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### MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

February 18, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Pelham Grand Residence  
1870 Pelham Parkway South  
Bronx, NY 10461

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, A. Boller, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Goldstein, I. Guanill-Elukowich, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, J. Misiurski, M. J. Musano, J. Onwu, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, E. Primavera, M. Prince, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan  
(total # present = 26 )

**ABSENT:** J. Boiko, L. Burrowes, M. Davila, P. Devine, V. M. Gallagher, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. McQuade, K. Neddermeyer, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, M. Prohaska, J. M. Provetto, J. Roberts, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, R. Talarico, E. Torres, M. Velazquez (total # absent =23)

**Community Liaisons:** Andy Toledo - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.  
Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Ariel Alvarez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca  
Rabbi Lillian Vargas - Office of City Council Member Andy King  
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

**Board #10 Staff:** Kenneth Kearns - District Manager  
Noreen H. Kilkenny

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

- 1 – Dan Miner, Project Manager, Sustainable South Bronx, discussed no cost home energy assessments, supportive of the NYSERTA program. Mr. Miner, a former Manhattan Board 6 District Manager, offered to meet with homeowner associations and homeowners who may be interested in more information on the program.
- 2 – Patrick Meenaghan, Business Manager, Bronx Charter School For Excellence, discussed the opening of three proposed Charter Schools in the next three years: BCSE 3 in the fall of 2017, BCSE 4 in the fall of 2018, and BCSE 5 in the fall of 2019. Applications, Open Houses & Community Chats can be accessed on-line at [www.bronxexcellence.org](http://www.bronxexcellence.org). Suggestions, visits and feedback are encouraged.

- 3 – Debby Kawalick, a resident, spoke concerning dangerous road conditions along Shore Road in the area north of the golf course. Multiple 311 complaints have not remedied the conditions. Ice forms in the winter due to pot holes and a collection of ground water. The problem has existed for the past eight years. The 311 system requires an intersection or address in order to lodge complaints. One problem area is described as eight telephone poles from the entrance of the Bartow Pell Mansion, another is .6 miles northbound from the Mansion.

Several Board Members were aware of the situation. Mr. Sullivan cited an occasion when he took a cone from the nearby nursing home in order to mark a deep pot hole on the road. DOT fills the pot holes but they reopen because the road needs re-milling and repaving. Mr. Prince acknowledged that there is a problem with the 311 system pinpointing the area and pledged to address the problem further. Mr. Kearns reported that he has addressed the area with DEP and requested that the area be addressed. They are currently assessing the issue. They have ascertained that the source of the water is ground water, not a broken pipe. Another problem area is a large pothole before the bridge on the right side where Mrs. Hunt noted seeing a spinout. Mr. Prince noted that the condition of the roads in the Board service area is very poor and asked that as a community, we keep the Board Office apprised of problem areas.

- 4 – Josephine Rivera, Foster Home Recruiter, discussed the great need for foster parents in the Bronx Community Board #10 area. Catholic Guardian Agency currently has 3,309 children in foster care. Eighty-three children are placed in the Board 10 service area. Ms. Rivera offered brochures and to answer any questions concerning the program.
- 5 – Katrina Smith, Girl Scout Leader, and Claudia Gongemi, a Community Recruitment Specialist, with the Girl Scouts of Greater NY, discussed how to register or participate in a series program geared at fostering leadership skills in girls. Two volunteers are needed per level, from Daisies through Ambassadors (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls). If there are 6 or more leaders willing to get a program started, the Girl Scouts will visit and help with the program. Ms. Smith discussed her daughter Sienna, an Ambassador, who has collected 4,542 pairs of shoes for children in Haiti. Her goal is to collect 7,500 pairs of shoes. 4,000 pairs of shoes are already in Haiti. Ms. Smith introduced her daughter and pledged that she will pick up shoes if anyone is interested in donating. Flyers were provided.
- 6 – Yojaira Alvarez, Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Civilian Complaint Review Board. The City Agency is independent of the NYPD and is comprised of civilians, mostly investigators and attorneys, who investigate complaints against the NYPD. Most offenses are for abuse of force, abusive language, etc., and can be made via 311 or 1-800-341-2272 or by filing a complaint at a local precinct.
- 7 – Leslie Brown, Library Manager of the Co-op City Branch, NYPL, discussed the need for continued funding and support for libraries. NYPL needs increased attendance at the programs that have been implemented since the NYPL received its funding.
- 8 – Mr. Barnard, a resident, who did not complete a speaker's card, requested that a petition be circulated in the neighborhood against food vendors that are popping up in the area. Rents are high for area merchants and food vendors are taking their business. The possibility of having a vendor free zone would be desirable.

