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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2014 P.S. 304 2750 LAFAYETTE AVENUE BRONX, NY 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, A. Boller, L. Burrowes, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, L. Goldstein, I. Guanill-Elukowich, C. Hughes, D. Hunt, R. Kurz, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. McQuade, J. Marano, , J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, M. Pricoli, M. Prince, J. Roberts, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, R. Sawyer, R. Talarico, M. Velazquez (total # present = 32)

ABSENT: L. Blascovich, P. Devine, M. Johnson, J. Miller, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer B. Pitt, L. Popovic, M. Prohaska, T. Salimbene, A. Santiago, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan (total # absent = 14)

Community Liaisons: Daniel Hogel - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Arial Alvarez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Tania Ochoteco - Office of Council Member Annabel Palma
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:40PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaison representatives were introduced and thanked for coming.

A moment of silence was offered on the passing of Board member Bill Heaney and former Chairman and Board member Tony Canatta.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 - Rich Vitacco, East Bronx History Forum, spoke of Bill Twomey and the naming of a street in his honor.
- 2 - Imani Brown, Program Coordinator for NYC, neighborhood grants program deadline for early January; more information at citizens.nyc.org, ibrown@citizens.nyc.org, 212-822-9567.

- 3 - Tania Ochoteco; spoke of the upcoming programs sponsored by Council member Palma's office; for additional information call 718-792-1140.

Motion to close the Public Participation Section was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Marano and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Kearns for Mr. Lucania

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

- Barnes and Noble will remain open in Co-op City for another 2 years
- 11/22/14 - Albania Independence Day, RSVP smalave@bronxbp.nyc.gov

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

Pelham Grand – ASC/NYC is currently providing transitional housing services for thirty individuals; the clients are transitioning out of medical facilities into traditional housing, learning life skills and being re-acclimated to the general population. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) needs members for the facility; Mr. Kearns noted the best way to monitor activity at the Pelham Grand is to have local residents join the CAC. Mr. Joseph Oddo is the head of the CAC and the Board will continue to attend the meetings.

Capri Hotel – DHS is starting to listen to the Board's request to remove signage and install security bars on windows; the Acacia Network Housing operates the facility and has been receptive to requests suggested by the Board; all of the children are attending school; cooking facilities are non-existent, food is brought in and served in the former restaurant; eleven clients have been placed in permanent housing to date; residents have received medical visits.

The Board is meeting with SUNY Maritime and the elected on November 24 to seek solutions to the student parking along Pennyfield Avenue.

On December 18, 2014 there will be a Community Board #10 Holiday Christmas Party at Lucca's Restaurant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

There was no Executive Committee meeting in November.

Mr. Prince has been attending the CAC meetings at the Pelham Grand; the interaction with residents at the Pelham Grand is eye-opening; the residents are interested in attending local

religious services, using local pharmacies for medications. The CAC needs to be worked on and all residents are welcome to join.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on November 10, 2014. The minutes are self-explanatory.

The following floor resolution was drafted at the Committee meeting and is presented to the full Board for its approval read:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that a Resolution be drafted representing all of the requests made by the applicants, who attended the November 10, 2014 Housing and Zoning Committee for the following: A request to approve the unenclosed sidewalk café permit of 7 tables and 22 chairs for Artie’s Steak and Seafood Restaurant at 394 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464; a request for a support letter to be sent to the New York City Department of City Planning, Bronx Office for the construction of two, two family homes at 1018-1020 Dean Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465; a letter to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals supporting the request of a special permit to operate a physical cultural establishment (PCE) Capital Fitness-Bay Plaza LLC at 200 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475, and that this Resolution be presented to the full board for its approval.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Talarico and unanimously approved by all.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on November 5, 2014. The minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolution regarding new and renewal liquor licenses was read.

“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 and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*Dallas BBQ, 2160 Bartow Ave, 10475, between, Co-op City Blvd & Hutchinson River Pkwy, License #1267619, which expires on 11/30/2014.

*Black Whale, 279 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License #NEW.

*Arties Streak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars & Reville Sts, License #1004063, which expires on 12/31/2014.

*Escape International, 1841 Hobart Ave, 10461, between Westchester & St Theresa Aves, License #NEW.

*Julesruby Loung, 135 Westchester Square, 10461, between Ferris Place & Commerce Ave, License #1267534.

*Scavello's on the Island, 101 City Island Ave, 10464, between Pilot & Marine Sts, License #NEW.

