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Peter J. Sullivan
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

January 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Villa Barone Manor
737 Throggs Neck Expressway
Bronx, New York 10465
Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, B. Martinez, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 31)

The following Board members left before the meeting ended but after the voting process: J. Misiurski, M. Prince.

ABSENT: H. Acampora, R. Barbarelli, G. Curbelo, M. Davila, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, B. McCarrick, J. McQuade, M. Morris, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, R. Sawyer. (total # absent = 14)

Community Liaisons:
Nathalia Fernandez - Office of NYS Governor Cuomo
Troy Outlaw - NYC Public Advocate
Tommy Messina - Office of U.S. Congressman Crowley
Jose Rodriguez - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ashley Meza - Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Darden Gjonbalaj - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Famoud Konneh – Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs
Leida Torres – NYPL
Lisa Pesante – NYS OPWDD
Juan Garcia - IMCR
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Bharati Kemraj - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Board #10 Staff:
Matt Cruz, District Manager
Susan Duffy

Chairman Peter Sullivan began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – Mr. Jose Vargas, VP of Hermany Limo Transportation, 3432 East Tremont Avenue, 10465, 718-684-5959, info@hermanylimo.com : Mr. Vargas introduced himself and discussed his business which is to provide non-emergency transportation services.
- 2 – Troy Outlaw, Office of Public Advocate Letitia James: Mr. Outlaw introduced himself to the community as the Bronx Coordinator for the Public Advocate's Office, toutlaw@pubadvocate.nyc.gov.
- 3 – Asia Foreman, Outreach Director, Educators for Excellence, 80 Pine Street, 203-981-9732, aforeman@e4e.org: The organization is seeking a letter of support for expanded non-punitive practices in schools.
- 4 – Bob Jaen, President of Throggs Neck Merchants Association, 347-739-3484: TN Merchants meeting of January 31 will be held at CASA resident; thanked Mr. Accomando, and Mr. Marano for their work with the Christmas lights; mobile food vendor cart by CVS has been removed; discussed the abuse of parking by USPS staff at the Throggs Neck Branch. Mr. Jaen added that the Advisory Committee for 2800 Bruckner Boulevard has met and is working with the community.

Mr. Bieder asked for an extra push by the Merchants in getting more students involved with the internship program.

- 5 – Ashley Meza, Office of Senator Jamaal Bailey: informed the community about an assembly for Human Trafficking Awareness, January 26, 2018 at the R. Green Campus Auditorium, 3710 Barnes Avenue, 10467.
- 6 – Jane Grennan, 307 Revere Avenue, annjane2@aol.com: Ms. Grennan is against the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Revere and Miles Avenues.

District Manager Cruz will contact NYC DOT and report back.

- 7 – Angel Acevedo, Chief of Throggs Neck Ambulance Corps, 718 430-9501. TNAC is available to teach first aid and CPR classes.
- 8 – Juan Garcia, Outreach Coordinator for Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IMCR), 384 East 149th Street, Bronx 10455, 718-585-1190, imcroureach@gmail.com, jgarcia@imcr.org: Mr. Garcia informed the community that IMCR is available to provide all types of mediation services for homeowners, neighbors, children, schools, etc.

In addition, the following community liaisons made announcements:

Nathalia Fernandez, Office of Governor Cuomo: Ms. Fernandez introduced herself to the community.

Jose Rodriguez, Office of Senator Klein: Commencing on Fridays starting February 1, 2018 there will be an Immigration Outreach Services staff person from The Black Institute available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Senator Klein is co-sponsoring with NIDC a peephole installation for seniors and physically impaired. Call 718-822-2049 for information on both programs.

Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman Benedetto: tax preparation will be available for constituents filing the short form only, call 718-892-2235 to schedule an appointment.

Tommy Messina, Office of U.S. Congressman Joe Crowley: Mr. Messina met with the new supervisor of the Throggs Neck Post Office to discuss complaints. Mr. Messina will be working with Mr. Santana to resolve postal issues.

Darden Gjonbalaj, Office of New York City Council Member Mark Gjonaj: Mr. Gjonbalaj introduced himself to the community as a member of the Council Member's staff. The office should be contacted with concerns, complaints, etc. temporarily located at 3040 East Tremont Avenue, 718-931-1721.

