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Martin A. Prince  
Chairperson

### BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

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

P.S. 175

200 City Island Avenue

Bronx, NY 10464

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Lock, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M. Prince, J. Robert, N. Rosario, R. Sawyer, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 19)

**ABSENT:** R. Baez, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, A. Henry, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, R. Lifrieri, K. Lynch, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, L. Popovic, A. Ponder, J.M. Provetto, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Salimbene N. Semaj-Williams, E. Torres, (total # absent = 27)

**Community Liaisons:** Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Dylan Tragni - Office of Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj  
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter  
Michael Lambert - NYC Comptroller's Office  
John Doyle - NBHN/Jacobi  
Zenobia Garland, Heidi Oyuela - Phipps Town & Country Residence

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

A slide show by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, Percent for Art presented the conceptual design artwork for the new library at Westchester Square. Staff included Mr. Kendal Henry, Director, NYC Percent Art; Ms. Dora Blount, Public Art Project Coordinator with the NYC Department of Design and Construction and Mr. Steve Torrenti of the New York Public Library.

After the art presentation, Mr. Prince thanked the staff and principal of P.S. 175 for hosting the Board meeting as well as Mr. Scavello and Mr. Carman for the parking arrangements.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

- 1 – K. Crymes, resident of Tiemann Avenue: Ms. Crymes spoke in opposition on the proposed Baychester Plaza Development specifically about traffic on the highways and local roads; she requested that Boards 10 and 11 work together towards a different kind of development.
- 2 – L. Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association: Mr. Rocco addressed numerous issues such as the accident caused by speeding on E. Tremont Avenue near Lurting Avenue, wants more traffic calming and the Slow Zone speed humps were installed but claims that the markings are deficient. He worked with the WSBID in reporting snow removal. Mr. Rocco also noted the ADA noncompliance at libraries and parks. Mr. Rocco wants more jobs for the youth and more schools in the community. He feels that complaints are not taken seriously and wants more community involvement and quality of life issues are not being addressed.
- 3 – H. Rosario, District Leader, Primamerica Financial Services: offers assistance to families who are “mainstream”. Location information is 2350 Eastchester Road, [zumba1224@optonline.net](mailto:zumba1224@optonline.net) 917-945-7565.<sup>1</sup>
- 4 – E. Sementilli, Pelham Bay Safety and Improvement: Mr. Sementilli was in support of all the resolutions which were to be voted on at the March 16, 2017 meeting.
- 5 – L. Brown, NYPL, Baychester: Ms. Brown said to check the library’s website for programs. She also added that ongoing financial support for all NYPL is needed.
- 6 – I. Santos, former Board member and resident of City Island: Ms. Santos asked about the closing of the only pharmacy on the Island. Mr. Cantillo responded that rent became too expensive and the pharmacist and prescriptions have been transferred to the CVS pharmacy at Pelham Bay.

The following community liaisons announced upcoming events.

Michael Lambert, Deputy Comptroller for Public Affairs, NYC Comptroller’s Office: the office is recruiting for a Bronx Borough Director, call 212-669-4454 or email [mlambert@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:mlambert@comptroller.nyc.gov)

Dan Hogel of Senator Klein’s Office announced some upcoming events, such as the Easter Bunny Hunt and the Gardening Class. Call 718-822-2049 for additional information.

Leon Tulton of Assemblyman Benedetto’s Office announced some upcoming events such as free tax preparation services for individuals 62+ who are filing simply returns only, and an annual mammogram screening on 4/1 at the Baychester Library. Call 718-892-2235 for additional information.

Dylan Trangni of Assemblyman Gjonaj’s Office announced some upcoming events. There will be a Know Your Rights forum, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Gjonaj and Senator Klein, Graffiti Cleanup in the 49 Precinct and Bronx Day in Albany. Call 718-409-0109 for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> It is recommended that any potential clients research the company before contacting the organization.

John Doyle of the NBHN/Jacobi informed the community about the STOP THE BLEED event on 3/30 at 7 p.m. which will show attendees how to control bleeding and other traumatic wounds before medical help can arrive. The location is at Riverbay, 2049 Bartow Avenue.

Mr. Prince noted that on Monday March 20, 6:00 p.m. there will be a scoping meeting at 1950 Hutchinson River Parkway, Community Room concerning the renovations for Colucci Playground.

No motion to close the Public Participation Session could be made because there was no membership quorum.

No resolutions or committee reports were presented because there was no membership quorum.

**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](mailto:bronxboropres@nyc.gov).

Mr. Lucania advised that the District Services Committee minutes have been prepared and will be going out in a day or so.

Mr. Lucania thanked the Board for stepping up and getting things accomplished.

There are two upcoming events being sponsored by the Borough President.

- A Gifted and Talented Task Force meeting on March 20 with BP Diaz and BP Adams on specialized schools admission process.
- Womens History Month is being celebrated on March 23 at Manhattan College.
- Irish Heritage Day at Gaelic Park today, 3/16/17

SEARCH COMMITTEE – deadline on applications for the position of District Manager is 3/17/17. The Committee is meeting at end of the month to review the resumes.

Mr. Bieder's document on the Nominations and Elections were emailed to the Board members.

At the April full Board meeting, there will be voting with respect to nominations and elections and Resolutions.

Mr. Talarico, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, announced that he was resigning, effective immediately, from the Board because he has moved out of New York City.

Since there was no quorum, the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.