at Brush Ave and Bruckner Blvd, northbound back up south of Home Depot, southbound traffic is only 31% of Brush Ave traffic, and the 50' street is split evenly between northbound and southbound despite volume imbalance. The proposal is as follows: shift the centerline west, add a northbound turning bay, move southbound bike lane outside, maintain one southbound through lane, and add a dedicated curbside space for the bus stop. The proposal will also include parking reduction on the west side with 15 fewer parking spots, better Q44 bus stop access, and improved northbound traffic flow. DOT would like to implement markings by the end of 2016 and continue to monitor the project. Mr. Accomando led a discussion in regards to removing more parking and Mr. Kalb responded with having the Board write a formal letter to DOT to consider the option. The committee would like a letter written to Access-A-Ride asking the drivers to park in the lot and not in the street to also help with the flow of traffic. If the Board approves this proposition, DOT needs a letter produced in regards to accepting the proposal. There was a Motion to accept the proposal and it was seconded. It was passed **unanimously**.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following proposal from DOT regarding traffic mitigations in Brush Avenue be approved and forwarded to the full Board”

The committee then moved onto the next item on the agenda: Event ID: 312103, Street Event, Halloween at the Square. Lisa Sorin gave flyers and a map to the committee. She gave a brief explanation of the event over the past few years. The event is completely free for all who are in attendance. There have been zero incidents in all of the Westchester Square Bid events. They have also partnered with Lehman High School to have a proactive role. There was a Motion to accept the permit and it was seconded. It was passed **unanimously**.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Application be approved and forwarded to the full Board:

Event ID: 312103, Street Event, Halloween at the Square, Williamsbridge Road between Halperin and Chesbrough Avenues, 10/31/16, Event: 3 PM to 8 PM, Set up 11 AM to breakdown 9 PM. Contact: Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square Bid.

The committee then went onto the next item on the agenda. There was a revised resolution that was constructed as a result of last month’s committee meeting regarding the proposed SAPO rule changes. There are also additional changes in the section regarding “The Proposed Rule” in the SAPO document. The committee would like to implement the following changes to the rules: remove the wording of “citywide” and replace it with “at the discretion of the Community Board”, and to replace the month of “November” with the month of “October” for the application time frame due to the holiday season. To define “block parties” as distinct events from “street festivals” (which have a commercial focus) and to give community boards discretion over approving “block parties”.

There was a Motion to accept the Resolution as modified and it was approved **unanimously**. The revised resolution is as follows:

“Resolved...That the Board submit written or oral testimony to the MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT’S STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE regarding their proposed rules changes on or before October 24, 2016, the extended date for submission of written comments. Specifically, the Committee urges SAPO to remove the wording of “citywide” and replace it with “at the discretion of the Community Board”, and to replace the month of “November” with the month of “October” for the application time frame due to the holiday season. To define “block parties” as distinct events from “street festivals” (which have a commercial focus) and to give community boards discretion over approving “block parties”.

Old Business: The next item the committee went over was the Westchester Square Slow Zone. There was a discussion on the proposed 15 speed bumps. There is one resident who will not be getting a speed bump near their property. The speed bumps cannot be fully approved until there is a response from the homeowners of the properties adjacent to the proposed speed bumps. Mr. Kalb recounted the correspondence sent to the Board regarding the speed bumps. The locations are approximate until DOT can go and physically map out every inch of the proposed areas. There was a Motion to accept fifteen bumps and it was seconded. It was not passed unanimously. The votes are as follows: **3 yes and 4 no**.

“Resolved... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the fifteen speed bumps designated in the Westchester Square Slow Zone submitted by DOT not be approved and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

[Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10](https://www.facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10)

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting October 17, 2016, 7:30 PM

Present: M. Prince, T. Accomando, B. Bieder, I. Guanill-Elukowich, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, J. McQuade, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez;
Guests: M. Anderson, Parks Dept.; C. Andrews; M. Holoszyc, Parks Dept.; A. Michelakis, Parks Dept.; D. Poggi, Ferry Point Park Community Activists, J. Roediger, Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point

Mr. Prince reported that earlier in the day Virginia Gallagher, the Committee Chair, had undergone surgery. All present wished her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Prince opened the meeting with an informational presentation from Mr. Antonios Michelakis from the Planning Division of the Department of Parks & Recreation concerning 222 Longstreet Avenue, located north of the Throggs Neck Bridge, a property of approximately 10,500 sq. ft. Trust for Public Land (TPL), an agency dedicated to preserving public space, particularly waterfront property, is interested in purchasing this property and donating it to the City of New York if the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation commits to establishing a waterfront park on the property.

