

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING**

**Held on October 27, 2011**

**Villa Barone Restaurant**

**3289 Westchester Avenue**

**Bronx, New York 10461**

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora; R. Baez; R. Bieder; L. Blascovich; L. Burrowes; P. Cantillo; Col. W. Chin; A. Chirico; P. Devine; V.M. Gallagher; L. Goldstein; B. Heaney; D. Hunt; Anne Jack; R. Kurz; P. LaScala; D. Lock; K. Lynch; J. Marano; J. Miller; J. Misiurski; K. Neddermeyer; C. Papastefanou; L. Popovic; D. Pouchie; M. Pricoli; M. Prince; J. Regina; M. Romano; Rev. A. Rosario; J. Russo; A. Santiago; R. Sawyer; P. Sullivan; R. Talarico; F. Ventola (36)

**ABSENT:** R. Dominquez; R. Foley; C. Hughes; S. Lask; R. Lifreiri; S. P. Lynch; J. McQuade; M.J. Musano; Rev. C. Owens; E.N. Pellot; B. Pitt; M. Prohaska; A. Ribustello; (13)

**Community Liasons:** Thomas Lucania – representing Bronx Borough President’s Office  
Nicole Pedi - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Raphael Giannini- representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera  
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

**Board #10 Staff:** Kenneth Kearns – District Manager – Bronx Community Board #10  
Estelle Marra

Chairman John Marano convened the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the management of the Villa Barone Restaurant for the use of their facility this evening.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. Anita Valenti – President - Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association  
Spoke regarding the building of a medical facility on the property next to Key Food on Wilkinson Avenue/Westchester Avenue and asked that we oppose this due to the fact that it would take away parking in that area. All future buildings should have parking facilities.

Mrs. Valenti also asked that the sign on Hutchinson River Parkway exit 3E going north which reads “Co-op City & I95 North” be removed. She also asked that a Full Stop be posted at the corner of Continental Avenue and E.. 196<sup>th</sup> Street.

2. Rev. Dr. Raymond Rivera – District 10 Coalition of Faith for Living Wage  
Sadatu Mamah-Trawill - Retail Workers Union  
Spoke on behalf of this Coalition, asking that we help get this legislation passed through the City Council. This is the Support for Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act which would make the wages \$10 per hour with benefits, and \$11.50 without benefits. They have reached out to Councilman Vacca to sign this bill, but he has not as yet done so.  
The Mayor is putting out \$2million in tax subsidies for low paying jobs. Target, Best Buy, Yankee Stadium and other stores are offering these jobs. Board member Mr. Sullivan stated that these jobs should be full time because part time positions do not offer benefits.
3. Raphael Giannini – represented Assemblyman Naomi Rivera  
Spoke of the many events the Assemblywoman has sponsored during the month of October; i.e.” Walk with Me” against Domestic Violence at Mercy College; Book Drive at Rikers Island, etc.
4. Lucia Mariani – Westchester Avenue Business Owner – opposes the extension of the sidewalks at bus stops. This is a safety issue regarding cars going under the elevated train having to drive only in the middle of the street. This is being considered for the many bus stops along Middletown Road, Crosby Avenue, Buhre Avenue, Castle Hill Avenue, Zerega Avenue and Westchester Avenue. Along with another local business owner, Ms. Mariani asked that Board #10 reconsider this proposal. A discussion took place amongst the Board members regarding this item.
5. Louis Rocco – Vice-President of Homeowners Organization  
Mr, Rocco thanked District Manager Kearns and Chairman Marano of Board #10 for the fast action in getting a pothole opposite PEP BOYS in Westchester Square repaired. He also thanked Board member Mr. Regina of the Merchants Association for quick action in getting the area around PEP BOYS cleaned up.
6. Renaldo Alba – resident of Otis Avenue – requested that the Board try to get either a light, speed bump or Stop sign at the corner of Otis and Hollywood Avenues. This would deter speeding which is taking place all the time at this location.
7. Evelyn M. Turner – Riverbay Corp. – Community Service Project “SHARE OUR SHOES”  
This is an organization from North Carolina that will send trucks to pick up the donated shoes that are collected through this project. Ms. Turner asked that anyone with slightly used shoes donate so that they can be sent to those people that are going without. This event will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2011 and there will be a volunteer at each site at 8:00am to accommodate Donors – you may call 1-917-324-1033.  
Following are the locations where tables will be set up for donations:  
Baychester Avenue and Co-op City Blvd. at garage #7 – 9am-11am;

Asch Loop behind Adler Town Houses from 11am to 1pm;

Side of garage #1 on Baychester Avenue between Darrow Place and Co-op City Blvd from 1pm -3pm.

