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Martin A. Prince  
Chairperson

### REVISED MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

May 18, 2017

U.F.T. Building

2500 Halsey Street,

Bronx, New York 10461

at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, L. Popovic, M. Prince, A. Ponder, N. Rosario, N. Sala, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 26)

*Note: the following Board members either arrived late or left early but this did not affect the number needed for quorum: Col. W. Chin; J. Onwu, L. Popovic; N. Semaj-Williams, M. Velazquez*

**ABSENT:** R. Baez, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, J. Marano, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, J. Misiurksi, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, S. Woods (total # absent = 15)

#### **Community Liaisons:**

Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter  
Lilyanna Pekic – Office of Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj  
Leslie Brown – New York Public Library  
Mariel Delacruz – NY Comptroller's Office  
Gianna Dell'Olio – Bronx Works  
Fabrice Armand – NYC Department of Corrections

#### **Board #10 Staff:**

Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.,  
Kristine Lozada, Susan Duffy

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair began with the Public Participation Session.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

- 1 – D. Thaler/S. Steiner: OLA Director of Choir and Pantry. 1634 Mahan Avenue. He briefly introduced himself and explained why he was going forward with the need of a food pantry. Helping Hands Food Pantry was opened one year ago. The food drive will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. They are reaching about 100 people a day by giving out food. They provided fliers for all in attendance with information regarding the food drive.
- 2 – J. Grennan: She came to thank the Economic Development Committee and the owner of Tosca for cleaning up the garbage and what they were doing before.
- 3 – B. Jean: President of the Throggs Neck Merchants Associate. He asked the community to give Toscas Café a chance. He also wants to do a food drive for the Helping Hands Food Pantry with the help of Tosca Café. He is holding the street fair on June 3, 2017.
- 4 – M. Liebman: owner of Tosca Café. She gave a brief description of why they are on a vote tonight: to gain a new Liquor License because one person is dropping off of it. She thanked Mrs. Grennan for coming together with them and asked the Board to approve the license. Mr. Sullivan raised an issue of the front of her establishment regarding planters.
- 5 – J. Gilmore: resident of Haskin Street. He discussed Made in Puerto Rico and his dissatisfaction with the establishment. Garbage on the street, bottles are left overnight and he is concerned about the children that live in the area. The workers from the establishment are smoking in the surrounding neighborhood and it is also affecting parking in the area. He is imploring the Board to vote the proposition of Made in Puerto Rico down.
- 6 – F. Armand: Director of Strategic Partnerships with the Department of Corrections. He came to speak on recruitment and hiring opportunities. There is a need for corrections officers; the city is moving fast to hire individuals. He spoke on starting salaries and the different positions available. They are open positions; therefore anyone who meets the requirements can apply.
- 7 – E. Sementilli: Thanked Tosca Café and the Merchant Association. He came to speak on Made in Puerto Rico and also on the current Chair. He is urging the Board members to vote to change the establishments. He voiced his concerns on bars and what the problems have been with these establishments. Mr. Prince responded with working with the bars as best as possible. The Board is doing the best it can to work with the community and make best with what is given.
- 8 – D. Martinez: resident of Haskin Street. She came to voice her concerns with Made in Puerto Rico. She agreed with Mr. Gilmore; she feels the establishment does not respect the community. She is not in support of the business expanding with the addition of tables and chairs.
- 9 – C. Santiago: resident of Haskin Street. He is voicing his concerns with Made in Puerto Rico. His children are not safe due to the fighting, smoking weed, and lewd actions being done by the patrons and workers of Made in Puerto Rico. He is very concerned with the way the situation is not being handled and asked that the establishment be shut down. He stated his children are not safe. Mr. Bieder invited him to the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council Meeting to voice his concerns. Mr. Prince also addressed the issues with Made in Puerto Rico. He is stating that this is the first time the Board is hearing about these complaints. If the Board is not informed about these complaints, they will not have them before them when it is voting. Mr. Sullivan addressed the issue: he explained that the Board did bring it before the establishment. There needs to be a petition brought around to the neighborhood for these establishments.

