

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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Martin A. Prince Chairperson

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING June 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Providence Rest 3304 Waterbury Avenue Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT:
 H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. McQuade, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, M. Prince, A. Ponder, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 32)

The following Board member came in late and left early but was present for the Elections: J. Onwu The following Board member left early but was present for the Elections: N. Semaj-Williams

ABSENT:	V.M. Gallagher, C. Papastefanou, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, S. Woods
	(total # absent = 7)

<u>Community Liaisons:</u>	 Mark Gjonaj – Member, NYS Assembly Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein Kenneth Burgos - Office of Council Member Annabel Palma Josh Peacock – Mayor's Center for Faith & Community Partnerships, Small Business Services Josephine Crisotomo – ThriveNYC, Office of NYC Human Resource Administration Mariela Salazar – Montefiore Health Systems Zenobia Garland – Phipps Town and Country Residence Robert Wirsing - Bronx Times Reporter
<u>Board #10 Staff:</u>	Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Matt Cruz, District Manager

Susan Duffy, Kristine Lozada, CB #10 Staff

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.

Ruben Diaz, Jr. Borough President

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 J. Crisostomo, Engagement Specialist, Thrive NYC: discussed the mental health awareness effort by the Mayor's Office; training for individuals interested in careers as peer specialists mental health. Contact information: <u>www.thriveatwork.nyc</u>, 212-780-1400
- 2 E. Sementilli, Director, Pelham Bay Community Improvement and Safety Organization Inc.: Mr. Sementilli discussed the importance of tonight's election and problems with current leadership; urged Board members to vote for a change.
- J. Bellini, St. Paul Avenue: Mr. Bellini read a statement outlining his concerns about increased traffic volume/congestion and its effect on the Pelham Bay community, squatters on St. Paul Avenue, and the Pelham Grand residence. Mr. Bellini feels that the community has been neglected by the electeds and community board.
- 4 J. Peacock, Small Business Services, jpeacock@sbs.nyc.gov, (212) 788-2958: Mr. Peacock is part of the Mayor's Center for Faith and Community Partnerships. The Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council has catalyzed key partnerships between citywide and neighborhood based community leaders, leading to initiatives that have improved the lives of many New Yorkers.
- 5 L. Giraldi, Throgs Neck resident: Ms. Giraldi complained about street conditions and the unreliability of the #8 bus.
- 6 N. Thomas, Co-op City, Building 29 Association: Ms. Thomas's concern is the traffic issues with the Bay Plaza Mall as well as the proposed plans for the Baychester Mall in CB #12. Ms. Thomas would like Community Board #10 to be more vocal in opposing the Mall.
- 7 S. Dougherty, <u>shaun@crescentgrill.com</u>, 718-729-4040: advised the community about a New York Diocese Reconciliation Program for victims of sexual abuse, www.childsexabuse.org
- P. Hamilton Johnson: Ms. Hamilton-Johnson echoed the same concerns as Ms. Thomas (#6 above) concerning the Baychester Square Mall. She also added that there is a 12% vacancy rate in the Bay Plaza Mall and has reached out to the Borough President and City Planning. She would like Community Board #10 to be more vocal in opposing the Mall.
- 9 N. Joye, resident of Co-op City: interested in adult literacy programs within the community and would like to find out what resources are available
- 10 N. Sweeting, resident of Co-op City, Section 5: Mr. Sweeting wants to see new leadership on CB #10, and he added that there are problems in Section 5.
- M. Pricoli, former Board member: Mr. Pricoli spoke of his respect to the Board leadership and members. Mr. Pricoli informed the community about the Disability Pride Parade scheduled for 7/9/17; he added that HHC is laying off employees and continues to do so.
- 12 J. Cerini, owner of Bronx Tax Man Services: Mr. Cerini addressed the community about the property located at 3250 Westchester Avenue; he'd like the community to take a more active role in having building plans scaled down. He also addressed the issue of a 40-day time frame with

OPWDD and proposed group residences, and would like the community to have more information on the disabilities of potential residents going into these residences.

13 – Mark Gjonaj, member of NYS Assembly: Assemblyman Gjonaj thanked the Board and community for their efforts and is looking forward to working with and empowering the community. He acknowledged the concerns with the Health and Hospital Corporation. He works closely with Assemblyman Benedetto and Senator Klein on issues affecting their respective Boards.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously approved by all.