Side of garage #3 on Co-op City Blvd. between Carver Loop and Casals Place from 3pm-5pm;

Side of garage #6 on Co-op City Blvd. between Bellamy Loop and Benchley Place – 5pm-7pm.

8. The Rev. Joade Dauer-Cardasis –with (Mr. Eric Johnson) – St. Peter’s Church – Westchester Avenue. This is the oldest Episcopal Parish (built in 1693) The Reverend and Mr. Johnson informed all that they are partnering with schools to bring Music and Art to the children. St. Peter’s Music and Arts (SMArts) Center will present the Westchester Square Arts Festival at the Church (2500 Westchester Avenue) from May 18-20, 2012. There may be a collaboration between the Bronx Council on the Arts and SMArts in May. The United Federation of Teachers is supportive of this festival.

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St. Peter’s Episcopal Church  
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9. Saleen Shah – Citizens Committee for New York City - 1-212-822-9566  
This organization is offering grants for neighborhood improvements. They left some applications. For further information you may call 1-212-822-9580/9568 or  
[www.citizensnyc.org/grants](http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants) - [www.facebook.com/citizensnyc](http://www.facebook.com/citizensnyc) - [www.twitter.com/citizensnyc](http://www.twitter.com/citizensnyc)  
Application deadline is November 8, 2011

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Mr. Heaney, seconded by Mrs. Lock.  
Vote: Unanimous in favor (36)

Motion to accept minutes of Community Board #10 meeting of September 15, 2011 with the attached Amendment, made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Regina. Vote: Unanimous in favor (36)

**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Thomas Lucania

1. Community Board #10 was number one in responding to the Wellness Survey submitted to them by the Borough President’s office. This survey is available on-line and will remain open until October 31, 2011
2. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn has scheduled a hearing on the “Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act” on November 22, 2011. Mayor Bloomberg opposes this bill.
3. Borough President Diaz spoke at the recent Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association meeting. He was very pleased with the attendees’ participation.

4. Borough President Diaz is sponsoring the ‘FIRST ANNUAL RESTAURANT WEEK’ during November 1, 2011 – November 13, 2011.. For information: [www.savorthebronx.com](http://www.savorthebronx.com)

**DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT:** Kenneth Kearns

Mr. Kearns stated that the Board had completed its round of budget consultations with the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Environmental Protection and Transportation. He also stated that he would further comment on these meetings during the Planning and Budget Committee portion of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** John Marano

Mr. Marano stated that the minutes were self-explanatory.

**HOUSING & ZONING COMMITTEE:** Peter Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan read the minutes and explained some of the items i.e. the proposed assisted living facility on Schofield Street and City Island Avenue.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Joe Regina (for James McQuade)

Minutes were self-explanatory. The following Resolutions were read;

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Committee approve the sending of a 30-day waiver letter for East Tremont Buffet, 3227-29 E. Tremont Avenue, between Waterbury & Puritan Avenues, License #1132820, which expires on October 31, 2011.” Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Misiurski. Vote: 34 in favor; 1 abstention (Mr. Ventola).

“**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 TIPS training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

Patricia’s Pizza & Pasta II, 3883 E. Tremont Ave., between Schley & Dewey Avenues, License #1214591, which expires on October 31, 2011; East Tremont Buffet, 3227-29 East Tremont Ave., between Waterbury and Puritan Avenues, License #1132820 which expires on October 31, 2011.”

Motion to accept made by Mr. Rocco, seconded by Mr. Bieder. Vote: Unanimous in favor (35)

**Floor Resolution:**

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- \* Applebee’s – Bay Plaza Shopping Center – Between Co-op City Blvd. and Hutchinson River Parkway – Renewal – License #1004241 – Expiration – 11/30/2011.
- \* Babalu -3233 East Tremont Avenue – Between Waterbury and Puritan Avenues - new
- \* Café at Scott Place – 3604 East Tremont Avenue – Between Philip and Lafayette Avenues –new
- \* Villa Barone Manor – 737 Throggs Neck Expressway – Between Randall and Lafayette Avenues – renewal – License #1003392 – Expiration 9/30/2011.
- \* Villa Barone Ristorant– 3289 Westchester Avenue – Between Burr and Colonial Avenues –renewal – License 1003970 – Expiration 10/31/11.”