Mr. McQuade raised concerns about contaminants stemming from drainage from the Throggs Neck Bridge and nearby fallout. Mr. Michelakis explained that an initial Phase 1 Assessment would be conducted and negative findings would result in the project being abandoned.

Mr. Bieder commended the Parks Department for involving the Community Board at the early stages of this potential project and welcomes additional park land to our Board if it is feasible. Mr. Lynch is a resident of the area and expressed concerns regarding the Parks Department's ability to oversee the new park as insufficient staffing and funding are existing problems for the agency. Neighborhood parks tend to become "hangouts" when not properly secured. Mr. Michelakis indicated that funding for maintenance is not included in this proposal. The Parks Department would have to secure additional funds from the City Council for maintaining additional parkland. The Community can consider several options including a Community Garden if certain regulations are followed. Mr. Prince made a motion to accept the following Resolution:

"Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to conduct a joint Public Hearing with the Housing and Zoning Committee to discuss the possible establishment of a waterfront park at the site of 222 Longstreet Avenue by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation with the affected community, and conduct outreach."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan.

The Committee voted in favor of the resolution with one member opposed.

The next item on the Agenda was a discussion concerning Ferry Point Park.

Mr. Joseph Roediger of the Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point, discussed the Trump Organization's proposal which was submitted to the NYC Parks Department in November of 2013 concerning plans for the 19.5 acres of land adjacent to the golf course. The Trump Organization is prepared to spend 13 million dollars to rehabilitate the property as a passive park rather than an active park. Ferry Point Park West rehabilitation is needed as many structures are disintegrating. The Trump Organization made a proposal directly to the Parks Department because they are a concession of the City of New York; however, the Board was not happy that it was bypassed. The City has turned down the Trump Organization's proposal and now they are appealing to the Board. The Trump Organization is proposing a passive park, one that would preserve wildlife and conduct scheduled visits by groups. The city would like to create an active space at Ferry Point Park West. The Trump Organization feels this would pose safety issues because of its proximity to the golf course.

Mr. Roediger explained that there is a high likelihood of Trump Links hosting a major golf event in the near future, but that alterations to the 17th and 18th hole are needed. These alterations would encompass a small amount of additional public land. The Trump Organization has the funding to maintain their plan for Ferry Point Park West and the renovations will be done at no cost to the city. He stressed that the Community will experience indirect and direct benefits – tax revenues for the City of New York and direct benefits, jobs, for the Community.

Ms. Johnson expressed dissatisfaction with former dealings with the Trump Organization. Mr. Lynch complained that programs offered by the Trump Organization should be available to residents throughout the Board, not a limited area. Mr. Roediger insisted that the Trump Organization does hire from within the area and offered to provide statistics. Mr. Prince requested that if Mr. Roediger makes a presentation at the Full Board Meeting, he provide specific details with clear visual renderings. Mr. Prince stated that going forward the Board has to work together to get our needs fulfilled and to secure benefits for our community.

The Clubhouse project at Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point, a 10 million dollar obligation, is being worked on and the Organization's goal is to have shovels in the ground by the end of the year.

The Committee discussed the fact that a Resolution was posed from the September 12th Parks Committee meeting, however, at that time the Committee was not apprised of the Trump Organization's proposal. The Committee would like to consider both proposals before making any decisions.

Ms. Poggi, discussed issues concerning the Parks Department's proposal and toxic soil possibly being used for the wetlands. Both The Parks Department and the Trump Organization can discuss their proposals before all members at the full Board meeting. Concerns arose that the issues would be too exhaustive for the full Board Meeting.

Ms. Anderson of the Parks Department reported that there were no updates on the Orchard Beach Pavilion. The waterfront project at Pelham Bay is progressing slowly. Artifact discoveries slowed the project but work has resumed.

