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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

March 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Pilot Cove Manor

160 Pilot Street

Bronx, NY 10464

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, A. Boller, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, V.M. Gallagher, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, A. Ponder, J.M. Provetto, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, A. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, R. Talarico, M. Velazquez
(total # present =29)

ABSENT: L. Burrowes, M. Davila, P. Devine, I. Guanill-Elukowich, L. Goldstein, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. McQuade, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, E. Primavera, M. Prince, M. Prohaska, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan, E. Torres (total # absent =20)

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
Michael Rivadeneyra- Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

Board #10 Staff: Kenneth Kearns - District Manager
Susan Duffy

Second Vice Chair Anthony Salimbene began the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 - R. Janaccio, City Island Resident: thanked the Board for being more transparent with updates to its website; offered a suggestion that Community Boards work together and share recommendations for improvement.
- 2 - D. Poggi, Ferry Point Park: is requesting No Standing signage along Brush Avenue to be 24-hours, not 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. Truck traffic and noise is affecting quality of life in the community and the amending of the signage and Board intervention is requested.

- 3 - L. Rocco, WSCA: discussed the quality of life issues in the community and expressed the lack of support from NYPD, Community Board, elected officials; too many good people of the community are leaving because of the lack of support.
- 4 - A. Boller, CB #10 member: thanked Mr. Salimbene for his efforts in reaching out to the Board members to march in the March 13, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Throggs Neck.
- 5 - D. Hogle, Office of Sen. J. Klein: the Senator is sponsoring a gardening class on April 2, 2016 at the NYBG; Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Noon, Stand Up Against the Violence Rally (SUV) at the Throggs Neck Houses.
- 6 - B. Silverman, Co-op City Resident and Coalition to Save Affordable Housing: There will be a dance in Co-op City on April 16, 2016, \$30 per ticket; contact Mr. Silberman at 120 Benchley Place, 10475.
- 7 - E. Sementilli: Mr. Sementilli notified the community that he was interviewed by News 12 concerning efforts to take back Pelham Bay; he'd like to have the benches returned to Keane Square Park and noted that the lack of seating hurts the seniors and punishes the good people of Pelham Bay for over two years. Mr. Sementilli added that more discussion on the proposed liquor license stipulations is needed and the letter in the meeting material packet should not be sent. The revisions do not fix the problems with the problematic establishments and punish those that abide by the rules.
- 8 - P. Derasmo, National Homeowner and Landlord Association: helping small landlords homeowners managing property; free to low cost services.
- 9 - V. Loban, Executive Director, Daybreak Independence Svc. Inc.: Spoke about the Individualized Residence Alternative (IRA) proposed for 241 Buttrick Avenue. There will be six individuals living with the autism spectrum in the residence, who will leave Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. for their daily activity, on weekend there will be local trips.
- 10 - B. Blackmore, Buttrick Avenue homeowner: questioned the lack of information forthcoming with respect to the home and its inhabitants; stated that the existing structure is unsound; is against the home.
- 11 - A. Martinez, Buttrick Avenue homeowner: against the home, questions the safety of area residence; wants to keep his family safe.
- 12 - Z. Keaton and X. Edwards, Special Citizens Futures: planning to open and IRA home at 1538 Crosby Avenue for three individuals with the autism spectrum; introduced two current clients living with autism; clients will be supervised at all times, daily activities include employment leave in the morning and return in late afternoon from daily activities.
- 13 - M. Viera-Delgado, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: discussed the Zika Virus and the precautions that individuals should take if travelling to countries where the Virus is widespread.

A motion to close the Public Participation section was made by Mr. Rocco, seconded by Mr. Talarico and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the February 18, 2016 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Hunt, 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.

Community Board reappointment notices to be mailed late April - early May. Council members have received applications for new CB members and reappointments.

