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MINUTES OF BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

November 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Greek Institute of New York

3573 Bruckner Blvd South

Bronx, New York 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, V.M. Gallagher, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. Melendez, J. Misiurski, K. Neddermeyer, C. Papastefanou, M. Pricoli, E. Primavera, M. Prince, J.M. Provetto, J. Robert, N. Salas, , P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 31)

ABSENT: R. Baez, J. Boiko, A. Henry, R. Kurz, J. McQuade, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, A. Ponder L. Popovic, T. Salimbene R. Sawyer, N. Semaj-Williams, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, E. Torres, S. Woods (total # absent = 17)

Community Liaisons:

Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Yari Fernandez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Manny Legares – Office of NYC Planning, Bronx
Mariela Salazaar – Montefiore Medical Center
Gianna dell'Olio – Bronx Works
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

Board #10 Staff: Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.,
Susan Duffy, Kristine Lozada

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

Mr. Hogle from Senator Klein's Office wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving; and touched upon the recent town hall events on the drug epidemic affecting the communities. He added that future events of this type will be held throughout the borough.

Mr. Tulton from Assemblyman Benedetto's Office also wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Gianna Dell'Olio, Director of Advancement and Communications, Bronx Works: notified the community about the outreach effort on November 29, 2016 in the Board Office between 10-3 to assist individuals to enroll in healthcare.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1 – Helen Arroyo, resident of Edison Avenue: Ms. Arroyo spoke about the quality of life issues surrounding the homes near PS 72 on Dewey Avenue by the Mott Hall middle school students and problems with the school playground remaining open after dark; Ms. Arroyo has spoken to the principal who will ask the School Safety staff to check the property between 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Ms. Arroyo said she was told that it is up to the community board to request to have the property closed early.

Mr. Prince advised Ms. Arroyo that the Board Office will contact the school. Mr. Bieder suggested that she come to the next 45th Precinct Community Council Meeting on December 1, 2017.

2 – Joe Bellini, resident of Pelham Bay: Mr. Bellini's concerns are the traffic issues, vehicular speeding, speed bumps and parking. Mr. Bellini noted that speed bumps have not deterred speeding and which is a safety/quality of life issues for residents entering and exiting their residences.

3 – Dorothy Krynicki, Lyon Avenue: came to support the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Plan for Ferry Point Park.

4 – Carolyn Calandro and friends: discussed the heroin epidemic affecting the community and the loss of a son to an overdose as well the other young adults who have recently overdosed. Ms. Calandro would like to see more NYPD effort in removing the dealers from the streets; having the drug module return to the 45th Precinct is needed.

5 – Sandi Lusk, Westchester Square Civic Association: supporter of NYC Parks, would like to see a timeline for the proposed plans for Ferry Point Park; wants community involved in design phase.

6 – Egidio Sementilli, Pelham Bay Community Improvement & Safety Organization, Inc: supporter of the Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point Park and would like to see tournaments; takes pride in the cultural institutions in the Bronx, Yankee Stadium, Bronx Zoo, NY Botanical Gardens. Lastly Mr. Sementilli expressed concern about the individuals that abuse the picnic grounds in Pelham Bay Park.

7 – Mayela Calderon, Community Outreach Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters – needs assistance in co-sponsoring, partnerships, setting up table for events. Ages of children range from 7-17 to be paired with an adult 21 years older. Contact information is 212-686-2042, www.bigsnyc.org

8 – John Doyle, City Island: He has started a petition on change.org concerning Rodman's Neck and requested that the community join the petition.

- 9 – Leida Torres, NYPL, City Island/Baychester/Throgs Neck: informed community of upcoming event at the library on Saturday for families who do not have internet. Contact your local branch for information.
- 10 – Lou Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association: spoke of the drug epidemic in the community and the effect on families; wants the Drug Module returned to the 45 Precinct; politicians should be more proactive in this effort. Mr. Rocco also spoke about the horrendous, disgraceful condition of parks; wants to see more PEP officers, and more ADA compliancy.
- 11 – Victor Ortiz, Pennyfield Camp: would like to see Ferry Point upgraded, said children need a bike park and would like to have a small portion of Ferry Point Park dedicated to this effort.

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

A motion to accept the revised Minutes from the October 20, 2016 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, 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: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

Mr. Lucania thanked the Board Office staff, Mr. Prince, Mr. Accomando as well as the Committees for their efforts in keeping the Board Office running smoothly.

