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Chairperson

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District Manager

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

MAY 21, 2015

7:30PM

Greek School

3573 Bruckner Boulevard South

Bronx, NY 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, A. Boller, L. Burrowes, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, L. Goldstein, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. McQuade, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, B. Pitt, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, M. Prince, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, (total # present = 34)

ABSENT: L. Blascovich, P. Cantillo, P. Devine, R. Kurz, C. Papastefanou, E. Primavera, M. Prohaska, J. Robert, N. Rosario, A. Santiago, M. Velazquez (total # absent =11)

Community Liaisons: Andy King - NYC Council Member
Jessica Reynoso - Office of Public Advocate Letitia James
Andy Toledo - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Daniel Hogel - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ann Noonan - Office of State Senator Rev. Ruben Diaz Sr.
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Arial Alvarez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:45PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

NYC Council Member Andy King addressed the Board briefly. He thanked the community for the opportunity to speak and offered the services of his office for the constituents that live in his Council District.

Ms. Ann Noonan, Chief of Staff for State Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., 32nd Senatorial District, briefly addressed the community and provided contact information 718-991-3161; anoonan@nysenate.gov.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 - Joseph Russo: addressed the community about an inflammatory email that circulated with misinformation about the NYC DOT traffic proposals, commentary that the Board was not in-line with the community and, in fact had already voted on the proposals. Mr. Russo advised that voting in committee does not make it final and must go to the full Board for a final vote.
- 2 - Petrina Caso for Lynn Gerbino, Throggs Neck Homeowners Association: read a statement on behalf of the Throggs Neck Homeowners Association's opposition to the traffic plan proposals from NYC DOT; association is against the proposals and wants the Board to vote against.
- 3 - Albert SanFillippo, Milea Buick GMC: against traffic plan proposals, businesses will be affected and traffic will be horrendous.
- 4 - Mike Pricoli: discussed the closure of the Middletown Road station on weekends after officially being reopened; complained about bus shuttle service in that it was not up to par with other station renovations; noted Labor Breakfast, Veterans Outreach and Samaritan Lifeline as productive events.
- 5 - Edward Angelino, Vice President – Throggs Neck Merchants Association: TNMA is against the traffic plan proposals which will result in traffic buildups; especially against the proposal to reducing traffic lanes.
- 6 - John Provetto: against traffic plan proposals, rush hours will become more problematic; asked audience to show a raise of hands against proposals.
- 7- John Cerini, business owner on E. Tremont Avenue: all businesses will be affected by traffic plan proposals; Fr. Norton, pastor of St. Benedict's is also against plan
- 8 - Egidio Sementilli, Pelham Bay Community Improvement and Safety Organization , Inc. (PBCISO): disputes ASCNYC comments about being only one against the Pelham Grand, submitted petitions to that effect; Pelham Bay community does not want this facility; still waiting to see contract; dissatisfaction with electeds; wants Council Member Vacca to resign.
- 9 - Leslie Brown, Baychester NYPL: support for funding needed for all libraries; summer reading kick-off at Mott Haven; hot spots for those without internet, call Ms. Brown at 718-379-6700 for information.
- 10 - Butch Nieves, owner of Fit Body Boot Camp, 3329 E. Tremont Avenue: against traffic plan proposals and added that businesses will be affected.
- 11 - Laura Leich, TNVAC: 5/30 sidewalk fare t-shirts, first aid kits; TNVAC is against DOT traffic calming.
- 12 - Lou Rocco, WSCA gave his minutes to speak to Egidio Sementilli: Vacca wants Pelham Grand to remain; accuses elected of taking money from owner of Pelham Grand; discussed the mental/behavioral issues of residents; wants to see senior housing, affordable housing

- 13 - Brian Paioli, homeowner on LaSalle Avenue: against DOT traffic calming proposal for East Tremont Avenue.
- 14 - John Doyle: wants community to have more participation with respect to the E. Tremont Avenue traffic proposals; noted that it took years for St. Paul Avenue in Pelham Bay to get to its current state.
- 15 - Michele Torrioni, President of Pelham Bay Tax Payers (PBTP): against traffic plan proposals, not good for community.
- 16 - Pastor Ray Serrano: On June 6, 2015 on the grounds of IS 192 there will be a free block party beginning at 11AM. Groceries, lunch, health and community services will be available to those needing them. Sponsored by the Life Together Fellowship Church and Crossway Christian Center in partnership with Phipps Neighborhood P & G Beacon, and NYC Dept of Youth/Community Development.
- 17 - William Muni: complained about trash along stores; dog feces; wants benches returned to Keane Square Park
- 18 - Gina Dell Olio: against traffic plan, Logan Avenue traffic issues; PS 14 to begin an expansion of building students to increase from 600 to 1000. Petition submitted.