In the State of the Borough address in February the Borough President has taken the lead on the redevelopment of Orchard Beach in that his office has committed \$10 million dollars. The overall project will cost upwards of \$140 million dollars. In addition BP Diaz proposed that the Department of Education be responsible for the cost of remedial classes for public high school graduates at CUNY. BP Diaz and Brooklyn BP Adams submitted an OP ED piece in the Daily News calling for expanded testing for gifted/talented programs for children in public universal pre-K programs.

Bronx Week will be May 5-15, 2016 and planning is underway.

Mr. Misiurski thanked the Borough President's office for dedicating seed money for Orchard Beach.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

Mr. Kearns thanked Mrs. Gallagher for providing the room for the Board meeting.

The letter contained in the meeting materials packet to the Mayor on the Board's response to the FY 2017 Register of Capital and Expense Budget Requests is an annual effort. The Board is unhappy with the City's response in addressing the requests and the overall impression is that the City creates stock answers which do not address the actual request. For example, the Board's request for the Crystal Family Residence which included its address at 555 Hutchinson River Parkway came back with a response that an address was needed.

There will be a Stop the Violence rally on Saturday, March 19, 2016, Noon, at Throggs Neck Houses. The following is a Public Service Announcement from the NYC Department of Transportation and Council member Vacca's Office: On March 23 and 25 one north bound lane will be closed from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Pelham Bridge over the Hutchinson River Parkway for maintenance work.

Our Lady of the Assumption is opening up a food pantry, registration will be required and donations are being requested. Contact olahelpinghands@gmail.com or contact Dan Thaler at 718-824-5454 ext. 26 for additional details.

Reaction to Mayor's Housing Plan will be covered in the Housing and Zoning Committee report.

April 2nd – Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Walk sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 will start at 10 a.m. and will be on the grounds of the SUNY Maritime Campus on Pennyfield Avenue. Parking is available. Contact the Board office for additional information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Salimbene for Mr. Prince

The Committee did not meet in March and will meet on April 4, 2016.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Cantillo for Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Salimbene asked for prayers for the family of Mr. Sullivan.

The Committee meeting for February was held on February 23, 2016. The focus of this meeting was discussion on the Mayor's Housing Plan. Mr. Rivadeneyra of Council member Vacca's Office addressed the meeting and said that Council member Vacca felt that there were several problematic factors in the program. Mr. Rivadeneyra added that the Mayor and City Council have decided that parking will be not as restricted and income will be lowered to make it more affordable, and the Plan has not been voted on. The minutes from the February 23rd Committee meeting explain it in more detail. In addition it was noted that letters to Carl Weisbrod of the NYC Department of Planning as well as to all other NYC Community Boards were sent outlining CB #10's opposition to the Plan. The Board's main objection was insufficient parking, concern over the placement of housing in transit zones, income guidelines for the housing, a lack of planning for the infrastructure needs, concern over the LDGMA and the possible flipping of the housing into social service needs, i.e., homeless shelters.

Objection to the letter to Mr. Weisbrod was raised by Mr. Bieder in that it should not have gone out until it was voted on by the full Board. Mr. Kearns noted that it was voted on in Committee. Mr. Bieder added that in the future, letters voted on in Committee should be sent by Committee and not by the full Board unless a vote is taken at a full Board meeting. Mr. Kearns noted that it was a time sensitive matter.

A floor resolution was presented at the March 16, 2016 meeting for a unenclosed sidewalk café renewal for Jimmy Ryan's.

“Resolved...at the request of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the request for a renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café, Department of Consumer Affairs license # 1198574-DCA, consisting of seven tables and fourteen chairs for Jimmy Ryan's at 3005 Middletown Road, Bronx, NY 10461, be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the floor resolution for the unenclosed sidewalk café renewal was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Talarico and unanimously approved by all.

A request was sent to the Board by email from Mr. Sullivan asking that the Housing & Zoning Committee hold an election for Chair of the Committee at the full Board meeting on March 16, 2016. It was decided by the Board that this was a Committee matter and should be taken up at the Committee level.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mrs. Acampora for Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on March 2, 2016. At this meeting, new and renewal liquor licenses for the establishments below were discussed which resulted in resolutions coming from the Committee to be presented to the full Board for approval:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment 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 a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*Brewskies, 3718 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Dill Pl & Randall Ave, License #1260773, which expires on 03/31/16.”

