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Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Villa Barone Manor

737 Throgs Neck Expressway

Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, M. Prince, A. Ponder, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, R. Sawyer, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods
(total # present = 29)

ABSENT: V.M. Gallagher, I. Guanill-Elukowich, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Kurz, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, C. Papastefanou, J.M. Provetto, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, T. Salimbene, N. Semaj-Williams, R. Talarico, E. Torres
(total # absent = 17)

Community Liaisons: Mariel De La Cruz – Office of NYC Comptroller
Jose Rodriguez - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Dylan Tragnor – Office of Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj
Ken Burgos – Office of City Council Member Annabel Palma
Yari Fernandez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Elijah Nwaokocha - Office of City Council Member Andy King
Mariela Salazar – Montefiore Health Systems
Gianna Dell’Olio – Bronx Works
Heydi Oyuela – Phipps Neighborhoods
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

Agency Guests: Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Bronx Parks Commissioner
Brett Schneiderman, Parks Department
David Cerron, Parks Department
Joe Conforti, Parks Department

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming. A thanks was also made to the management of the Villa Barone Manor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – L. Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association (WSCA): is against any change to the direction of Frisby Avenue as proposed in the NYC DOT proposal as well as the proposed change to St. Raymond's Avenue. He does not want the community to lose parking spaces. He also feels that there was insufficient notification to the community about the DOT proposal.
- 2 – K. Nietzsche, Sunnyside Community Services: discussed a new program called CARE NYC The Bronx which provides caregiver support for individuals dealing with the care of someone with alzheimer's and dementia. Contact information is knietzschmann@scny.org, 718-884-5900, ext. 19.
- 3 – H. Acampora, homeowner on St. Peter's Avenue: Mrs. Acampora read a statement which noted her opposition to the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) proposal on changes to Frisby Avenue and St. Raymond's Avenue. Mrs. Acampora added that any change will increase congestion.
- 4 – K. Canz, resident of Section 5 in co-op: Ms. Canz is requesting the new jersey barriers be replaced with ones that do not obstruct views of motorists; Ms. Canz would like to have something similar to what was in place.
- 5 – J. Cerini, TN Merchant: Mr. Cerini said the Unionport Bridge project will cause more traffic issues which will cause overflows to East Tremont; he would like to see another lane in each direction incorporated into the plan. Mr. Cerini added that he feels more discussion is needed in the Ferry Point Park proposals submitted by Trump Organization and the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 6 – J. Bonizio, Westchester Square Business Improvement District (WSBID): Mr. Bonizio said that the WSBID discussed with NYC DOT the problems with leaving Frisby Avenue as a right turn only from East Tremont. The WSBID feels that the proposed changes will alleviate southbound traffic. In addition, the loss of parking on St. Raymond's Avenue is an issue but necessary.

Questions on whether the merchants were contacted and apprised of the proposal and loss of parking on St. Raymond's Avenue were asked. Some Board members felt that a right turn onto Frisby is not a good idea. A local merchant added that his business was not made aware of the proposal. Mr. Prince said that progress is necessary and the steps proposed to lessen traffic in the community were carefully considered and discussed between the WSBID and DOT.

There were some comments about insufficient community notification. Mr. Prince said the Board Office sends out notifications on meetings by way of the calender and agendas and all interested are encouraged to attend the meetings. When a hearing is scheduled, it is put into the local paper, Bronx Times Reporter.

- 7 – V. Ortiz, Throggs Neck resident: Mr. Ortiz is against the expansion of the 18th and 19th holes at Ferry Point Park and is in favor of the NYC Parks proposal which would benefit the community, especially children. Costs are prohibitive to play at the Trump Gold Links.
- 8 – E. Sementilli, Pelham Bay Community Improvement & Safety Organization Inc. (PBCISO): Mr. Sementilli feels it is unfair to blame people who don't read notices in order to receive proper notification; he feels that the Bronx Times Reporter is not a good way to reach all. Mr. Sementilli is against the opening of a new restaurant/bar in Pelham Bay and would like to see the closing time of the proposed establishment be an early one. As to Ferry Point Park, he said that the Parks Department has allocated twelve spots for 19 acres and is against the Plan.

