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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

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

UFT Building
2500 Halsey Street
Bronx, NY 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, G. Curbelo, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, C. Lotta, K. Lynch, J. Marano, B. Martinez, B. McCarrick, J. Misiurski, M. Morris, D. Noble, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, A. Ponder, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 34)

Mr. Julian Misiurski left early; it did not affect quorum.

ABSENT: M. Johnson, J. McQuade, M.J. Musano, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, M. Prince, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj-Williams (total # absent =11)

Community Liaisons:

Scott Stringer – New York City Comptroller
James Vacca – New York City Council Member
Mark Gjonaj – New York State Assemblyman and
Newly-elected New York City Council Member
Jose Rodriguez - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ashley Meza – Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Antirson Ortiz - Office of City Comptroller Scott Stringer

Board #10 Staff:

Matt Cruz, District Manager
Susan Duffy

Chairman Peter Sullivan began the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – N. Cruz, UFT: On Saturday, November 18, 2017, the Bronx UFT is holding a conference with educators and parents starting at 8:30 a.m.
- 2 – J. Bellini, Pelham Bay resident: Mr. Bellini provided photos on traffic and its effect on safety in Pelham Bay.

- 3 – E. Sementilli, PBCI, raised a concern about 2800 Bruckner Boulevard, a/k/a Miracle City and its filing as an HMO. He requested information as to why it is being set up as such. Mr. Sementilli would also like to see more transparency with Board matters.
- 4 – J. Maldonado, MBT Wide, Catch-A-Ride: Has plans for start up coach bus service to Boston from Brooklyn, with a stop in Pelham Bay. Mr. Maldonado appeared before the Municipal Services Committee on November 9, 2017.
- 5 – M. Pricoli, Pelham Bay resident and former CB #10 Board member: Mr. Pricoli wants to see better lighting surrounding the UFT Building as well as travelling down Commerce Avenue. He requested that the Board reach out to Ms. Sorin at the WSBID and ask her to contact him.
- 6 - A. Ortega; NYSERDA program called Empower New York is available to help private homeowners as well as commercial business reduce energy costs. There is financial assistance based on income. Structures will be inspected to determine the kind of energy reduction measures that would help reduce these costs. The energy assessment is a free service. Contact Mr. Ortega at 646-886-3630, alex@nycscorp.com; website is www.nycscorp.com.
- 7 – NYPL, representatives from City Island and Baychester Branches: NYPL has instituted a fee waiver program for children who are late in returning books. Both libraries have computer programs for childrens' use.
- 8 – Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto – no updates to report
- 9 – Jose Rodriguez, Office of State Senator Jeff Klein: Mr. Rodriguez informed the community of the departure of Mr. Dan Hogel. Ms. Damaris Mone is taking over his assignments.
- 10 – Ashley Meza, Office of Senator Jamaal Bailey: announced upcoming programs; on 11/18/17 at Monroe College, 2501 Jerome Avenue, the 45th Precinct Community Council is partnering with the Senator's Office on a community effort in bridging the gap between community and NYPD.

Mr. Sullivan introduced newly elected City Council Member and current NYS Assembly Member Mark Gjonaj. Mr. Gjonaj informed the community that he is attending as an observer only.

Council Member James Vacca addressed the Board and community members. He encouraged the Board and community to keep on fighting for the betterment of all. He reminded the Board members that it is important to respect and work well with each other. He touched upon some of his early accomplishments and noted Givan Creek in Co-op City, the Pelham Bay and Ferry Point landfills as well as some of his enacted legislation in the City Council.

Chairman Sullivan announced the departure of long time Board members Mrs. Diane Lock and Mrs. Virginia Gallagher.

Newly re-elected NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer addressed the Board and community. Mr. Stringer commended the city officials and praised outgoing Council Member Vacca and CB #10. He congratulated newly elected Council Member Mark Gjonaj and Mr. Stringer is looking forward to starting his second term. His office is continuing to root out waste and fraud and relies on community input for his office's investigative work. He mentioned his office's investigation on the DOE audit on computers in schools.

Board members and community members asked the Comptroller for assistance and/or audits on a variety of topics including Access-A-Ride, Business Improvement Districts, MTA service, tax matters, ambulance services, and better advocacy for the disabled. Comptroller Stringer requested that his office be contacted. Mr. Antirson Ortiz is the Bronx representative for Comptroller Stringer and can be reached at 212-669-3683, aortiz@comptroller.nyc.gov.

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

In honor of Veterans Day, Mr. Sullivan requested a round of applause for those on the Board that are veterans.