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2017 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Kemraj

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

Ms. Kemraj advised the community that applications for board membership are available; high school students are encouraged to apply, ages 16 and older. Deadline is February 9, 2018.

On February 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m in the Rotunda of 851 Grand Concourse, there will be a Notice of Property Value session with the NYC Department of Finance. Another session will be held at DOF's office from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at 3030 Third Avenue, 2nd fl.

On 1/24, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/23, 6/20 the Borough President is sponsoring a Bronx Housing Enrollment Event for Homeowners to apply for exemptions on property tax bills and for Tenants (seniors and disabled) to apply for rent reductions. RSVP is required – 718-590-6248. In addition, senior and constituent services are available by appointment in the Borough President's Office.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Cruz

There was a recent fire at the Throggs Neck Houses where a father and daughter died due to a hot plate setting fire to bedding. Mr. Cruz will be attending the Throggs Neck Resident Council meeting at which there will be discussion on heat, hot water, lead and other issues.

Mr. Cruz has a weekly column in the Bronx Penny Pincher and encourages all to read and catch up on events. He also noted the monthly activities in each NYPL on technology, childrens' programs, etc.

New signage was installed on I695 towards the Randall Avenue exit. 3250 Westchester Avenue, 10461 zoning was approved by the Department of Buildings for a tall structure (10 Stories). The building plans have not yet been approved. The Board will monitor this location closely and keep the

community informed. The food cart vendor license, located on East Tremont Avenue at CVS, has been suspended by the DOH. Mr. Cruz has been in contact with the 45th Precinct concerning the tractor trailers parking throughout the community. Mr. Cruz will follow-up with the NYC Department of Transportation concerning a traffic light at the intersection of Revere and Miles Avenues. A public hearing concerning 3660 East Tremont Avenue (McDonald's) is to be scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on January 16, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. Discussion on By-law changes took place which will be forwarded to the Board members prior to the February Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the By-law change for the nomination/election portion concerning attendance on a second standing committee pertains only to any Veterans Services Committee member if he or she plans on running for an executive officer position.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on January 8, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The committee discussed the 2018/2019 budget. Mr. Misiurski thanked his committee members for 100% attendance.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee did not meet in January, 2018 but did meet on November 21, 2017. The minutes are self-explanatory. There will be a public hearing on the McDonald's property at 3660 East Tremont Avenue at the beginning of the February 15, 2018 Board meeting.

Ad-Hoc Over-Development met on November 21, 2017 and January 9, 2018. Discussion continued on over-development in the community. The minutes are self-explanatory.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on January 2, 2018. There were resolutions for renewal licenses and change in method of operation license. Mr. Accomando asked his committee members to be more diligent in attending committee meetings and notifying the office or him if he/she cannot make the meeting.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *renewals* of licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in 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:

*Seafood City, 459 City Island Ave, 10464, between Bowne & Ditmar Sts, License #1004051, which expires on 01/31/18. (Restaurant)

*Seafood City, 459 City Island Ave, 10464, between Bowne & Ditmar Sts, License #1154815, which expires on 01/31/18. (Tiki Bar)

*Louis Seafood, 3478 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Bruckner Service Rd & Barkley Ave, License #1004080, which expires on 12/31/17.

*Xin Hi Chinese Buffet, 2051-2053 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Asch Loop & Co-op City Blvd, License #1290916, which expires on 01/21/18.

*Estrellita Poblana I, 2227-2231 Westchester Ave, 10462, between Castle Hill & Glebe Aves, License #1259128, which expires on 12/31/2017.

*Vapor Lounge, 3758 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #1270813, which expires on 01/31/18.

*JP's Inn, 703 Minnieford Ave, 10464, between Terrace & Bridge Sts, License #1004046, which expires on 01/31/18.

*Buhre Mini Mart & Deli, 3056 Buhre Ave, between Jarvis & Hobart Aves, License #1212225, which expires on 01/31/18.

*Johnny's Reef Restaurant, 2 City Island Ave, 10464, between Belden Street & the Sound, License #1004047, which expires on 2/28/18.

*Sammy's Fishbox, 41 City Island Ave, 10464, between Horton & Rochelle Sts, License #1004282, which expires on 2/28/18.