Chairman Prince thanked DOT's Bronx Borough Commissioner and staff for their involvement and being available to address the community. Mr. Prince also thanked the community for their input as well.

A motion to close the public participation section was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the , 2015 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McQuade to have the Municipal Services Committee Report presented first.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Toledo

Additional information about on-going events sponsored by the Borough President can be found on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

Reappointment letters for Board membership will be sent out this week. New appointment letters will follow the week after.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

During the next two months preparations will be underway for the Board's Capital and Expense Budget Requests. The community is welcome to submit ideas as to what needs to be built and the maintenance of new and existing items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Committee met on May 5, 2015.

Mr. Prince noted that there is a discrepancy in the Board's By-Laws wording with respect to terms of service with elections taking place every year. Mr. Prince distributed the By-Laws at the Board meeting with a request that the portion referring to the terms for service and elections be reviewed by the membership at the June Board meeting. Clarification is needed as to the term limit and yearly elections. Mr. Prince requested that members contact him with questions and comments.

A discussion among members took place on clarification of a one or two year term with elections for each term. It was also added that a motion to create a By-Laws sub-committee could be established to go over the them, in entirety, and this could take place in the Fall. The Board is operating on By-Laws from 1996. In 2010, a change was voted on and passed but never written correctly into the By-Laws or sent to the membership.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

On May 14, 2015, Bronx Community Board #10 conducted a Public Hearing , under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) on the subject of the City Island Water Supply and Drainage Improvement on Capital Projects HED 564/SEX200400. For the purposes of the Public Hearing these projects were combined into one ULURP Application # C150205 PQX. A public roll call vote was taken by the members and the vote was sixteen, making the decision unanimous and affirming the Board's support for work to take place under the ULURP Application # C 150205 PQX.

After the public hearing, the Housing & Zoning Committee meeting took place. The minutes are self-explanatory. An owner of Havana Café advised at the full Board meeting that the renewal for the existing sidewalk café was to be done first; upon completion of that renewal, a revision to modify the sidewalk café will be submitted. The revision will entail eliminating the tables along LaSalle Avenue and moving them to the newly expanded exterior along E. Tremont Avenue. This move will alleviate the noise condition on LaSalle Avenue.

A vote was taken at the full Board meeting on the sidewalk café renewal with the following results: (10) ten yes, (3) three no, (2) two abstentions, and (1) one recusal.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Kearns for Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on May 6, 2015. At this meeting, new and renewal liquor licenses for the establishments below were discussed which resulted in a resolution coming from the Committee to be presented to the full Board for approval.

- Crab Shanty, 361 City Island Ave, 10465, between Reville & Tier Sts, License #1004053, which expires on 06/30/15.
- Patricia's, 3883 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between, Schley & Dewey Aves, License #1214591, which expires on 10/31/15 (License change to add liquor).
- Louie & Ernie's Pizza, 1300 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Waterbury & Baisley Aves, License #1004498, which expires on 05/30/15.
- Fellas, 522 City Island Ave, 10464, between, Cross & Beach Sts, License #1004040, which expires on 05/31/15.
- Trinity Danish Young People's Society, 808 Dean Ave, 10465, between Lafayette & Philip Ave, License #1004611, which expired 10/31/14 (Seasonal).
- American Turner Club, 748 Clarence Ave, 10465, between Philip & Randall Ave, License #1003335, which expires on 06/30/15.
- Honey's Thai Pavilion, 3036 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Hobart & Mahan Aves, License #1196947, which expires on 01/13/17. (License change to add liquor).
- Crosby Caribbean Restaurant, 1762 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Roberts Aves, License #1246173, which expires on 06/30/2015.
- Don Coqui, 565 City Island Ave, 10464, between Bridge & Cross Sts, License # 1268490, which expires on 04/30/15.
- George's Restaurant, 3000 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1189439, which expires on 07/31/15.
- Buhre Mini-Mart, 3056 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Jarvis & Hobart Aves, License #1212225, which expired on 01/31/15.
- Tosca Café, 4038-42 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between, License #1269423, which expires on 04/30/15.
- Capri II Pizza, 149 Dreiser Loop, 10475, between, Co-op City Blvd & Carver Loop, License #1003567, which expires on 07/31/15.
- Havana Café Snack Bar-Satellite Bldg-Sec 7, Orchard Beach, 10464, License #1256270, which expired on 11/30/14 (Seasonal).
- Havana Café-Arthur Ave Italian, Satellite Bldg-Sec 10, Orchard Beach, 10464, License #1262612, which expired on 11/30/14 (Seasonal).
- Havana Café-City island Seafood, Satellite Bldg-Sec 5, Orchard Beach, 10464, License #1262613, which expired on 11/30/14 (Seasonal).