The following Resolution was proposed at the September 12, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting:

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to accept the Ferry Point Waterfront Park proposal presented by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and forward it to the full Board for approval.” This Resolution passed by the Committee with a vote of three in favor, two opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Planning and Budget Public Hearing October 13, 2016 7:30pm

Present: J. Misiurski, V. Gallagher, J. Marano, E. Primavera, I. Guanill-Elukowich, N. Semaj-Williams, N. Rosario, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Baez, J. Melendez, A. Ponder, P. Cantillo, B. Bieder, M. Velazquez, M. Prince, P. Sullivan
Observers: M. Abuhaikal, E. Braxton, J. DeSimone, D. Kilkenny, E. Sementilli, J. Demers

The meeting was convened promptly at 7:30pm by Chairman Julian Misiurski. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Misiurski opened this meeting with a brief description of the budget process and proceeded to discuss the process of the Budget Consultations that he, Mr. Lucania, Mr. Prince, and Mr. Bieder attended. The budget consultations were held at the offices of Community Board 12 at 4101 White Plains Road over a three day period. The list of agencies is as follows: Thursday, September 8th meetings included DFTA, ACS/DYCD, EDC/SBS, DOE, and NYCHA. Wednesday, September 14th meetings included DSNY, DOB, HPD, HRA, and DHS. Thursday, October 6th meetings included DEP, DEP/DOT, FDNY, NYPD, PARKS, and DOHMH.

Mr. Misiurski distributed copies of last year's Capital and Expense Budget Requests to all attendees. The attendees were asked if they wanted to go with last year's requests with a new cover letter or if they would prefer to review last year's requests and discuss and update all budget requests as a new submission. The consensus was that they would prefer to review all of last year's items and submit one updated Capital and Expense Budget manifesto.

Accordingly, we began with Item #1 of last year's Capital Budget Requests and after much discussion the findings were as follows:

Capital Budget Requests

- Item # 1: Rehabilitation of the Pelham Bay Park athletic field – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item # 2: Upgrade or create new seawalls or bulkheads – Dept. of Transportation
- Item # 3: Build new/expand or repair storm sewers – Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Item # 4: Reconstruct or upgrade waterfront parks – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item # 5: Hammond Cove Marina – Dredging – Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Item # 6: Ferry Point Park comfort station – Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Item # 7: Reconstruct the art deco pavilion at Orchard Beach – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item # 8: Renovate or upgrade Throggs Neck Houses – NYCHA
- Item # 9: Create seawall at Locust Point – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #10: Reconstruct Pennyfield Avenue – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #11: Build new expand or repair sanitary sewers at Brush Avenue – Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Item #12: Reconstruct Brush Avenue – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #13: Middletown Road Upgrade – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #14: Middletown Road Upgrade – Dept. of Environmental Protection

- Item #15: Catch basin on Ditmars Street and King Avenue – Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Item #16: Parking for Metro North Station in Co-op City – New York City Transit Authority
- Item #17: Rodman’s Neck Firing Range – NYPD
- Item #18: Dredging of Westchester Creek – Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Item #19: Reconstruct the streets within Westchester/Zerega IBZ – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #20: Reconstruct Bellamy Loop – Dept. of Transportation
- Item #21: Rennovate the 45th Precinct – NYPD
- Item #22: Improve handicapped accessibility at Westchester Square and Buhre Avenue subway stations – New York City Transit
- Item #23: Co-op City park trail lighting – NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation

Then we began our analysis of the Expense Budget Items and after further considerable discussion the findings were as follows:

Expense Budget Requests

- Item # 1: Assign additional Uniformed Officers to the 45th Precinct – NYPD
- Item # 2: Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles for the 45th Precinct – NYPD
- Item # 3: Assign additional Housing Police Officers to PSA8 – NYPD
- Item # 4: Purchase additional Noise Meters – NYPD
- Item # 5: Provide a large tow truck and boots to impound large vehicles – NYPD
- Item # 6: Assign additional Parks Enforcement Personnel (PEP) throughout the district – Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Item # 7: Continue Public Relations campaign for medical providers – Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Item # 8: Funding for the Throggs Neck Ambulance Corps – Health & Hospitals Corporation
- Item # 9: Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students – Dept. of Youth and Community Development
- Item #10: Provide, expand, or enhance the summer youth employment program – Dept. of Youth and Community Development
- Item #11: Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students – area schools - Dept. of Youth and Community Development
- Item #12: Establish a medical professions high school – Dept. of Education
- Item #13: Expand street outreach for Bronx Works – Dept. of Homeless Services
- Item #14: Audit of the Acacia Network Housing’s operations of Crystal’s Place – Dept. of Homeless Services
- Item #15: No Parking signs installed along the Ring Road along Ferry Point Park – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item #16: Provide a recreational assistant in Pearly Gates Park – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item #17: Establish a riverfront park in Co-op City along the banks of the Hutchinson River – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item #18: Adequately fund the Forestry Unit – Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Item #19: Expand the operational hours of the Glebe Avenue Senior Center – Dept. for the Aging
- Item #20: Relocate the NYPD evidence trailers at Bartow Avenue – Economic Development Corporation
- Item #21: Reduce mosquito populations district wide – Dept. of Mental Health & Mental Hygiene
- Item #22: Adequately fund animal pest control district wide – Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Item #23: Expand bus service within Co-op City – New York City Transit Department
Item #24: Expand Express Bus Route to lower Manhattan, City Hall, Bowling Green, and Battery Park

There being no further business, the Public Hearing section of the meeting was closed. A motion to close was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando.