A Motion to close the Public Participation segment of the meeting was proposed by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Chirico. All were in favor.

Mr. Prince thanked the Pelham Grand for hosting the meeting.

Ariel Alvarez, of Council Member Vacca's Office, had no report.

Tana Otocheco, of Council Member Palma's Office, had no report.

Leon Tulton, of Assemblyman Benedetto's Office addressed the Board and announced that seniors 62 and over can obtain free tax prep service at Assemblyman Benedetto's Office if they earn \$50,000 or less. Those interested, please call 718 892 2235 for the Tremont Avenue office or 718 322 2220 for the Co- op City office. Services are available through March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tulton further discussed two state initiatives discussed during the Governor's State of the State Address which provide debt relief to recent college graduates. The "NYS Get on your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program" provides up to 24 months of federal student loan debt relief to New York State residents who graduate from a NYS university after December, 2014; the "NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program" rewards the top 10% of High School Graduates with free enrolment in a CUNY or SUNY College. Applications are available online at the higher education service site. Flyers are available on the back table.

Mr. Chin inquired if Assemblyman Benedetto's office had State Tax Forms available. Mr. Tulton agreed to print the forms for him, but cannot print the 76 page instruction booklet. NYPL did order the forms but still has not received them.

Dan Hogle of Senator Klein's office announced the Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM to 10 AM at the Villa Barone Manor and the Fundamentals Of Gardening on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call the Senator's office at 718 822-2049 to register for these events.

Mr. Prince recognized Pat Rocchio of the Bronx Times Reporter and introduced Kristine Lozada, the new employee of Bronx Community Board 10.

#### **BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Toledo

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President's website: [bronxboropres@nyc.gov](mailto:bronxboropres@nyc.gov).

Mr. Toledo announced that the State of the Borough Address was delivered earlier today. In 2015 two billion dollars have been invested in the borough. 23,000 units of new housing have been designated. The Borough President announced that he will allocate ten million dollars of his own capital funding to the redevelopment of the historic Orchard Beach Pavilion. Mr. Toledo also discussed the development of concrete platforms over rail yards to be used for parkland and to build housing. There are three areas being considered: the rail yard near Lehman College, at West 240<sup>th</sup> Street and at 149<sup>th</sup> Street. The Lehman College site is the most feasible. Mr. Toledo reminded those Board Members who are up for reappointment to please submit their paperwork otherwise terms will expire on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kearns thanked Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Senator Klein for the monies dedicated to Orchard Beach. Mr. Misiurski, the Planning and Budget Committee Chair, stated that the Board had long sought funding for the renovation of the pavilion for a performing arts center. Mr. Misiurski also thanked the Borough President and Senator Klein enthusiastically.

Rev. Lillian Vargas, of Sen. Ruben Diaz, Sr.'s Office, submitted flyers on a number of important programs including Crime Victim and Domestic Violence Services, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services and Bronx Independent Living Services.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Kearns

Mr. Kearns once again thanked Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Senator Klein for funding the redevelopment of the pavilion at Orchard Beach. Mr. Kearns spoke of his happiness with having something the Board has requested for so many years receive funding and noted that this is a significant occurrence not only for Board 10 but for the entire Bronx.

Mr. Kearns discussed the Board's Budget Priorities which were returned from the Mayor's Office with responses which were noncommittal or negative. Much work is entailed in comprising the Board's Budget Priorities and it is disconcerting that nothing was granted to our Board.

Mr. Kearns again introduced Kristine Lozada, who will be joining the Board staff. He conveyed that the Board Office is busy and that the Economic Development Committee is working on more stringent stipulations which will be further discussed in that committee's report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince

The Committee met on February 8, 2016. Mr. Prince indicated that his minutes are self explanatory and welcomed any questions concerning them.

Mr. Prince reported that there is a quorum and our first committee report is the By-Laws Committee. He noted that Mr. Provetto will be replaced by Mr. Marano and that the proposal posed by Mrs. Musano has been corrected and will be put on the table.

Mr. Prince discussed ongoing problems with the 311 system and their difficulties in finding locations that cannot be defined by an address or intersection. He indicated that response times to 311 complaints are not timely. The Board Office can utilize 311 and follow up on complaint numbers with the agency involved. The Board will contact the Public Advocate's Office concerning fixing the 311 issues. He referred all to a letter in the packet to Public Advocate Letitia James in which the Board advocates for proper recognition. Mr. Prince intends to meet with the Public Advocate and other public officials to discuss matters important to the Board. In the coming months elections of Committee Chairs are scheduled. It is important to the Board that Committee Chairs be present at their meetings to oversee the business of the Committee. Please keep this in mind when electing or re-electing Committee Chairs.