A motion to accept the resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Papastefano, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

“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:

*Alley Cat Smokehouse, 3604 C E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls, License #NEW

*TAC Food Service, Orchard Beach-Satellite Buildings #5, #7, #10, 10464, License # NEW

*Legendary Bar & Grill, 3513 E Tremont Ave, 10465, Between Barkley Ave & Sommer Place, License #NEW.”

A motion to accept the resolution for new licenses was made by Mr. Papastefano, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

The revised stipulations, which are signed by all establishments, were read in Committee, point by point and accepted unanimously by the Committee.

Casa Restaurant and Acris Café were brought up. There were concerns about a letter sent to the State Liquor Authority about Casa and the use of a promoter for Acris Café. The Committee will research these issues in the future.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee did not meet in March and will meet in April.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Papastefanou for Mr. Russo

The Committee met on March 8, 2016. The following Street Activity Permit Applications were reviewed and unanimously approved in Committee: Community Day Block Party on August 27, 2016 from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Raymond's Avenue between E. Tremont Avenue and Williamsbridge Road; US Army 241st Birthday Party on June 12, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Buhre Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Pilgrim Avenue; Griswold Avenue Block Party on July 30, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Griswold Avenue, between MacDonough Place and Dwight Place.

“**Resolved...**at the Requests of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved and forwarded to the full Board: Community Day Block Party on August 27, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Raymond's Avenue between E. Tremont Avenue and Williamsbridge Road; US Army 241st Birthday Party on June 12, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Buhre Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Pilgrim Avenue; Griswold Avenue Block Party on July 30, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Griswold Avenue, between MacDonough Place and Dwight Place.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Talarico and unanimously approved by all.

Discussion began on the report prepared by Mrs. Godwin, the Urban Fellow who is working on a traffic mitigation plan for Pelham Bay. Mrs. Godwin had recommended seating be installed on Amendola Plaza and the Committee raised concerns about the homeless using the seating and not the commuters. Mrs. Godwin will amend her report to include the changes recommended by the Committee.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on March 7, 2016 and was chaired by Mr. Devine. The Minutes are self-explanatory. Mrs. Gallagher mentioned the work underway on the new bridge for City Island as well as the comfort station which is going to be installed in Ferry Point Park this year.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on March 9, 2016. There was no quorum at this meeting. A floor resolution is being presented to the full Board in response to the Register of Community Responses for FY 2017 which provides the Board's responses and is addressed to the Mayor. Mr. Misiurski discussed the importance of putting a report together for the Board's Capital and Expense Requests. Mr. Kearns mentioned that funding was made available for the elliptical buildings at Orchards Beach and waterfront resiliency measures in the community. Mr. Kearns added that One New York will be at the April 12, 2016 Municipal Services Committee to discuss the resiliency efforts.

A response to the Mayor on the Register of Community Responses for FY 2017 was presented in Committee but a quorum was not present and will be presented to the full Board for approval.

“Resolved...at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio outlining the responses to the Register of Community Responses for FY 2017 be presented to the full Board for their approval.”

A motion to accept the Floor Resolution to send the letter was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

Mr. Lucania noted that Mr. Kearns goes to great detail in preparing the Board’s annual response to the Mayor. At the meeting with the Borough President’s Office and the NYC Office of Management and Budget it was stated that the answers provided in the Register were inadequate and in the future these requests must be looked at more closely, with better responses provided.

Mr. Salimbene thanked Mr. Kearns, Mr. Misiurski and Mr. Accomando for their efforts in working on the responses.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs. Hunt

The Committee will meet on March 30, 2016. Ms. Chrys Napolitano of Locust Point will discuss the CSA program. The Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Walk will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 on the grounds of SUNY Maritime College, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged all to participate.