- Barnes & Nobel at Bay Plaza is closing but will return to the Bronx. The Bronx BP will submit locations to the corporate offices of Barnes & Noble; Mande's building on East Tremont will be submitted as well as other properties. Mr. Bieder asked for square footage information necessary to open another location.
- All electeds have written to APPLE for the possibility of opening a store in the Bronx
- Tour de Bronx in the Bronx last night month – Pelham Bay Park, City Island, thousands of visitors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Prince

The Executive Board met on November 2, 2016. The following two resolutions are presented for voting:

“Resolved...at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board formally allow non-Board members to participate at the committee level and that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to table this resolution back to the Executive Board for more discussion at the committee level was made by Mr. Prince and seconded by Mr. Accomando and affirmatively accepted by all.

“Resolved...at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board begin General Board meetings at 7:00 p.m. and that this resolution be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A discussion on the effect on working members arriving in time for 7:00 p.m. as opposed to those members who come to meetings and leave before voting, and the overall length of the full Board meetings were touched upon. Mr. Lucania said that only Boards 10 and 12 start at 7:30 p.m.; the other Boards vary from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It was felt that since each Board meeting begins with a public participation session, followed by reports from the Borough President and District Manager, the voting portion most likely would start to take place around 7:30 p.m.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Prince, seconded by Mrs. Lock and voted on as follows: (7) against, (1) abstention, (23) yes. The Resolution was approved by a majority of members.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on November 14, 2016 as a joint public hearing with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

At the request of the property owners, 222 Longstreet Avenue will not be sold to The Trust for Public Land (TPL), nor do they want a park. The property is still up for sale at approximately \$1,250,000. Even though it is no longer on the table, Mr. Sullivan made a motion to vote on the proposal to sell and turn the property into a park, in the likelihood the issue returns at some point in the future. The following floor resolution was presented:

“Resolved...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that the property located at 222 Longstreet Avenue be purchased by the Trust for Public Land and turned over to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for the creation of a public playground.”

The results are as follows: (3) in favor, (6) abstained and (22) against. The floor resolution did not pass.

It should be noted that the Board’s vote reflects the sentiments of the community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Talarico

The Committee met on November 1, 2016. The following renewal licenses were unanimously voted on at the committee level and will be presented to the full Board for approval:

“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:

*Dallas BBQ, 2160 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Bartow & Baychester Aves, License #1267619, which expires on 11/30/2016.

*Black Whale, 279 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License #1282255, which expires on 11/30/16.

*Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars & Reville Sts, License #1004063 which expires on 12/31/16.

*Crosstown Diner, 2880 Bruckner Blvd, 10465, between E Tremont & Revere Aves, License #1004086, which expires on 12/31/16.

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

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder
The Committee met on October 24, 2016.

Internship program: the committee is continuing its work with local merchants to create internships, which will then be forwarded to the local high schools. The Yankee Youth Leadership Program provides a \$750 scholarship and attendance at a Yankee game in the Spring. This Program is provided to all Bronx Community Boards. The following students who either live and/or attend school in the Board area were chosen as recipients and their information is being forwarded to the NY Yankees: J. Ruzzo, Monsignor Scanlan HS; X. Llorente, Bronx River HS; C. Rice Preston HS; N. Leone, Fordham Prep HS; X.Yi, Lehman HS.

The next Committee meeting is November 21, 2016.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando for Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 15, 2016. The following street activity permit requests were discussed. It should be noted that Event ID 318016, St. Theresa Feast will be voted on separately because of security concerns.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved and forwarded to the Full Board for approval:

Event ID 316512: May 18 – 21, 2017, Throgs Neck Little League Summer Festival, Throgs Neck Boulevard between Harding and Schurz Avenues, 5 PM to 10 PM on Thursday May 18th, and Friday, May 19th, 12 Noon to 10 PM on Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st.

Event ID 315205: June 3, 2017 to June 4, 2017, City Island Spring Arts and Craft Fair, City Island Avenue, between Bay Street and Schofield Avenues, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. each day, including setup and breakdown, event 11 AM to 7 PM.

Event ID 315208: September 9-10, 2017 City Island Fall Arts and Craft Fair, City Island Avenue, between Bay Street and Schofield Avenues, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. each day, including setup and breakdown, event 11 AM to 7 PM.”