The Public Hearing concluded at 11:05 PM.

After the Budget Hearing, Mr. Misiurski convened the the Planning and Budget Committee meeting in order to consider a resolution regarding Capital and Expense Budget for presentation to the full Board at the October 20, 2016 Board meeting.

Present: J. Misiurski, M. Prince, T. Accomando, B. Bieder, M. Velazquez, V. Gallagher

There being a quorum present, Mrs. Gallagher presented the following resolution:

“Resolved...at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board 10, that the FY 2018 Capital and Expense Budget (as listed) be adopted and presented to the full Board for its approval.”

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Bieder and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Accomando made a motion to conclude the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bieder.

The meeting ended at 11:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julian J. Misiurski



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016 7:30pm

Present: D. Hunt, B. Bieder, L. Council, R. Lifrieri
Absent: N. Rosario, H. Acampora, J. Boiko, W. Chin, M. Davila, A. Ponder, T. Salimbene, N. Semaj-Williams

The meeting was opened by Dr. Hunt with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Committee wanted to discuss the Healthy Lifestyle Walk and leave other issues such as Montefiore Hospital's hallway beds and the ambulance shortage until more information is available. The Healthy Lifestyle Challenge was initiated two years ago to promote good health in the community. It is advertised on its own Facebook page. Dr. Hunt mentioned the shared information on the CSA shared agriculture; organic fruits vegetables are available to the community. Chris Napolitano from the Locust Point Civic Association runs the event.

The Committee wants to pick a date in the fall to hold the Healthy Lifestyle Walk in SUNY Maritime. October 22, 2016 is the potential date for the walk at 11am. The Committee would like to check the Board office for any leftover speedometers and water bottles to give out at the walk. The Committee will refer the information regarding the walk to the Bronx Times Reporter to further reach out to the community.

The Committee held a discussion on Montefiore and the issues with the emergency rooms and hospital beds in the hallway. There is now a "fast track" ambulance that cannot carry patients but will begin treatment to the injured person in need of care.

Attendance is an issue for the committee; not enough members are showing up for meetings which leads to not having a quorum. Dr. Hunt will reach out to the committee members to see if they will be keeping up their commitment to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Pr
Chairpe

Health and Human Services Committee

October 19, 2016, 7:30 PM

- Present: Bishop N. Rosario, H. Acampora, B. Bieder, J. Boiko, L. Council, T. Franklin, R. Lifrieri
- Excused: D. Hunt; T. Salimbene
- Absent: Col. B. Chin; M. Davila; A. Ponder
- Guests: S. Roche, Brightpoint Health
- Observers: Bishop Angelo Rosario

Bishop Nancy Rosario opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Scottie Roche of Brightpoint Health gave a presentation highlighting an array of services offered by Brightpoint Health. They mainly serve the Medicaid population, but do work with some private companies. They have worked with Ms. Johnson of Throggs Neck Houses at the Family Day Event and their Mobile Unit has visited Throggs Neck Houses. Their Mobile Unit visits communities and transports those needing services to their location at 2510 Westchester Avenue. Mr. Roche inquired if any specific health needs exist in the area.

Mr. Bieder reported that the area has many substance abuse problems and suggested that Mr. Roche work with Senator Klein’s office. He is sponsoring a town hall meeting this evening concerning substance abuse. Mr. Bieder also suggested that Mr. Roche speak with the TNCAP group. Mr. Boiko suggested that Mr. Roche reach out to the Pelham Grand and Crystal’s Place. Bishop Nancy also added Town and Country residences. Bishop Rosario invited Mr. Roche to attend the General Board Meeting on October 20th at Riverbay Corp. and speak at the Public Participation segment of the meeting to address a larger audience.

The Committee next discussed the Healthy Lifestyles Challenge at SUNY Maritime College on Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Promotional materials were reviewed and all anticipate a good attendance at the event.