Motion to accept made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Bieder. Vote: Unanimous in favor (35)  
Mr. Kearns explained that TIPS training teaches how to serve liquor properly.

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Bob Bieder

The minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. Bieder mentioned that there will be a Global Youth Day competition on April 20, 2012. The following Resolution was read:

**“Resolved...**at the unanimous recommendation of the youth committee that the following letter be sent to the following elected officials: Mayor Bloomberg; Council Speaker Christine Quinn; Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Councilman James Vacca.

Community Board #10 wishes to state that it is in full support of the teens who protested the Stop and Frisk policy of the NYPD as reported in the Daily News October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Community Board #10 has the utmost respect and admiration for the NYPD.

However, if you stop any 600,000 people at random, mere chance dictates that summonses and arrests will be made. Only 12% of these stop and frisks have resulted in either a summons being issued or an arrest being made. That leaves 88% of stop and frisks being unfruitful. That amounts to well over a half million stop and frisks that are a waste of time and resources, as well as an infringement upon our civil rights.

Community Board #10 understands that the power to stop and frisk a citizen from going about their daily activities is a serious responsibility and should only be exercised with reasonable suspicion.

When police stop any citizen without due cause then the police are abusing their authority. With over 600,000 individuals being stopped last year and the NYPD on track to surpass that number this year the board feels that a review of the stop and frisk policy must take place and that each and every citizen's rights must be given first consideration in establishing a balance between crime reduction, safety and civil liberties."

A spirited discussion of this subject took place, and a roll call vote was taken. Results as follows;  
In favor: 11                      Opposed: 18                      Abstentions: 6  
This item will be brought up at the next Municipal Services Committee.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Acampora (for Deborah Hunt)  
Mrs. Acampora read the minutes which were self-explanatory.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Gallagher

Minutes were self-explanatory. However, Mrs. Gallagher showed pictures of the Whitestone Bridge and the view of Ferry Point Park West, and Ferry Point Park East, where the golf course will be. Mrs. Gallagher told all present that in November, actor Jack Nicholson will be visiting this golf course to see where the holes are to be placed. She mentioned that Donald Trump is also interested in this project. Mrs. Gallagher commended Pat Devine for his help in obtaining trees in Veteran's Memorial Park as well as a spiral staircase leading up to the main park. Fourteen trees have been planted in the Memorial Plaza by the flagpole. A special walk for the disabled has also been put in this park. She suggested that all come to the parade on November 13<sup>th</sup> and meet in Bicentennial park, where refreshments will be served after the parade. The following Resolution was read:

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that a Resolution be drafted and forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation to dedicate the football field located within Pelham Bay Park, in honor of Jerry Demers, the longtime coach and coordinator of the Warriors Football Club. For the past fifty years, Mr. Demers has dedicated his free time to serve the youth of our community, both as a mentor and positive role model for several generations.”

Motion to accept made by Mrs. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Santiago. Vote: Unanimous in favor (35)

**PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Julian Misiurski

Mr. Misiurski read the minutes which explained that their September meeting took place at Fordham Prep where the Budget Consultations were held with the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Kearns explained what took place at that meeting.

The Board made the dredging and redevelopment of the Hammond Cove Marina its Number 1 Priority in its message to the Office of Management and Budget under the Capital Budget Requests for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Attached to the minutes was a complete agenda of each agency for Board members' perusal.

The following Resolutions were read:

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Planning & Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to support the 2013 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities, as submitted to the Committee (see attached)” Motion to accept made by Mr. Santiago, seconded by Mrs. Lock. Vote: Unanimous in favor (35)

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Planning & Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to adjust the Board's internal budget to accommodate the proposed Plan to Eliminate the Gap (PEG) Cuts issued by the City of New York.” Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. LaScala -Vote: Unanimous in favor (35)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Marano read letters which will be sent to State Liquor Authority regarding licensees. The entire Board was in favor of sending these letters. Mr. Marano then spoke of having an on-ramp made at St. Joseph's Way and Brush Avenue. He is going to speak with the Department of Transportation and other City agencies regarding this proposal.

Mr. Marano pointed out that the “Living Wage” bill is a corporate item. There are truck routes being proposed for United Parcel Service and other large trucking businesses going through Wenner Place.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Since there was no new business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Vote: Unanimous in favor. (35).

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mrs. Marra, Clerical Associate