*Seashore Restaurant. 581-593 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross St & City Island Rd, License #1004284, which expires on 02/28/18.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Popovic which was unanimously accepted. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment, who is applying for a change in method of operation by adding juke box, disk jockey, karaoke and live music, 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:”

*Sangria Café, 2085 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Co-op City Blvd & Asch Loop, License #1299476, which expires on 08/31/19. **(Adding Juke Box, Disc Jockey, Karaoke, Live Music)**

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico which was unanimously accepted. **The Resolution passed.**

Request for Letter

“**Resolved**... at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be written and sent to Tosca Marquee regarding discrepancies on the types of liquor licenses the establishment possesses and this issue be resolved within 10 business days upon receipt of this letter and that this request be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A discussion among Board members began, with one questioning why this was being done. It was stated that there is some discrepancy in the type of license for the Tosca Café and Marquee and the recommendation for the letter came from the Economic Development Committee. A motion to prepare and write a warning letter was made by Ms. Chambers and Mr. Boiko. A second motion to table the resolution was made because it was noted that some information is being provided which may answer the license discrepancy issue; this motion was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Marano and was approved by a majority of members with one opposed and one abstention (Mr. Bieder, Mr. Onwu, respectively).

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on November 20, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on January 22, 2018.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on January, 2017. Minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions resulted from the meeting:

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

ID 388599, City Island Spring Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale, 6/2/18 8:00 a.m. setup, 6/3/18 8:00 p.m. breakdown, actual event hours on 6/2/18 and 6/3/18 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., sponsor – City Island Chamber of Commerce, Paul Klein

ID 388616, City Island Fall Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale, 9/8/18 setup, 8:00 a.m. 9/9/18 breakdown 8:00 p.m., actual event hours on 9/8/18 and 9/9/18 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., sponsor – City Island Chamber of Commerce, Paul Klein

ID 388745, Annual Feast of St. Theresa, Street Festival, 6/19/18 6:00 p.m. setup, 6/25/18 8:00 a.m. breakdown, actual event hours 6/20/18-6/24/18 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., sponsor Church of St. Theresa, Antonia Cipollone”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez was voted on unanimously. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**... at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee that the request for a name change of the Black Car Base License, located at 3432 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 be changed to Hermany Limo Transportation, LLC and that this request be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico was voted on unanimously. **The Resolution passed.**

The Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee met in December and will meet again on January 29, 2018.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on January 11, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on November 28, 2017 and will also meet on January 25, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory.

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Salimbene

Mr. Salimbene mentioned an anti-bullying effort funding through the City of New York by way of the National Guard, which is on hold due to the upcoming departure of the Department of Education Commissioner. Monitoring of the golf carts used at the Veterans Administration Hospital to assist in the transport of disabled vets around the grounds will be done periodically; veterans will now have permanent representation at the MTA's hearings on reduced fare by Mr. Peter Del Debbio. Next Committee meeting will be on February 23, 2018 at the Samuel Young Post.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion among Board members began about the conditions at Montefiore/Einstein Weiler Hospital. A request was made for CB #10 to reach out to surrounding Boards to try to work on an approach to raise awareness and improve conditions. Dr. Hunt and Bishop Rosario asked Board members and the community to provide in writing details about experiences at Weiler, such as doctor and nurse names, dates, documentation from hospital. Specifics are very important, not just comments on unsatisfactory care. Mr. Cruz will reach out to CB #11 to see if there is a way to work jointly. It was stated that Assemblyman Benedetto should be able to obtain reports on hospital operations relating to Montefiore.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coffee with a Cop, building relationships – January 24, 2018, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Miles Coffee Bar on East Tremont Avenue.

Dr. Ponder commended Ms. Monique Johnson in her role as Tenant Association President of the Throggs Neck Houses and her dedication to the residents.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez of Senator Klein's Office, informed the community that Senator Klein is committed to having the apartments in the Throggs Neck Houses tested. As of this date, thirty-seven children will be tested for lead poisoning. More apartment testing will be done.

Mr. Boiko informed the community about a meeting at Riverbay on January 23rd concerning the 300' structure at the Baychester/Bartow Avenues strip mall.

On February 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. the NYPD Police Commissioner will be at the 45th Precinct Community Council meeting, location is St. Theresa's Parish, 2855 St. Theresa Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

Motion to close the January 18, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of January 18, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Cantillo', written over a horizontal line.

PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: February 6, 2018