Mr. Prince said that going forward the Board will establish a mailing list for those interested in receiving notifications but those individuals must contact the Board to have his/her name added.

- 9 - G. Dell'Olio, Bronx Works: Ms. Dell'Olio reminded the community that Bronx Works is responsible for helping the homeless and usually responds with one hour after receiving notification from NYC 311. BronxWorks helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we feed, shelter, teach, and support our neighbors to build a stronger community.
- 10 - Ms. M. Del La Cruz, Community Liaison, Public Affairs Office for the NYC Comptroller: community can contact the comptroller's office on matters of importance.
mdelacr@comptroller.nyc.gov, 212-669-8720

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Lock, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2016 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mrs. Lock, seconded by Mr. Accomando, 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.

All current Board member reappointment applications must be received in the Borough President's Office by February 3, 2017. This includes all new applications, as well.

In the Governor's State of the State Address, ten million dollars was pledged for Orchard Beach. This amount matches that of the Borough President; the NYS Legislature is working on additional funding. He also is allocating one hundred eight million dollars for the Kingsbridge Armory renovation and fifty million dollars to Montefiore Health Systems.

The Borough President's State of the Borough message will be on February 23, 2017. On January 23, the Bronx Library Center will host a Parliamentary Procedure Training Center for community board members.

At this week's District Service Cabinet meeting, the United States Postal Service (USPS) attended and discussed the planned outreach with respect the mailboxes that had been removed. Within the Bronx, one-hundred fifty arrests were made for tampering of the boxes. Re-evaluation of which boxes to be returned is being worked on. In CB #10, the Waterbury-LaSalle, Pelham Bay, and Throggs Neck communities had reports of fishing (the removal of mail from a mailbox).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Committee met on January 4, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. The process of planning for the recruitment of a district manager began. The Search Committee was selected, Mr. Cantillo, Mr. Robert, Ms. Davila, Ms. Lock, Ms. Russo and an alternate Ms. Baez. Ms. Lock and Mr. Russo have since declined as well as Ms. Baez. Ms. Lock and Mr. Russo feel that all the work should be in closed sessions, not open to the public, and could create a divisive environment. Mr. Lucania said that because of the Open Meeting Law, the committee meetings have to remain open. However, when it comes to the actual interview session(s) an Executive Session can be called so that the interviews are closed from the public. A security concern about non-committee Board members attending the Executive Session were raised in that any discussion could be leaked if these members discuss the session on the outside. At the Search Committee meeting(s) and before any Executive Session begins, each Committee will create a job description, and set standards for education and managerial experience.

Mr. Prince asked for two volunteers to replace Ms. Lock and Mr. Russo. Mr. Bieder and Bishop Rosario volunteered. Mr. Ponder was offered the alternate position, which he declined.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Baez, with all present in favor, to accept the following individuals as members of the Search Committee: Mr. Cantillo, Mr. Robert, Ms. Davila, Bishop Nancy and Mr. Bieder.

Mr. Sullivan asked about offering Board staff member additional hours so that her position could be a full-time one. Mr. Bieder said there are funds available and feels this is a good idea for an assistant manager. Mr. Prince said the first priority is establishing a salary range for a district manager, followed by a review of available funds to offer extra hours to staff.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

On January 10, 2017 there was a ULURP Public Hearing on the changing of the legal grade map along Bruckner Boulevard from Zerega Avenue to Brush Avenue. The ULURP is the bridge elevation which is affected by legal grade map change. There was a quorum of membership present to conduct the hearing but lacked a quorum to vote. As a result, a floor resolution will be presented at the January 19, 2017 full Board meeting. Those Board members in attendance at the hearing were in favor of the city map change.