- 10 – J. Doyle: came to speak on Don Coqui. He spoke on the 3 stipulations that were asked of the establishment. He felt that those views were not taken into consideration and filed a complaint with the Bronx Borough President's Office.
- 11 – F. Alonzo: manager of Made in Puerto Rico. Stated he wants to make the establishment a better place. He also stated he lives in the community and wants to work with the residents. Mrs. Guanill-Elukowich questioned if he purchased the establishment and became the owner to which he responded with he is in the process of doing.
- 12 – D. Teran: resident of Haskin Street. He is concerned with the quality of life due to Made in Puerto Rico. He does not want the outdoor café because the quality of life is deteriorating.
- 13 – H. Acampora: resident of St. Peter's Avenue. She is speaking in regards to the Frisby Avenue traffic plan. She voiced her concerns on the large volume of traffic and the traffic issues that will ensue. She is imploring the Board to vote down the proposal that is before the Board for a vote tonight.
- 14 – J. Cerini: He began to speak on the Throggs Neck Merchants Association. He spoke on Tosca Café and what the establishment has agreed to follow a set of stipulations that will benefit the establishment such as: having a sound audit and sending all waiters to ADAP training. The Merchants Association will work with the establishments and the community members. Mrs. Musano decided to speak on how long it has taken Tosca Café to address the issues. A discussion began on the issues with the establishments Tosca Café and Made in Puerto Rico.
- 15 – L. Brown: NYPL Library. The library is asking for Capital funding to renovate their buildings to better serve their residents. They would also like to be open 7 days a week. If anyone would like to support go to library branch and sign a letter to petition having a branch opened Sundays in each councilman's district.
- 16 – M. Delacruz: NYC Comptroller's Office. A report was released in March: 1.1 million people in NYC are over the age of 65. The Comptroller's office is proposing that all eligible individuals over the age of 65 be automatically enrolled in SCRIE. There is also a proposal that there be an expansion in the senior citizen homeowner's tax exemption.

Announcements: A dual Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Fort Schuyler House at 7pm regarding a proposed group home at 2717 Gifford Avenue by Unique People Services and a ULURP hearing for Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge over Westchester Avenue. There will be outreach to the communities on those issues by notification in the Bronx Times Reporter as well as letters to the community surrounding 2717 Gifford Avenue.

Mr. Prince would like to prepare a letter to the Borough President's office commending Mr. Lucania for the excellent service he has given over the course of this last year.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Boiko, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2017 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando, and unanimously approved by all.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Lucania

Mr. Lucania thanked all who attended the Borough President’s Community Board Appreciation Event; over 200 people were present. It is Bronx Week and there are events taking place throughout the borough. The last Bronx Week events include: a health day, a stickball game that elected officials will be having at Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx Week Ball at Split Rock Pelham Bay Golf Course, and the parade along Moshulu Parkway. The Hall of Fame inductees will be given their signs and are Dr. Manny Villafana, Selenis Leyva, Funkmaster Flex, and Prince Royce. March’s unemployment numbers are at an all-time low for the borough at 5.7%. It was at 14.1% 8 years ago when the Borough President came into office.

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

Mr. Prince thanked UFT for allowing the Board to meet here. He then moved onto the list of elected officials who are in attendance.

G. Dell’Olio: Bronx Works. They are responsible for the street homeless population of the Bronx. If you see a homeless person in the street, call 311, and log calls. Bronx Works sends the homeless outreach team to attend to the homeless individual.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince

The Committee met on May 1, 2017.

The Nominations Committee met on May 15, 2017.

The following resolution is being presented to the Board for approval:

**“Resolved...**at the request of the incumbent 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of Bronx Community Board #10, that the recently devised attendance requirements take effect for the **2018** Nominations & Elections process. These attendance requirements shall not preclude any Board member from participating in the 2017 Nominations & Elections process and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A Motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Barbarelli.

The Board held a discussion on the subject of attendance; the attendance has always been a factor in a person’s eligibility. The Board proceeded to do a roll call vote on the Motion and the vote is as follows: 8 yes, 13 no, 2 abstentions. The Motion was not approved.

***The Resolution did not pass.***

Dr. Ponder led a discussion on the Nominations Committee that met on May 15, 2017. These are the CB10 Nominations:

**Chairperson:** Martin Prince (incumbent), Peter Sullivan, and Bob Bieder.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson:** John Marano (incumbent), Peter Sullivan, and Thomas Accomando.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson:** Irene Guanill-Elukowich.