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

A motion was made to vote separately on Event ID 318016 St. Theresa Feast, July 19 - 23, 2017, 3:00 PM through 11:30 PM including set up and cleanup. Event runs from 6 PM – 10 PM. St. Theresa Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway, Pilgrim Avenue, between Buhre Avenue and Santo Donato Place, and that the Board supports a change in date when proposed.

Mr. Pricoli feels that the area is not properly supervised, especially the surrounding blocks. He wants to have a public hearing for any future St. Theresa Feast. The festival for 2017 will be held in June as opposed to July which may alleviate some of the problems for the surrounding community. A suggestion was made to request the use of the 45 Pct. Auxiliary Patrol.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Application be approved and forwarded to the Full Board for approval: Event ID 318016: St. Theresa Feast, July 19 - 23, 2017, 3:00 PM through 11:30 PM including set up and cleanup. Event runs from 6 PM – 10 PM. St. Theresa Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway, Pilgrim Avenue, between Buhre Avenue and Santo Donato Place, and that the Board supports a change in date when proposed.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved as follows: (24) yes, (5) no, (2) abstentions.

At the November 15, 2016 Committee meeting, under Old Business, Mr. Bieder requested that the Board contact NYC DOT and ask them to synchronize the traffic lights from Ericson Place to Bruckner Boulevard, which was promised as part of the East Tremont Avenue Road Diet to keep traffic flowing.

Under New Business, discussion about Rodman’s Neck not operating legally in conformance with Sound codes was discussed with a request from Mr. Bieder that it be added to the January 2017 Municipal Services Agenda; noise issues with bars, restaurants and Mr. Bieder wants DEP to discuss the issue and lastly, Mr. Accomando requested the Board communicate with Police Commissioner O’Neill requesting that discretion be used to avoid detonations during religious high holy days.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on November 14, 2016 as a joint public hearing with the Housing & Zoning Committee. The hearing became an information session because there was no membership quorum.

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to accept the Ferry Point Waterfront Park proposal presented by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and forward it to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to have the matter tabled and returned to the Parks & Recreation Committee was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Mr. Lynch with the following results: (4) abstentions, (6) no and (21) yes.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on November 9, 2016. Mr. Misiurski over the minutes and focused on the planned renovation of JFK and its effect on the rerouting of flights over LGA; air traffic will continue to increase over the Throggs Neck Area. The FAA wants to speak with the Board concerning airport landings and Mr. Misiurski will take the lead on this effort.

The District Manager salary is currently in escrow and will be paid out upon notification from the Office of the New York City Comptroller.

The resolution to approve the Board's internal budget was discussed and revised to include the word "proposed".

"Resolved...At the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a motion to accept the proposed 2017 Budget for Bronx Community Board #10 be made and forwarded to the full Board for approval at the November 17, 2016 meeting."

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

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Dr. Hunt for Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on November 10, 2016. A discussion on the heroin epidemic took place. A parent of one young victim spoke at the meeting. The drug, Naloxone, is used to treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation. It is available as a nasal spray.

November 20, 2016, Sunday walk at Orchard Beach organized by Annie Boller; check the Friends of CB #10 Face Book page and the Healthy Lifestyle Challenge Face Book page for additional details.

VETERANS SERVICES – Col. W. Chin for Mr. Salimbene

The next Veterans Services is meeting on December 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the S.H. Young Post, 1530 Hutchinson River Parkway. Col. Chin would like more participation from the veterans in the community as well as non-veterans. A discussion on advocacy for veterans was talked about and mention was made of the relatively new offices for veterans services in the Mayor's Office and the Bronx BP's Office. Mr. Prince attended the Borough Board meeting at the Borough President's Office which was attended by two officials from the NYC Department of Veterans Services (NYC DVS) an invitation was extended to them to come to the Board's December 2 meeting. Mr. Lucania added that the BP's Office of Veterans Services is staffed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with a member of NYC DVS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lynch requested that more outreach be done with the residents in the Ferry Point Community as well as the two blocks that border the Trump Links at Ferry Point Park – Schurz and Emerson Avenues. Mr. Lynch requested to see the proposal submitted to NYC Parks on the proposed expansion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sullivan requested that at the next Executive Board meeting in January 2017, the following items be part of the agenda: 1 - the revision of the by-laws to include the Veterans Services Committee and to amend the typographical errors with respect to renumbering sections in the By-Laws. Mr. Prince said these items would be added.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Bieder said that Mr. Michael Pricoli is resigning as a Board member and thanked him for his service.

Motion to close the November 17, 2016 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.