Annie Boller inquired if a press release concerning Bus Bulbs was going to be done. Mr. Prince noted that the Board is working with the merchants. Mr. Chirico indicated that the Board needs to stop the bus bulb installations. They pose more of a danger than the safety measure they are aimed at providing. They pose issue for the merchants, drivers and emergency vehicles trying to move through the area. Mr. Prince responded that the Board's decision was to not support the Bus Bulbs, but DOT installed them anyway. The Board was notified that they were going to be installed. Now that they are being installed we need to work with the merchants and ensure that the maintenance of the bus bulbs does not become a burden to them. Mr. Bieder interjected that the Executive Committee had decided to hold an immediate press conference to stop the bus bulbs. Mr. Prince responded that after reviewing the entire file, Mr. Bieder was

supposed to have formed a subcommittee to monitor the bus bulb issue. Mr. Bieder responded by telling Mr. Prince not to put the blame on him and asked why Mr. Prince was overstepping his authority by not carrying out the decision of the Executive Committee to hold a press event and insisted that the whole Board had the right to know how the issue was being handled. Mr. Prince indicated that the Board is being informed and the Board is working with the merchants. A brief heated exchange resulted in moving on with the Board meeting.

**AD-HOC BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Ponder

Mr. Ponder reported that the Committee met on January 28, 2016. He wished all a Happy Valentine's Day. Mr. Ponder referred to the notes and an amended edition of Mrs. Musano's suggestion. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend. Mr. Ponder congratulated and welcomed Mr. Marano to the Committee.

**HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Sullivan

The Committee meeting for February was postponed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince for Mr. McQuade

Mr. Prince reported that the stipulations were sent out to bar owners in the community. The bar owners were invited to the committee meeting and gave their input to the stipulations. There is a copy in everyone's folder. It was a positive meeting and going forward the stipulations will be beneficial.

The Committee met on February 3, 2016. At this meeting, new and renewal liquor licenses for the establishments below were discussed and resulted in the following Resolutions:

**For Renewals:**

**“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:

\*Sammy's Fishbox Restaurant, 41 City Island Ave, 10464, between Horton & Rochelle Sts., License # 1004282, which expires on 02/28/16.

\*Seashore Restaurant Corp., 581-593 City Island Ave., 10464, between Bridge & Cross Sts., License #1004284, which expires on 02/28/16.

\*Throggs Neck Clipper, 3599-3603 E. Tremont Ave., 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls., License #1004076, which expires on 03/31/16

\*Wicked Wolf, 4029 E. Tremont Ave., 10465, between Gerber Place & Miles Ave., License #1200702, which expires on 04/30/16.

\*Kai Asian Bistro, 1475 Williamsbridge Rd., 10461, between St. Raymond & Chesbrough Aves., License #1276032, which expires on 02/29/16.”

A motion to accept the resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Chirico and unanimously approved.

**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:

\*Turtle Cove Golf Center, 1 City Island Road, 10464, between Shore Road & Park Drive, License #NEW”

A motion to accept the resolution for the new license was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Kearns responded to an inquiry on the former Nicki’s Beer Garden, that it can open as a restaurant but cannot sell liquor since it does not have a valid liquor license. The police have been checking on it. It is under new management and they have not been serving.

**YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder

Mr. Bieder reported that the Committee met on February 16, 2016 and presented the Yankee Youth Leadership Scholarship Awards to five recipients. The following students are examples of the wonderful young people assuming leadership roles in our community:

Alyssa Velazquez of Preston High School  
Rachel Hall of Monsignor Scanlon High School  
Shaquille Henry of Westchester Square Academy  
Adalis Lopez of Renaissance High School  
Samantha Omolaiye of Truman High School

It is also interesting that these exemplary young people come from private, public and charter schools. There is room for various types of education in our community. Our Yankee Youth Leadership Scholarship Award winners will also be recognized on the field at an upcoming Yankee home game and it is a thrill to present these awards.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Kearns for Mr. Russo

Mr. Kearns reported that the Committee met on February 9, 2016. He introduced two taxi companies. One is the Zeros/Crosby Cab Company which has been in this community for forty years. They are renewing their license. The other company is new and deals solely with medical referrals. The new company is based in the Parkchester area:

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the taxi base license applications for the following companies Economy Car Service and Tremont Dispatching Corp. be approved by the Committee and that this information be forwarded to the full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the resolution for the taxi base license applications was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved.