- Remy 10608, 53 Westchester Sq., 10461, between Ponton & Roberts Ave, License #NEW (Formerly Legacy Bar).

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the above 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 and a copy placed in the Board’s file.”

A motion to accept the resolution for renewal and new licenses was made by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. Talarico and approved by a majority, with one recusal.

As a follow-up to the complaints about the Shamrock Inn, it was decided that a letter to the NYSLA will not be prepared; the complaints will be referred to the 45 Precinct.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on May 12, 2015. The following resolution was read:

“**Resolved**...At the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following Street Activity Permit applications be approved:

- Carnival of Love -July 11, 2015 between the hours of noon to 7:00 PM at St. Raymond Avenue between St. Peters Avenue and Overing Street
- Von Zipper Pig Roast - August 1, 2015 between the hours of 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Swinton Avenue between Cross Bronx Expressway and Philip Avenue
- 2015 Summer Fun Block Party – August 15, 2015 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 9:00 PM at Wilcox Avenue, between Philip Avenue and Randall Avenue
- Ferry Point Civic Association Block Party - August 22, 2015 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 9:00 pm at Rohr Place between the Hutchinson River Parkway and Brush Avenue
- Harrington Avenue Block Party - August 29, 2015 between the hours of noon to 9:00 PM at Harrington Avenue between Mayflower Avenue and Edison Avenue.”

A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all.

With respect to bioswales, the meeting minutes are self-explanatory.

Mr. Pricoli would like to see more pedestrian safety efforts from the MTA; Mr. Kearns noted that Bay Plaza management had requested that bus stops be redirected away from Applebee’s; Mr. Kearns will reach out to the MTA about these issues. The following resolution was read:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Committee conceptually support the extension of the #5 Bus Line into the Mall at Bay Plaza, with the expectation that the agency, after hearing the Committee’s concerns will return with an amended plan.”

A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder and approved by a majority of members, with one opposed.

Mr. Russo noted at the Committee meeting, a member of the Crystal Residence Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) stated that there were no representatives from the Board or electeds; Mr. Lynch would like to see local businesses being notified about future CAB meetings.

CB10 reached out to the NYC Department of Transportation for assistance in making E. Tremont safer for pedestrians and drivers. One result was a series of proposals from Westchester Avenue to Bruckner Boulevard which have been finalized into four resolutions. All four passed in Committee; votes were taken at the full Board meeting for each resolution with the results noted below. The Board members voting record is on the following page.

5. **“Resolved...** At the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee to support the New York City Department of Transportation proposal to convert the Hutchinson River Parkway service road from its present configuration to a one way southbound road from Roebling Street to E. Tremont Avenue, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for its consideration.”

Resolution **failed** to pass. **Vote** = (12) twelve yes, (16) sixteen no, (6) six abstentions. (34)

6. **“Resolved ...** At the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the painted island at the intersection of Ericson Place and E. Tremont Avenue be replaced by a concrete island, and that this be forwarded to the full board for its approval.”

Resolution **passed**. **Vote** = (30) thirty yes, (4) four no. (34)

7. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the plan to narrow the roadway at Whittemore Avenue, Puritan Avenue and E. Tremont Avenue (either with or without the “road diet” plan) be approved by the Committee and forwarded to the full Board for their review.”

Resolution **failed** to pass. **Vote** = (10) ten yes, (14) fourteen no, (9) nine abstentions. (33)

8. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the E. Tremont Avenue to Bruckner Boulevard plan referencing the narrowing of the roadway from four lanes to three lanes between Baisley Avenue and Waterbury Avenue along E. Tremont Avenue be approved, and that this information be forwarded to the full Board for its review.”

Resolution **failed** to pass. **Vote** = (3) three yes, (29) twenty-nine no, (1) one abstention. (33)



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COMMUNITY BOARD #10 Attendance Sheet