The minutes from the October 16, 2017 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting were approved.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report for the month of November. Information can be found about the topics on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Matthew Cruz

Mr. Cruz noted the Board's efforts on the cleanup along New England Thruway in Co-op City/ Riverbay and working with Senator Jamaal Bailey's Office; he also noted working with the Tenant Association, and NYCHA at Throggs Neck Houses in efforts to repair the boiler system. On November 14, Mr. Cruz attended the Town Hall sponsored by CB 10, Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership and several NYC Agencies and elected officials on the opioid epidemic and became certified in the administration of naloxone.

Mr. Cruz noted that through Council Member Vacca's Office, WildCat Services (FedCap) was of assistance to cleanup endeavors for certain abandoned properties and the Board, if requested, can provide the locations that have been addressed. On October 24, Senator Klein held a meeting with the ad-hoc overdevelopment committee at this office in the HMC concerning 3250 Westchester Avenue, which as proposed is much too high for the community and the matter is being reviewed by the NYC Department of Buildings; CB #10 will continue to keep monitoring the project. Mr. Cruz acknowledged the assistance of Ms. Torrioni and Ms. Boller for keeping him informed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Sullivan
The Committee met on November 6, 2017.

Mr. Sullivan noted there was some confusion about Mrs. Kilkenny's hours which were increased to make her full time. For the sake of transparency Mr. Sullivan would like a motion, even though it is not necessary, to go before the Board. Motion to accept was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Barbarelli and unanimously approved by all. After discussion, a decision was made to follow-up on personnel issues at a joint meeting between the Executive Board and Planning & Budget Committee.

The meeting went into Executive Session.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on November 14, 2017.

As noted in the Executive Board report above, a discussion on personnel issues resulted in the decision to hold a future joint meeting with the Committee and the Executive Board. The meeting went into an Executive Session. Mr. Misiurski noted that NYCAR (New York City Aviation Roundtable) is still conducting meetings concerning the air traffic over LaGuardia Airport and will report back when information is received.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee as well as the Ad-Hoc Committee on Overdevelopment are going to meet on November 21, 2017.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on November 8, 2017. There were resolutions for renewal 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:

La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10462, between Castle Hill & Glebe Aves, license #1227260, which expires on 12/31/17.”

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

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment which is applying for a **renewal** liquor license, has agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board's file:

Shamrock Inn, 1729 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Westchester Aves, license #1003945, which expires on 12/31/17. **(Failed a recent under-age drinking operation.)**”

Mr. Sullivan noted that the establishment has never had an incident, owners admitted the errors. NYSLA will levy a fine to the establishment, which has already received its renewal.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and approved by a majority of Board members with one (1) against. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee will meet on November 20, 2017. The Committee did not meet in October.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 9, 2017. The following resolutions resulted from the meeting:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board support the application of MBT Worldwide Inc. for a new bus stop on the north side of Bruckner Boulevard at Charles Crimi Place between Wilkinson Avenue and Westchester Avenue, as part of their proposed Brooklyn to Boston/Boston to Brooklyn route, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Mr. Lynch raised a concern about the proposed area and said commuters cars park in the area. Mr. Chirico felt that it would not be a problem because it will initially involve only one or two buses for each trip and the hours of operation will be early pickup and evening drop off.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Boiko, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request to paint a gridlock box at the intersection of Asch Loop and Bartow Avenue be sent to the Department of Transportation upon approval by the full Board.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved by a majority of Board members with one COIB recusal. **The Resolution passed.**

AD HOC CO-OP CITY: Bishop Rosario

Committee met on November 14, 2017 with the Riverbay Board of Directors in Auditorium C. The minutes are self-explanatory and the issues (snow removal, jersey barriers, bus shelters, property behind the Power Plant to Bldg. 29) will be forwarded to the Municipal Services Committee).

Dr. Ponder asked that the committee be made a separate one and requested a motion. Mr. Sullivan said it is an ad hoc committee, which is not a standing committee, and will answer to three standing committees, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Budget and Municipal Services. The request can be added as a floor motion for the January 2018 full Board meeting.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Lynch

The Committee met on October 24, 2017 and November 13, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. At both meetings, NYC Parks & Recreation staff were present to discuss various developments and projects.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on October 26, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will be following up with the information received at tonight's meeting concerning 2800 Bruckner Boulevard and the filing of Miracle City as an HMO.

VETERANS SERVICES: Col. W. Chin

The next meeting will be on December 1, 2017. Col. Chin advised the community about the army and air force exchange service locations (West Point, Ft Dix, Ft. Hamilton) as well as an on-line service. He also urged veterans to get checked for Agent Orange.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cruz informed the Board and community about the upcoming Holiday Party, December 5, at the Acri Café on Commerce Avenue. Call the Board Office for details.

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

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of October 19, 2017.



PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: November 22, 2017