The elections for the positions of Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were held. Prior to the start of the election, Mr. Bieder withdrew his nominations for Chair and Treasurer. The results are as follows:

Chair:	M. Prince (1	11)	P. Sullivan	(19)	(1) Abstention	(8) Absent		
<u>1st Vice Chair:</u>	T. Accomando ((9)	J. Marano	(21)	(1) Abstention	(8) Absent		
2 nd Vice Chair:	J. Boiko	(9)	I. Elukowich	(22)	(1) Abstention	(7) Absent		
The two positions below were unchallenged, a show of hands affirmed the vote as follows:								
<u>Secretary</u> :	P. Cantillo (3)	31)			(1) Abstention	(7) Absent		
Treasurer:	M. Velazquez (3	31)			(1) Abstention	(7) Absent		

A motion to accept the revised Minutes from the May 18, 2017 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, 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: <u>bronxboropres@nyc.gov</u>.

Mr. Lucania thanked Mr. Prince for his service, congratulated Mr. Sullivan on his election as Chair and welcomed Mr. Cruz as District Manager.

He noted that Orchard Beach has opened for the season, fireworks will be on June 29, 2017 at 9:00 p.m. Plans for the reconstruction of the Pavilion will be reviewed. The joint effort with the Mayor, Parks Commissioner, Borough President's Office and the electeds was announced; it will be a 1.4 acre future park on the Hutchinson River adjacent to Co-op City with land donated by Riverbay.

Chairman Prince acknowledged the following representatives from the electeds offices as well as Ms. Garland from Phipps Town & Country Residence and Ms. Salazar from Montefiore Health Systems.

Dan Hogel, Office of State Senator Klein: 718-822-2049, tickets and wristbands are available for the June 29, 2017 Fireworks Event at Orchard Beach.

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Kenneth Burgos, Office of Council Member Palma: Rain barrel giveaway, call to RSVP at 718-792-1140.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Cruz

Mr. Cruz reminded the community and Board members that CB #10 is an NYC Agency and procedures will be followed. He noted that no one should distribute the personal email of any Board member unless permission is granted. He also stressed that meetings are not forums for electioneering.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Committee met on May 1 and June 5, 2017. The following resolution was voted on at the June 5, 2017 meeting.

"Resolved...at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the motion to table the discussion concerning office personnel to October 2017 be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder and voted on by a majority of members with (1) abstention. *The Resolution passed.*

"**Resolved...**at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that an evaluation form be used on an annual basis to review the District Manager, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

A motion to table this Resolution to September was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

A copy of the evaluation form will be attached to the June 15, 2017 minutes.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

On June 13, 2017 a Public Hearing was held on the matters below. These items do not have to be voted on at the full Board meeting because there was a quorum at the Public Hearing. Below are the resolutions and voting results.

"**Resolved**...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that ULURP # C 160253 MMX, Map Change on modification of legal grades on Westchester Ave between Waters Place and the Hutchinson River Parkway East Service Road be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

Mr. Bieder made a Motion to approve the ULURP; which was seconded by Mrs. Lock and **unanimously** approved by all.

"**Resolved**... at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that ULURP # N170425ZRY in which NYC Planning proposes a zoning text amendment to require a CPC Special Permit for new self-storage facilities within Designated Areas in M districts, which represent New York City's most active industrial area, to promote future availability of siting opportunities for industrial, more job intensive uses, be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

The resolution was approved by a majority of Board members, with one abstention. *The Resolution passed.*

More discussion to be held in the early Fall with the NYC Department of City Planning.

Unique People Services is a 27 year old housing agency that houses individuals that have special needs and cannot house themselves. Yvette Brisset-Andre is the Executive Director/CEO. The agency had clients speak with the Board and community members about their daily life and the ability to live close to family members due to Unique People Services' placement.

There was a Motion to approve the proposed group home by Mr. Cantillo and seconded by Mr. Accomando.

"**Resolved**...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Unique People Services proposal for a group residence at 2717 Gifford Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 for six developmentally disabled young women be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

The vote is as follows: 4 yes, 17 no, and 3 abstentions. The Resolution did not pass.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on June 6, 2017. There were resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses which will be presented at the full Board meeting because there was no quorum on June 6, 2017.

A floor motion concerning Made In Puerto Rico follows:

"Resolved...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be written to the NY State Liquor Authority advising that in 2015 the Board rejected Made in Puerto Rico's request for a liquor license and that this be forwarded to the full Board for its approval."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and approved by a majority of members with one abstention. *The Resolution passed.*

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:"

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*Ohana Restaurant, 500 City Island Ave, 10464, between Beach & Cross Sts, License #1166692, which expires on 07/31/17.

*Ohana Restaurant, 500 City Island Ave, 10464, between Beach & Cross Sts, License #1277313, which expires on 07/31/17.

*Lobster House, 691 Bridge St, 10464, between City Island & Minnieford Aves, License # 1219742, which expires on 06/30/17.

*Caridad Restaurant, 1436 Williamsbridge Rd, 10461, between St Raymond's & Halperin Aves, License #1117731, which expires on 6/30/17.