*Crosstown Diner, 2880 Bruckner Blvd, 10465, between E Tremont & Revere Aves, License #1004086, which expires on 12/31/2014.

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Lynch and approved by a majority of Board members.

The manager of La Cocina Boriqua and the building owner met with the Board and were instructed law enforcement will be contacted if the continuance of unruly, noisy patrons, loud music and double parked cars continues. The liquor license is not yet up for renewal.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 18, 2014. A spirited discussion with organizers of St. Theresa Feast took place; complaints will be addressed, advertising will not be as widespread as in the past. Concerns were raised about the incidents which took place outside the St. Theresa Feast: Mr. Russo said that security for the Feast will be tightened up for 2015.

The following Resolution was passed and is being referred to the Full Board for its consideration.

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

St. Theresa Feast, Wednesday, July 22, 2015 through July 26, 2015, 6 PM to 10 PM nightly, St. Theresa Avenue between Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road and Westchester Avenue, and Pilgrim Avenue between Santo Donato Place and Buhre Avenue.

City Island Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, June 6, 2015 through Sunday, June 7, 2015, 11 AM to 7 PM each day, City Island Avenue between Bay and Schofield Streets, no street closures, sidewalk sale.

City Island Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, September 19, 2015 through Sunday, September 20, 2015, 11 AM to 7 PM each day, City Island Avenue between Bay and Schofield Streets, no street closures, sidewalk sale.

Throgs Neck Little League Summer Festival and Flea Market, Thursday, June 25, 2015 through Sunday June 28, 2015, Thursday/Friday, 6 PM to 10 PM; Saturday and Sunday, 12 Noon to 10 PM, Throgs Neck Boulevard between Harding & Schurz Avenues.

Section 2 Fun Day, June 20, 2015, 12 Noon to 7:00 PM, Carver Loop between Co-op City Boulevard and Casals Place.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Lynch and approved by a majority of Board members.

A request and for a street overlay honoring Bill Twomey at the northeast corner of Revere Avenue and Dill Place to read "Bill Twomey Place" was approved and is presented to the full Board for its consideration.

"Resolved... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 to approve the installation of a street overlay at the northeast intersection of Revere Avenue and Dill Place to read "Bill Twomey Place" in honor of William "Bill" Twomey, author, columnist, historian and community activist."

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mrs. Lock, seconded by Mr. Papastefanou and unanimously approved by all.

Mr. Russo noted that the Waterbury Avenue Sewer Project is scheduled to resume and NYC DDC has been requested to provide a timeline for the January Committee meeting. In addition, information on bioswales will be made available at that meeting.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee will meet on November 24, 2014. Mrs. Gallagher noted that two dog runs in Pelham Bay Park are installed; exercise equipment in the track area and children's play area are scheduled for installation; Committee wants supervision for the children's playground; restrooms should be ready in 2015 for Ferry Point Park.

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

The Committee did not meet in November. Mr. Kearns noted that the Board's budget priorities were submitted on time and are under review with responses expected in several months.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs. Hunt

The Committee met on November 20, 2014. The Healthy Lifestyle Challenge kicked off in September with a walk in Pelham Bay Park. Future plans are to invite the September walk participants to the January Committee meeting; to plan for a future walk in the new mall in Bay Plaza. Dr. Hunt also noted that there was an information session on Ebola conference tonight at the Throggs Neck Houses. November is Diabetes Awareness Month.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on October 20, 2014 and November 17, 2014.

Mr. Bieder went over all the items in the Committee minutes of October 20, 2014. The Committee met with two schools, one of which was the Delta School located within 850 Hollywood Avenue. Principal Racic presented a slide presentation on proposals to have a playground installed for his students.

A resolution from the Committee was unanimously approved and is forwarded to the full Board for its approval.

“Be it resolved that the youth committee of community board 10 supports the efforts of the Bronx Delta School to have a children’s playground erected in the yard of IS192 located at 650 Hollywood Ave, Bronx, NY 10465 and that a letter be sent to the following: Department of Education, Department of Parks, Office of Mayor Bill de Blasio, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., State Senator Jeffrey Klein, State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, NYC Councilman James Vacca, asking for their full support and funding of this project and that this resolution be brought before the full board for consideration.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Marano and unanimously approved by all.

Mr. Bieder went over all the items in the Committee minutes of November 17, 2014. He noted that the Yankee Youth Leadership Award competition winners were selected at the meeting.

Mr. Bieder asked for a copy of the letter sent concerning TNCAP and the Social Host Law.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Motion to close the November 20, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Guanill-Elukowich and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.