Mrs. Hunt noted that the Transcare Ambulance Service has been disbanded which resulted in the loss of eighteen ambulances to the borough and that the Board would be sending an inquiry letter on this subject to the officials.

Mr. Salimbene noted that he will be with the Borough President’s Office to discuss the establishment of a Mayor’s Office of Veterans Affairs.

The discussion turned to two new notifications received by the Board in February for two Individual Residence Alternatives (IRA) at 241 Buttrick Avenue, 10465 and 1538 Crosby Avenue, 10461 for individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Daybreak Independent Services is the service provider for the Buttrick Avenue site and Special Citizens Futures Unlimited will be the service provider for the Crosby Avenue site. There is a timing issue with a sales contract for the residence on Buttrick Avenue and the Board asked for assistance in reaching out to attendees at the meeting to get names and addresses of residents on Buttrick Avenue. One of the evening’s attendees stated that he thought the structure of the Buttrick Avenue residence was compromised. It was also added that the Buttrick Avenue site has major sewer line issues which will result in exorbitant renovation costs, and is a residence that is priced over market value.

Mrs. Lock recommended that a full Board public hearing be held on March 30, 2016 concerning both sites and this would alleviate the time constraint issues as well as resulting in a resolution either in support for or against each location. A location other than the Board office would be secured for this Hearing and distributed to the surrounding homeowners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Boller requested that the Municipal Services Committee minutes be amended to include Mr. J. Doyle, of the East Bronx Traffic Coalition as an attendee. It was also requested that the information contained in the proposal submitted by Mrs. Erin Godwin reflect the information about re-routing

buses down St. Paul Avenue. Mr. Kearns will create an addendum to the Municipal Services Committee minutes of March 8, 2016.

Mrs. Hunt discussed the dangerous driving conditions when making a left turn onto Westchester Avenue from Waters Place. Work on the underside of the bridge is affecting the flow of traffic and motorists don't realize initially that the outer lanes are closed until it is too late. Mrs. Hunt mentioned that a recent motorist's accident resulted in his fatality and thought it was due to the obstruction, but it was noted by Ms. Boller, that the motorist suffered a heart attack.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations Committee volunteers: Peter Sullivan for Chair, nominated by Mr. Bieder at the meeting and by Mr. Marano, Bishop Rosario, and Dr. Ponder via email; Irene Guanill-Elukowich and Naita Semaj as members via email, and Marjorie Velasquez as a member at the meeting on 3/16/2016. There was no vote at the meeting on acceptance of the Chair and Committee Members.

Dr. Ponder discussed the HASA Bill and its resolution which will allow those living with the HIV virus to receive transportation, housing, etc.; Dr. Ponder participated in the HIV Awareness Day in Albany.

Mrs. Musano expressed her dismay at the disbanding of the By-Laws Committee and requested that this Committee be reconvened and the members get back to working together.

Mrs. Musano addressed the location of an annex for PS 71. The DOT site at Continental Avenue and Pelham Parkway South for an early childhood center annex for PS 71 was proposed by the School Construction Authority (SCA) in the Fall of 2015. The Board held a public hearing with the result that the community was opposed to this site and communicated this to the SCA. There is confusion in the community about the location, with some under the impression that it would be in the park area behind the school, belonging to the Middletown Plaza. Mr. Kearns stated that the Board has not been advised as to a final location.

Mr. Bieder brought up concerns with a request that they be reflected in the Board meeting minutes: why the request for an executive board meeting was turned down and added that the By-Laws state only one-third of Committee membership is needed to hold a meeting; the proposed agenda submitted to the Chair be discussed at the Executive Board meeting and this included the inaccuracies contained in the letter sent to the State Liquor Authority in March 2015 concerning the vote of a liquor license for CASA Restaurant; the disbanding of the By-Laws Committee. Mr. Salimbene noted that these concerns would be reflected in the minutes with a request for discussion at the next Executive Board meeting on April 4, 2016.

Motion to close the March 16, 2016 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.