*Giovanni's Restaurant, 3209 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Wilkinson & Continental Aves, License # 1003953, which expires on 07/31/17.

*Sapito's, 3168 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Waterbury Ave & Latting St, License # 1162594, which expires on 07/31/17.

*Honey's Thai Pavilion, 3036 Westchester Ave, between Hobart & St Theresa Aves, License #1287273, which expires on 07/31/17.

*Paddy's on the Bay, 50 Pennyfield Ave, 10465, between Bevy & Alan Pls, License # 1250871, which expires on 07/31/17.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lynch and unanimously approved by all. *The Resolution passed.*

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:"

*Don Coqui, 565 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross 7 Bridge Sts, License #1268490, which expires on 04/30/2019. (NYPD Noise Complaints)

A motion to table the vote was made by Ms. Velazquez because of a Certificate of Occupancy issue. Prior to the vote on the above Resolution, discussions were held about sound and parking as well as the Occupancy. The Certificate of Occupancy matter has been resolved. Mr. Sullivan noted that Don Coqui has already received its renewal and if this is not voted on the "old" stipulations will remain in place. It was noted that Mr. Paul Gjonaj has reached out to the City Island Civic Association to start an on-going dialogue with the Association to address concerns/complaints; as of the current time, the Association has not returned any calls or emails. It was added that more stringent stipulations were signed by the management of Don Coqui, and the SLA had approved the renewal license in late April. As to parking, Mr. Gjonaj said that parking is run by a paid concession, and the customers are not charged for parking.

The motion made by Ms. Velazquez was not seconded.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and approved as by a majority of Board members, with two opposed and one abstention. *The Resolution passed*.

A recommendation was made to add a stipulation concerning parking. Another discussion began. Parking is a Department of Consumer Affair matter, not State Liquor Authority. A motion to table the matter for a future discussion was made by Mr. Boiko and Ms. Elukowich with the following roll call results: (12) in favor, (11) against and (6) abstentions. *The motion did not pass.*

The following New Licenses were broken down into individual Resolutions.

"**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 copies placed in the Board's file:

*Akshar Restaurant, 127 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Ferris Pl & E Tremont Ave, License #NEW.
Hours of Operation: Sunday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m; Thursday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.;
Method of Operation: Disc Jockey/Recorded Music (Formerly Shanghai Red)"

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and Ms. Baez with the following results: (15) in favor; (10) opposed and (3) abstentions. *The Resolution passed*.

"**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 copies placed in the Board's file:

*3764 E Tremont Rest Group, 3764 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #NEW.

Hours of Operation: Sunday – Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Thursday – 12:00 p.m. 2:00 a.m.; Friday – Saturday 12:00 p.m. 4:00 a.m. Method of Operation: Disc Jockey/Recorded Music (Formerly Cabo)"

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and Ms. Guanill-Elukowich with the following results: (11) in favor; (13) opposed and (3) abstentions. *The Resolution did not pass.*

"**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 copies placed in the Board's file:

*Boulevard Central Bar & Grill, 2918 Bruckner Blvd, 10465, between E Tremont & Edison Aves, License #NEW.

Hours of Operation: Sunday - Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. 3:00 a.m.; Method of Operation: Juke Box (Formerly Boulevard Tavern)"

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and Mr. Sullivan with the following results: (23) in favor; (1) opposed and (3) abstentions. *The Resolution passed.*

"**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 copies placed in the Board's file:

*Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Ave, 10464, between, between Ditmars & Bowne Sts, License # 1003334, which expires on 02/28/19. (Change in ABC Officer)"

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and Ms. Baez with the following results: (26) in favor and (1) abstentions. *The Resolution passed.*

The Economic Development Committee will have a meeting in July to review establishments that are applying for or renewing its liquor licenses. The following resolution was read.

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the full Board allow the Committee to forward their recommendations to the New York State Liquor Authority for the July 2017 meeting due to the time sensitive nature."

A motion was made to forward stipulations to the full Board prior to the Summer 2017 Economic Development Committee for their review and to respond if there are objections, concerns, etc. prior to the Committee meeting. Discussion on pros and cons of having a full Board 2017 Summer meeting and/or a 2017 Summer Committee meeting began. Chairman Prince noted that it is important to have the establishments sign the new stipulations which are then forwarded to the NY State Liquor Authority. By having a Summer meeting for liquor licenses, that information can be forwarded to the NY SLA. The City Charter, Section 2800 states that there is no requirement to hold Board meetings in the months of July and August. As a result of the discussions, the Resolution was amended.

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the full Board allow the Committee to forward their recommendations to the New York State Liquor Authority for the July 2017 meeting due to the time sensitive nature, and that the Board will receive copies of all new stipulations prior to this Committee meeting. It will be up to the Board members to forward any concerns to the Committee in a timely fashion."