The following floor Resolution was read:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following matter be presented to the full Board for approval:

IN THE MATTER OF ULURP Application #: C160200 MMX, CEQR Number: 14DOT047X, Project Name: **Unionport Bridge City Map Change** submitted by the New York City Department of Transportation, Division of Bridges, Movable Bridge Group pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the City Map involving: **the modification of legal grades in Bruckner Boulevard between Zerega Avenue and Brush Avenue** in Community District 10, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with Map No. 13138 dated December 1, 2016 and signed by the Borough President.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Misiurski, seconded by Mr. Bieder, *approved by twenty-eight (28) members with one (1) abstention.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando for Mr. Talarico
The Committee met on January 3, 2017. There were resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses.

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

*Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Ave, 10475, between Browne & Ditmars Sts, License #1003334, which expires on 02/28/17.

*Julesruby Lounge, 135 Westchester Sq, between Ferris Pl & Commerce Ave, License #1267564, which expires on 12/31/16.

*Archie’s Tap & Table, 536 City Island Ave, 10464, between Beach & Cross Sts, License #12852407, which expires on 04/30/17.

*Samuel Young Post #620, 1530 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10461, between, License #1003323, which expires on 01/31/17.

*P J Brady’s, 3201 Philip Ave, 10465, between Vincent & Wilcox Aves, License # 1004187, which expires on 01/31/17.

*Manhem Club, 658 Clarence Ave, 10465, between Randall & Schley Aves, License #1003340, which expires on 02/28/17.

*Marina Del Rey, 2894 Schurz Ave, 10465, between E Tremont & Revere Aves, License #1003391, which expires on 02/28/17.

*D A Beach Club, 665 Shore Drive, 10465, between Barkley & Lafayette Aves, License #1003338, which expires on 02/28/17.

*Redwood Pleasure Club, 2680 Schurz Ave, 10465, between Graff & Buttrick Aves, License #1003341, which expires on 02/28/17.

*Bronxonia Yacht Club, 518 Ellsworth Ave, 10465, between Schley Ave & L I Sound, License #1003337, which expires on 02/28/17.

*T N Memorial Post #1456, 1456 Shore Drive, 10465, between Layton & Barkley Aves, License 1003343, which expires on 02/28/17

*Ice House Café, 140 Reynolds Ave, 10465, between Longstreet & Prentiss Aves, License #1172658, which expires on 02/28/17.

*Pelham Bay Café, 1738 Edison Ave, 10461, between Roberts & Westchester Aves, License #1268107, which expires on 02/28/17.”

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

The resolution for new licenses were discussed with a motion to split it into three separate ones. The motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously agreed upon.

“**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:

*Paninis Artisan Bakery, 1426 Zerega Ave, 10462, between Tratman & Westchester Aves, License #NEW.

*Ohana Tremont, 3404 C E Tremont Ave, between Scott & Sullivan Pls, License #NEW.”

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

Discussion on ownership for Made in Puerto Rico was brought up. Concerns about the new owner/manager, Andrew Torres and his relationship with the former owner of Pompeii, Jose Torres, were raised. Mr. Andrew Torres has been the manager of Made in Puerto Rico for approximately two years and no problems have arisen under his watch. It was also noted that Mr. Jose Torres had been involved in the management of the restaurant prior to Mr. Andrew Torres taking it over. It is a new license and there are no complaints on record.

“**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:

*Made in Puerto, 3363 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Baisley Ave & Haskin St, License #NEW.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and **approved by a majority of members** with the following vote: twenty-four in favor and five against.

A community resident raised concerns about a new business, Pinonas Beach Restaurant Corporation, opening in the Pelham Bay area and is against it.

“**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:

*Pinones Beach Restaurant Corp, 3285 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Burr & Colonial Aves, License #NEW”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and **approved by a majority of members** with the following vote: twenty-four in favor and five against.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on November 21, 2016. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee is not meeting in January due to a Parliamentary Procedure Training Session but will meet in February. The Committee is ready to proceed with the internship program between high schools and merchants. Mr. Prince requested that Mr. Bieder present information on the program to the full Board at a future meeting so that it can approve the program.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Minutes are self-explanatory. At the January 17, 2017 Committee meeting the following was voted on:

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 that the Department of Transportation's plan for the reversal of Frisby Avenue traffic and the conversion of St. Raymond's Avenue to a two-way traffic as presented be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

There was a robust discussion at the meeting on the pros and cons of the proposal. The Committee voted on this resolution as follows: 4 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention.