**“Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street activity permit be approved and that this information be forwarded to the full Board for its approval:

- Event # 263807 – Movie and Family Nights at the Square – will be held on five different dates: 5/6/16, 6/4/16, 7/9/16, 9/10/16 and 10/7/16 from 4:00 PM through 9:00 PM. Set up time is 2 PM. Movie Family Nights will take place on Lane Avenue between Westchester Avenue and East Tremont Avenue. Contact Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square Bid. This event is part of the DOT Weekend Walks Program.
- Event #261657 – Section 2 Fun Day – 6/18/2016 from 12:00 Noon through 8:00 p.m.; setup time is 9:00 a.m. and will take place on Casals Place between Carver Loop and Carver Loop. Contact Gail Sharbaan for information.”

A motion to accept the resolution for the street activity permits was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved.

Erin Godwin, Urban Fellow from New York University, presented a preliminary plan for improvement of traffic patterns in Pelham Bay. This presentation incorporated many suggestions from the East Bronx Coalition on Traffic and a local civic activist, now deceased, Joseph Otto. Ms. Godwin was given additional suggestions and will present the plan again next month.

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Kearns for Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on February 1, 2016. The Parks Department gave an interactive presentation on the *Parks without Borders Program*. Our Board’s suggestion for the program will be Ferry Point Park. The bathrooms at Ferry Point Park are finally being constructed. Council member Vacca will be funding cycling equipment for public use at Bicentennial Veterans’ Memorial Park by Edgewater Park. Council member Vacca will also be funding three very beautiful plantings to be installed at Amendola Plaza. The Board is very appreciative of his support.

**PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mr. Misiurski

The Committee held a Public Hearing on February 10, 2016 on the Mayor’s response to the FY2017 Budget for Community Board 10. The Board is mandated to have a public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget which we carefully prepared for several months. Nothing that we requested was granted. That is why the Board is so thankful for the Borough President’s action on Orchard Beach improvements. The Mayor’s response to this year’s requests was a poorly prepared response. Our document was fully thought out and carefully worded. Their responses were not thoughtful. Now we can cite the Borough President’s contributions in our letter to the Mayor. When our Political leaders support our requests it sets an example to the Mayor’s Office. Mr. Prince deferred to Mr. Kearns for further details. Mr. Kearns reported that the Board submitted a newly formatted, 48 page report. Our requests were for very important measures of resiliency for our water bound Board. The Mayor’s Office of Resiliency has not given any response to Mr Negret’s report on our boards resiliency needs. We are asking our elected officials to assist us in making known how vulnerable our Board area is. We were somewhat lucky during Super Storm Sandy, but had the winds changed, our Board area would have been hard hit.

We will have the Mayor's letter ready for the next Board Meeting for Board approval.

**HEALTH/HUMAN/VETERAN SERVICES:** Mrs. Hunt

The Committee did not meet in February. Our next meeting is on March 16, 2016. Our speaker will be Chrys Napolitano who will be speaking about the community green share program to accentuate healthy eating. We are hoping to have a healthy walk on April 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Maritime. February is Healthy Heart month. Women may have different heart attack symptoms than men. Check your blood pressure.

Mr. Salimbene reported on Veteran's Services. He reported progress in caring for homeless veterans and enhancing and increasing the volunteer presence at the James J. Peters Veterans' Hospital. The Borough President's Office is working with a Veteran Advisory Board to produce a Veteran's Resource Guide which will streamline the former Veterans Resource Guide. These guides will be a useful resource for our Veterans and will be available at all Community Board for distribution. Mr. Kearns indicated that Board 10 had already ordered guides.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Prince returned to the issue of Bus Bulbs. The Board disapproved the bus bulbs, but DOT notified the Board that they were being installed despite our objection. Now that they are in, DOT will not remove them. We are now trying to work with the business owners and make sure that they are not held responsible for maintenance of, or liability for, the bus bulbs. The Board needs to work together with vendors to do what we can to assist them. The vendors realize that the city is not tearing up the bus bulbs. Mr. Prince apologized for not having a unified Board discussion at the meeting.