A motion to accept the Resolution with an amendment with was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Lock and approved by a majority of members with one abstention. *The Resolution passed.*

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee will meet on June 19, 2017. Mr. Bieder mentioned the Best and Brightest event at Riverbay coordinated by Mr. Rod Saunders and Pastor Deborah Jenkins. He also thanked Mr. Patrick Caruso for creating the certificates. The Committee may meet over the summer to review proposals for community schools.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on June 13, 2017.

The following Street Activity Permits were voted on in Committee and passed.

"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."

354003	2 nd Annual Community Day Block Party Cross Bronx Expressway bet. E. Tremont and Dewey Aves.	9/17/201	7	10 AM – 4:00 PM 9 AM – 4:30 PM incl. setup and breakdown	Althea Esty
355209	911 Memorial E. Tremont Ave. between Gerber Pl. and Sampson Ave.	9/11/201	7	6 PM – 8 PM 5 PM – 9 PM	James McQuade
355566	Westcheser Square Back to School Giveaway Lane Ave. bet. Benson Street and E. Tremont Ave.	8/30/201	7	1 PM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM incl. setup and breakdown	Lisa Sorin
356196	St. Raymonds Block Party St. Raymonds Ave. bet. St. Peters Ave. and Overing St.	8/5/2017	,	1 PM – 7 PM 1 PM – 7:30 PM incl. setup and breakdown	Eduardo Martinez
356766	North Bronx Community BBQ Merritt Ave. bet. Tillotson and Givan Aves.	8/20/201	7	11:30 AM – 7 PM 11 AM – 7:30 PM incl. setup and breakdown	Carene Lawrence
358071	Lyon Ave 5 th block party Lyon Ave. between Glebe and Castle Hill Avenues	8/19/201	7	1PM – 9 PM 12:30 PM – 9 PM incl. setup and breakdown	Juana Enriquez
**358281	Metrourgicare Grand Opening * and Annual Health Fair Halperin Ave. between Williamsbridge Rd. & Blondell Ave	7/13/201710 AM – 3 PMGabriela Silverio7/8/20178 AM – 4 PM incl. setup and breakdown*Per Ms. DeSantis, SAPO Office, applicant will be changing her date to Saturday, July 8 th . System would not accept date under 30 days.			
***358519	Wilcox Ave. Block Party 8/26/20 Wilcox Ave. bet. Randall And Phillip Avenues		2:30 PM incl. setu breakdo	1	Michelle Covington

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**358281 – Notified applicant that 8 AM start is too early; must be 9 AM.

***358519 – Notified applicant that 11:30 PM end time is too late; must be by 9 PM. Applicant had Board email request to change the time to 12 Noon to 9 PM.

A motion to accept the Resolution for street activity permits was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and unanimously approved by all. *The Resolution passed*.

The NYC Department of Design and Construction presented plans to the Committee on the renovations to be done at 1400 Williamsbridge Road with a request for a letter of support.

"**Resolved**...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that the District Manager prepare a letter of support for the renovations of DOT's headquarters at 1400 Williamsbridge Road and forward it to the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Design and Construction."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Boiko, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all. *The Resolution passed.*

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Lynch

The Committee met on June 12, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Colucci Playground project was presented by NYC Parks and Recreation which resulted in the following resolution:

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the proposal presented by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for Colucci Park consisting of landscaping, installation of exercise equipment and seating be presented to the full Board for approval."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all. *The Resolution passed*.

A discussion on the proposed upgrades to the Co-op City Irrigation Project and the impact on the Little League field was also discussed with NYC Parks. In order to minimize the disruption to the Little League, work will be done in phases, starting in September.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince for Mr. Misiurski

The Planning and Budget Committee did not meet in June.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on May 25 and June 8, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Cruz will consolidate the two letters written concerning the services at Weiler and Moses Campus of Montefiore Medical Center. The Committee would like to have other Community Boards involved with supporting the letter.

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Public Hearing on the group home at 2717 Gifford Avenue did not pass. Ms. Guanill-Elukowich and Mr. Bieder are working with the provider to find alternate sites.

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Salimbene

Mr. Salimbene said the Veterans Services Committee is keeping in line with the Borough President's wish to have a Veterans Services Committee. He updated the community on the Committee's initiatives, including transportation services and Fischer House.

OLD BUSINESS:

Col. Chin discussed the opioid epidemic and how it is destroying families and communities; he would like to see more community involvement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sullivan offered a round of applause for all officers of the Board. Mr. Prince added that the Board is headed in a good direction and there are still many issues to resolve.

Motion to close the, 2017 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.