Bishop Rosario discussed the importance of attendance by Committee Members. The list of members was reviewed and some members will be contacted to confirm their membership in the HHS committee.

Mr. Boiko reported on FLY CAR responses in Co-op City. Emergency attention is reaching patients faster with Fly Cars reaching patients first. EMS representatives promised to provide actual statistics at the District Services Cabinet meeting, but were not in attendance this month. Mr. Boiko reported that in the future, FDNY is hoping to establish a station in the vicinity of Co-op City. Mr. Boiko is looking into re-establishing a volunteer ambulance service in Co-op City, but City response times have been so fast that it may not be necessary.

Mr. Boiko requested that the ER at Montefiore, Einstein Hospital, be addressed. Wait times in the ER are unacceptable. Bishop Rosario suggested that we invite the Montefiore Administrator. They were invited in the past and did not come. Ms. Semaj-Williams

inquired if the infractions are being reported. Statistics are needed to demand reform. Mr. Bieder suggested that Senator Klein and Assemblyman Benedetto, who tried to get improvements implemented in the past, be involved with this issue. Mr. Bieder reported that records are kept which document the entire stay of a patient at the hospital. The New York State Department of Health and Human Hygiene needs to be contacted to request actual records concerning wait times. With this information the Committee can take further action. After suggestion from Naita Semaj-Williams, Bishop Nancy indicated that Joe Boiko and she will reach out to Assemblyman Benedetto's Office to get information. The first course of action is to get the actual statistics by way of the records, taking into consideration the source of the emergency and the waiting time to get into a room. When all information is completed, we will proceed with addressing the situation in a professional manner.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Semaj-Williams, seconded by Mr. Boiko.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 PM



Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Borough President

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: bx10@cb.nyc.gov

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10



Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

Veteran's Services Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016 7:00pm

Present: A. Salimbene, I. Guanill-Elukowich, W. Chin, J. Misiurski, M. Prince, M. Pricoli
Guests: E. Sementilli, L. Rocco, P. Del-Debbio, K. Rivera, M. Williams, J. Mondeli, J.P. Penasso, M. Abuhaikal, J. Firrido, J. Perez

The meeting was opened by Mr. Salimbene with the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and allowed the members and observers to do the same. Mr. Salimbene also began a discussion on rules and what the committee plans to achieve in terms of issues brought forward to the committee and how said issues will be handled. He explained the mission of community boards as governmental liaisons and had observers/service providers introduce themselves. Informational pamphlets and documents were handed out to those in attendance.

No previous minutes to review. No Old Business to review.

Joe Mondello from the Bronx Borough President's Veterans Council wants to get all Community Boards to create a Veterans Council and adapt the committee. The council has a resource guide as something to help the workers in the Board office to allow the community boards to be on the same page in regards to information. It is available online and is updated periodically; it is to help the veterans that may come into the office and direct the persons to the right place.

The discussion went onto the buyback program for those who want to cash in Federal military time. There are talks about what is considered qualified time. It is only active duty time that is available to buyback, and is mirrored in the City; they adapted it recently. If paid off in two years, there is no interest but if it is put off till retirement, there is interest. The veteran would need to contact their individual military branch and the military branch would determine the income that was earned at the time of service. It then goes before financial persons and an estimate is given and the finance department at the person's job does calculations. Once you pay it back, then it gets turned into vacation time and leave; it is equated into retirement/tenure as well. The program is assembled on a personal level dependent upon service.

Mr. Salimbene moved the discussion to the introduction of guests and the organizations in which they are affiliated with. Mr. Del-Debbio is with the V.A. Hospital and is there Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at 4B53. The telephone number is (718) 584 9000, ext. 1314. He is the Veteran's Affairs Volunteer Service Deputy Representative for the American Legion at the Bronx VA Hospital. Mr. Del-Debbio is an added resource to ask for guidance through the VA system, but cannot process claims. An observer member reported on an Army Recruiting Command NY initiative to have recruiters at their offices certified as safe havens for children being bullied at school (or at home).

A non-veteran community member, advised by Councilman Vacca, came and spoke about problems his elderly father was experiencing and VA reps were on hand to help.

The next meeting will be changed to Friday but there is no last Friday in November so the actual date will be Dec 2, 7pm. We will try Samuel Young Post 620 (Wellman and Erickson) as more suitable for networking after the regular meeting and proximity to #6 train station.

The committee thanks Mike P. for offering to help ask about homeless veterans as he works for HRA and someone at the agency may be of assistance or have pertinent information. There was a Motion to adjourn and it was seconded.