After discussion at the full Board meeting on January 19, 2017, this resolution was voted on after a motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Boiko with the following results: six (6) in favor, seventeen (17) against, and six (6) abstentions. **The Resolution did not pass.**

Another resolution which was discussed at the Committee meeting and forwarded to the full Board:

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to support the removal of “Doctors Only” parking signage on the block of 2475 St. Raymond’s Avenue and restoration of those spaces to public parking be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept this Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez with the following results: twenty-seven (27) in favor with two (2) abstentions. **The Resolution passed.**

At the Committee meeting, the Parks Department was present to request Alternative Street Parking Rules and Signage for Miles Avenue north between Balcom and Emerson Avenues and Emerson Avenue west between Miles and Schurz Avenues, along the Ferry Point Golf Course. Department of Sanitation was also present to advise that such street cleaning – if approved – would take place between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Mondays. Discussion was tabled to February pending notification of the residents along those blocks so that they have a chance to comment.

Last March a letter was sent to Congressman Crowley and other elected federal officials regarding the noise situation at Rodman’s Neck. No response from the congressman or his office was every provided. A follow-up letter was suggested in November and drafted by committee member Bob Bieder. After reviewing the follow-up letter, the committee approved it unanimously and requests that it be sent out to all federal and state elected officials. At the Board meeting, the matter was tabled to be discussed at the February 28 Committee meeting.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder for Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on January 9, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. There was no quorum at this meeting so there was no voting.

The following Resolution was presented to the full Board:

“Resolved... at the request of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the proposal submitted by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for the reconstruction of the Owen Dolen Park Recreational Center Building be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Marano and unanimously accepted by all. **The Resolution passed.**

Lengthy discussions on the proposals from the Trump Organization and NYC Parks & Recreation were held at the Committee meeting. A Resolution from this meeting was tabled because there was no quorum. As a result, it was presented to the full Board as a floor Resolution on January 19, 2017:

“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.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez with the following results: seven (7) in favor, twenty (20) opposed, two (2) abstentions. ***The Resolution did not pass.***

After the vote, a discussion began on why the Board voted in opposition, and the insufficient notification to surrounding community and the overall sentiment of the Committee that the Trump Proposal was asking for more than it should.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on January 11, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. He went over the minutes and touched on the following topics: office budget, salary parameters for district manager. Mr. Misiurski presented to the Board the incoming and outgoing flight patterns for the two LaGuardia Airport runways from October 2016. Mr. Misiurski had reached out to Mr. Bock of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, who provided this information.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Nancy Rosario

The Committee met on January 12, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. Ms. Salazar, government and community relations office from Montefiore Health Systems was the guest speaker. Discussions on wait times at Einstein Weiler resulted in a request to receiving this information is writing. Ambulance information was requested and it was noted that fly car services have improved. Mr. Prince attended a tour of the new FDNY/EMS facility and will provide information to the Committee.

VETERANS SERVICES: – Col. W. Chin for Mr. Salimbene

Committee meeting was held in December 2016. Next meeting is scheduled for February 24. Col. Chin encouraged members to join, even those that are not veterans because there is a lot of information available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Col. Chin raised concerns about the tractor trailers parking along the service roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bobby Jaen, President of the Throggs Neck Merchants discussed the traffic issues affecting Whitmore Avenue and the results of the road diet which were voted down by the Board but pushed through by Council member Vacca. He would like to have Whitmore Avenue parking and traffic problems reopened. He also raised the issue of tractor trailers parking along Balcom Avenue at

Whitmore Avenue and mobile home campers parked on East Tremont Avenue and other areas. Mr. Jaen discussed another item about a vacant property near his residence on Schurz Avenue next to the golf course and it's effect on the neighborhood because it is a drug den. Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa said the property is Parks and she will look into in. It was recommended that he attend the next 45th Precinct Council meeting on February 2 at the precinct to bring up the issues of tractor trailers and the drug problem on Schurz Avenue.

Motion to close the January 19, 2017 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.