Mrs. Musano spoke in agreement with earlier speakers that the bus bulbs are dangerous. She requests that the record reflect that the Board does not support the bus bulbs and that we consider their installation hazardous. Mr. Prince responded by saying that the Board was supposed to have a committee to work with the merchants on the bus bulb issues, but that didn't happen. Mrs. Musano requested that going forward the Board write a letter reiterating our position against what we consider dangerous structures. Mr. Prince indicated that the letter he has written is aimed at protecting merchants from being held liable if someone gets hurt on the bus bulb and for maintenance responsibility. Mr. Kearns stated that the bus bulbs are too big and are incorrectly pitched. On Zerega Avenue the bulbs are draining towards the vendors' property which may cause flooding. Mr. Kearns discussed the Levantol Memorandum which is an understanding between agencies, pertaining to responsibilities. MTA is responsible for the area around subway station stairs. DSNY is responsible for the garbage can on the corner by the bus stop and to sweep when doing general rounds. DOT is responsible for sidewalk repairs. Ms. Acampora stated that someone is going to get killed when driving and not expecting the bus bulb. The lighting is terrible. Ms. Acampora stated that there is no notice to drivers that a bus bulb is ahead until they are upon the bus bulb. Mr. Prince responded that we have to work with the city to provide lighting, or see their lighting plan. The Board did not have a plan B if DOT didn't agree with our No vote regarding bus bulbs. The Municipal Services Committee has work to do in making sure that the bus bulbs are properly lit and that proper signage is erected to make them safer. Mr. Prince noted that it is dangerous for bus riders to wait in the street. Mr. Prince indicated that we must monitor the bus bulb construction. Mary Jane stated that she is fearful that



someone can be killed. Mr. Prince replied that the Board was so focused on saying no that we didn't think of asking for other amenities and more control of what did go in. We must make suggestions and work to best benefit the neighborhood. Ms. Baez also requested a letter stating that we do not want the bus bulbs. Mr. Prince held up the letter included in the packets. Mr. Chirico inquired if it includes mention of the lighting problem, the safety issues, and the loss of parking issue. Mr. Prince explained that this letter is geared toward protecting the merchants from the liability and maintenance responsibility of the bus bulbs. He indicated that we must take one step at a time and that next month the Municipal Services Committee must take the next step. Dr Ponder inquired about the objective of the bus bulbs. Mr. Prince replied that it was to provide safety for pedestrians waiting for and disembarking from the bus. Going forward, if the Board votes no we have to back it up with alternative plans if the no is denied. Mr. Pricoli discussed the lack of time frames posted on the bus schedules in the Board area. Lighting has been a problem for years. Bus bulbs were erected in response to reckless driving in New York City. Mr. Pricoli stated that though he voted against them in deference to the merchants, as a pedestrian, he feels that the bus bulbs are a needed safety feature.

Mr. Prince indicated that all members have to work together and move toward positive change.

Mr. Bieder commented that he doesn't want to argue whether or not the bus bulbs are good. Part of the reason the Executive Committee requested a press conference was to stop the bus bulb scheduled to be installed. We want to prevent it. The Executive Committee decided to be proactive. The Executive Committee never discussed a letter. Mr. Bieder relayed that he was told that Mr. Prince was going to call downtown and Council member Vacca to stop the bus bulb scheduled for Castle Hill. Council Member Vacca had been successful in stopping the installation of a bus bulb elsewhere in the past. Mr. Bieder insisted that action can be taken. Mr. Prince apologized for the argumentative nature of the meeting. Mr. Pricoli suggested that important issues be addressed by the full Board and not the Executive Board.

Mr. Sullivan mentioned an example of fire pull boxes. Twenty years ago the City was supposed to do away with fire pull boxes, but they are still in use because the handicapped community was not considered at that time. It is an example that not all City initiatives are carried out as planned and that changes can be made. Mr. Sullivan feels that the Board can make things happen.

Ms. Semaj stated that she did not make the proposed By-Laws amendment which is attributed to her in the By-Laws Committee notes. She requested a correction of the minutes and conveyed dismay that meetings are being scheduled without consulting committee members. Ms. Semaj acknowledged that notice of the meeting had gone to all Board members, however, before joining the Committee, she had been told that members would be considered when scheduling meetings. Mr. Prince indicated that the entire table is going to be revised prior to the next By-Laws meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. He inquired if Ms. Semaj was available for that meeting. She is available but cannot arrive before 8 PM.

Mr. Pricoli had one item for old business. For the record he referenced an email and apologized for his comments and stated that he believes that Chairs should have the right to redo the committee meeting minutes. He has respect for all chairs and publicly apologized.

Dr. Ponder and Ms. Semaj had a brief disagreement over the minutes of the By-Laws meeting.

Motion to close the February 18, 2016 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Noreen H. Kilkenny