**Secretary:** Peter Cantillo (incumbent), Alvin Ponder.

**Treasurer:** Marjorie Velazquez (incumbent), Alvin Ponder, Raquel Baez.

Mr. Barbarelli was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson by Mr. Misiurski, but he is not eligible. He stated that he does meet the requirements that allow a Board member to be eligible. However, it was stated that he is indeed not eligible.

Mr. Barbarelli nominated Mrs. Musano for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson; she respectfully declined.

Mr. Sullivan formally withdrew from his nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Barbarelli is not qualified to be eligible for any nomination.

Dr. Ponder respectfully declined his nominations for both Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Lynch nominated Mr. Bieder for Treasurer; Mr. Boiko seconded and Mr. Bieder accepted.

Mr. Barbarelli nominated Mr. Boiko for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson; it was seconded by Mr. Accomando and Mr. Boiko accepted.

Dr. Ponder requested the acceptance of the nominees present via roll call, to which they all accepted.

There was a Motion to close nominations by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Lock; it was unanimous.

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

The Committee met on May 9, 2017.

Mr. Chirico gave a brief discussion on committee meeting.

The following resolutions are being presented to the full Board on May 18, 2017

**“Resolved...**at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that BSA Application #21-10-BZ 2801 Roebling Avenue (aka Hutchinson River Parkway) 10461, Burger King that the request to building a drive through be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by and approved as follows: unanimous. ***The Resolution passed.***

**“Resolved...**at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that BSA Application #64-04-BZ, 2241 Westchester Avenue, 10462, Planet Fitness request for a time extension to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from NYC Department of Buildings be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and approved as follows: unanimous. *The Resolution passed.*

Mr. Sullivan gave a report on what transpired in the meeting regarding Made in Puerto Rico. The establishment was asked to close earlier, but they did not comply. The establishment did reduce the amount of tables and chairs to 15 tables and 30 chairs. The establishment did not provide a petition signed by members of the surrounding community supporting this request.

**“Resolved...**at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that the DCA Application 5106-2017-ASWC, Made in Puerto Rico, 3363 East Tremont Avenue, 10461, for a unenclosed sidewalk café consisting of 15 tables, 30 chairs as well as proof of no objection from the surrounding residents and business be forwarded to the full Board.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Hunt and approved as follows: 1 yes, 22 no, and 3 abstentions. *The Resolution did not pass.*

The By Laws have been signed by the Secretary, they are in effect, and will be sent out to the Board members.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on May 2, 2017. There were resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses.

**For Renewals:**

**“Resolved...**at the request 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 original Stipulations by signing them and agreeing to sign an amendment to the original Stipulations and further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority, along with the Resolution and vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:

\*Don Coqui, 565 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross 7 Bridge Sts, License #1268490, which expires on 04/30/2017. (NYPD Noise Complaints)

There was a Motion to table this Resolution back to committee made by Mr. Sullivan and was seconded by Mrs. Hunt. The vote is as follows: 20 yes, 4 opposed, 1 abstention. *The Resolution passed.*

**“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:”

\*Louie & Ernie’s Pizza, 1300 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Baisley & Waterbury Aves, License #1004498, which expires on 5/31/17.

\*McDermott's in the Neck, 3809 E Tremont Ave, between Randall & Schley Aves, License #1284850, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Fellas, 522 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross & Beach Sts, License #1004040, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Portofino Restaurant, 555 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross & Bridge Sts, License #1140821, which expires on 06/30/17.

\*CASA Restaurant, 3607 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls, License #1285582, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Bistro SK, 273 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License # 1250501, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Italia Café, 3009 Middletown Rd., 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1285889, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Bridges, 4100 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles & Lawton Ave, License # 1188949, which expires on 7/31/17.

\*American Turner Club, 748 Clarence Ave, 10465, between Philip & Randall Aves, License #1003335, which expires on 06/30/17.

\*Travesias, 3830-32-34 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley Ave & Lamport Pl, License #1285579, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Escape International, 1841 Hobart Ave, 10461, between Westchester & St Theresa Aves, License #1284323, which expires on 05/31/17.

\*Crosby Caribbean Restaurant, 1762 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Roberts Aves., License #1246173, which expires on 06/30/17.

\*Crab Shanty, 361 City Island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars & Tier Sts, License #1004053, which expires on 06/30/17.