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BOARD MEMBER	Res 6	Res 8	Res 7	Res 5
Acampora, Hannah	Yes	N	N	NO
Bacz, Raquel	Yes	N	N	Yes
Barbarelli, Robert	Y	N	N	Yes
Bieder, Robert	Y	N	N	Yes
Blascovich, Leonard	Y	N	N	Y
Boller, Annie	NO	N	N	NO
Burrowes, Laverne	Y	N	N	ABST
Cantillo, Peter	Y	N	N	Y
Chin, Col. William	Y	N	Y	NO
Chirico, Andrew 10	NO	N	N	NO
Davila, Michele	Y	N	ABST	ABST
Devine, Pat	Y	N	N	Y
Gallagher, Virginia	Y	N	N	NO
Goldstein, Lewis	Y	N	AB	Yes
Guanill-Elukowich, Irene	Y	N	Y	Yes
Hunt, Deborah	Y	N	AB	ABST
Hunt, Deborah	Y	N	AB	ABST
Johnson, Monique	Y	N	AB	NO
Kurz, Robert	Y	N	AB	NO
Lifrieri, Rosemarie 19	Y	N	AB	NO
Lock, Diane	Y	N	N	Yes
Lynch, Kevin	Y	N	N	NO
Marano, John	Y	N	AB	NO
McQuade, James	Y	N	N	NO
McQuade, James	Y	N	N	NO
Misiurski, Julian	Y	N	N	NO
Musano, Mary Jane	Y	N	N	NO
Neddermeyer, Karl	Y	N	ABST	NO
Onwu, Joseph	Y	N	N	ABST
Papastefanou, Christos 28	Y	N	N	ABST
Pitt, Bahaati	Y	N	ABST	NO
Popovic, Louis	Y	N	Y	NO
Pricoli, Michael	Y	AB	Y	Yes
Primavera, Elaine	Y	N	N	Y
Prince, Martin	Y	NO	Y	Yes
Prohaska, Michael	Y	N	N	Y
Robert, John	Y	Yes	Y	Yes
Rodriguez, Ruben	Y	Yes	Y	Yes
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	Y	Yes	Y	Yes
Russo, Joseph X 40	Y	Yes	Y	Yes
Salimbene, Tony	Y	N	Y	Yes
Santiago, Alfredo	Y	N	N	Y
Sawyer, Reginald	Y	N	ABST	ABST
Semaj, Naita	Y	N	N	ABST
Sullivan, Peter	Y	N	N	NO
Talarico, Rocco	Y	N	Y	Yes
Velazquez, Marjorie 45	Y	N	Y	Y

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PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on May 11, 2015. Mr. Bieder chaired the meeting for Mrs. Gallagher. Construction is expected to start in September for a restroom in Ferry Point Park. Orchard Beach is opening this week. Staffing is down in all NYC Parks; Mr. Bieder asked that staffing be requested in the Board's Capital and Expense Budget Requests.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on May 12, 2015. The Board's internal budget was reviewed, but the Committee lacked a quorum. A floor Resolution will be offered at the general Board meeting:

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the internal budget of the Board be accepted and that this information be presented to the full Board.”

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

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs. Hunt

The Committee met on May 20, 2015. A June walk is being planned for the Greenway in Co-op City. Flyers will be distributed. Mrs. Hunt urged all to be aware of the dangers of too much sun; use sunscreen and visit your dermatologist.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on May 18, 2015. The procedure for the essay contest will be revised for 2016. Ms. Primavera has volunteered to serve as the Committee's liaison with the local schools. The Committee will work on better relationships between the Board and schools; the Committee would like to see Truman H.S. become a community school.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Gallagher

At the June 18, 2015 Board meeting, elections will be held for the following positions:

Community Board # 10 Nominations 2015 Elections		
Position	Nominated By	Terms In office @ this time
Chairperson		
Martin Prince	Peter Sullivan / Diane Lock	One Year
John Marano	Rocco Talarico / Andrew Chirico	None (with break starts over)
1st Vice Chairperson	Nominated By	Terms In office @ this time
John Marano	Peter Sullivan	One Year
Rocco Talarico	John Marano / Andrew Chirico	None (First Time Running For Any Positon)
2nd Vice Chairperson	Nominated By	Terms In office @ this time
Anthony Salimbene	John Marano	One Year ????
Diane Lock	Peter Sullivan	None (with break She starts over)
Treasurer	Nominated By	Terms In office @ this time
Peter Cantillo	Peter Sullivan	None (different position then he holds now)
Secretary	Nominated By	Terms In office @ this time
Karl Neddermeyer	Peter Sullivan	None (different position then he holds now)
Robert Barbarelli	Rocco Talarico	None (First Time Running For Any Positon)
Election shall be held at the June 2015 meeting, nominations shall be closed at the end of the May General Board meeting. The first position to be voted on will be Chairperson shall elected first, then 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair , Treasurer and Secretary. If anyone is running for more than one position, once voted into any position, they will have to withdraw their name from any other positions nominated for.		
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A motion to close the Nominations portion was made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Talarico.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers from the Board are needed to man a CB10 table at the May 30, 2015 Throggs Neck Merchants Fair.

Motion to close the May 21, 2015 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.