\*George's Restaurant, 3000 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1189439, which expires on 07/31/17.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Boiko and approved as follows: 22 yes and 2 abstentions. ***The Resolution passed.***

#### **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:"

\*Tosca Café, 4038-4042 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles & Sampson Aves, License #NEW.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lynch and approved as follows: 23 yes and 1 abstention. ***The Resolution passed.***

**YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder  
The Committee met on May 15, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory.

“**Resolved...** at the request of the Youth Services and Education Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, the office staff will produce certificates for the Co-op City Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Hunt and approved as follows: unanimous. ***The Resolution passed.***

May 19, 2017: Health Fair at Owen Dolen Center.

There was a discussion on the May 15 meeting minutes.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando for Mr. Russo  
The Committee met on May 16, 2017. The following resolutions resulted from the meeting:

“**Resolved...** at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street activity permits be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

345110 Ellsworth Avenue 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Block Party Ellsworth Avenue between Fairmount And Baisley Avenues	July 8, 2017, 12 PM-9 PM Including setup and breakdown	Edward Gruber
347261 Spring Into Health Street Event Westchester Ave. between E. Tremont And Commerce Avenues – curb only	May 19, 2017, 2 PM- 6 PM Including setup and breakdown	Patrick Padgen NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
350600 2017 Harrington Avenue Block Party Between Mayflower and Edison Avenues	August 26, 2017, 12 -9 PM Including setup and Breakdown	Janine Fanciosa
_____ Morris Park SDA Church Health Fair Quincy Avenue, between Sampson and Miles Avenue (NOTE: Mr. DeMore is filing paperwork today and will bring copy of his application with ID Number.)	July 23, 2017, 12 – 5 PM	Anthony DeMore

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico and approved as follows: unanimously approved.



“**Resolved**... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the proposal submitted by NYC DOT to convert Frisby Avenue from East Tremont to Overing Street one way southbound be approved and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

There was a discussion on the plan for Frisby Avenue and the issues that would ensue if the direction of traffic is changed. There were several concerns on the matter discussed.

There was a Motion to table the Resolution back to committee made by Mrs. Acampora and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The vote is as follows: 16 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstentions. ***The Resolution passed.***

12. “**Resolved**... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 the request to remove the doctors only parking at the Montefiore Westchester Square Campus be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico and approved; it was unanimous. ***The Resolution passed.***

13. “**Resolved**... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be written to the Bronx Borough Commissioner of DOT requesting that a speed bump be placed on Mayflower Avenue between East Tremont Avenue and Waterbury Avenue and that this forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Prince and approved as follows: unanimous. ***The Resolution passed.***

14. “**Resolved**... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support for Best Deal Car Service II for a TLC license renewal be written to TLC and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Bishop Rosario and approved as follows: 20 yes and 1 abstention. ***The Resolution passed.***

15. “**Resolved**... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be written to the Bronx Borough Commissioner of DOT requesting that the right turn arrow on Country Club Road at Bruckner Boulevard going toward MacDonough Place be replaced with a new street marking showing a right turn as well as going straight, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Chirico and approved as follows: 18 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. ***The Resolution passed.***

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

The Committee meeting for May was postponed to June 12, 2017. At this meeting, NYC Parks & Recreations will present plans for Bufano Park on Waterbury Avenue.

**PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince for Mr. Misiurski  
The Committee meeting for May was postponed to June.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Bishop Rosario  
The Committee will meet on May 25, 2017. A Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Walk will be scheduled for September on the grounds of SUNY Maritime Campus.

The Board voted last month to send a letter out to elected officials in regards to the nurses association.

**VETERANS SERVICES:**

Col. Chin implored the Board to give recognition of the veterans on Memorial Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

If there is no quorum for the June 2017 full Board meeting, there will be a special meeting held.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion to Table a Motion to committee in regards to the hiring of Noreen Kilkenny as a full time staff member by Mr Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario. The vote is as follows: unanimous.  
*The Resolution passed.*

There was a discussion on the new members and when the starting date will be, however there was a discussion on providing a biological statement to provide to all members.

There was Motion to write a biographical statement of 200 words or less made by Bishop Rosario and seconded by Mrs. Guanill-Elukowich. The vote is as follows: unanimous. *The Resolution passed.*

Motion to close the May 18, 2017 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Kristine Lozada.