

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

Held on November 17, 2011

Providence Rest

3303 Waterbury Avenue

Bronx, New York 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora; R. Bieder; L. Burrowes; P. Cantillo; A. Chirico; R. Dominquez V.M. Gallagher; L. Goldstein; B. Heaney; C. Hughes; A. Jack; R. Kurz; P. LaScala; R. Lifrieri; D. Lock; J. Marano; J. McQuade; J. Miller; J. Misiurski; M. J. Musano; K. Neddermeyer; L. Popovic; D. Pouchie; M. Prohaska; J. Regina; R. Sawyer; R. Talarico; F. Ventola (28)

ABSENT: R. Baez; L. Blascovich; Col. W. Chin; P. Devine; R. Foley; D. Hunt; S. Lask; K. Lynch; S.P. Lynch; Rev. C. Owens; C. Papastefanou; E. N. Pellot; B. Pitt; M. Pricoli; M. Prince; M. Romano; Rev. A. Rosario; A. Ribustello; J. Russo; A. Santiago; P. Sullivan (21)

Community Liasons: Andy Toledo - representing Bronx Borough President's Office
Thomas Messina - representing Congressman Joseph Crowley
Nicole Pedi - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ben Randazzo - representing State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Maria Centeno; Carlyle Cole – Department of Design & Construction

Board #10 Staff: Kenneth Kearns - District Manager – Bronx Community Board #10
Patrick Caruso
Estelle Marra

Chairman John Marano convened the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the management of the Providence Rest Nursing Home for the use of their facility this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Maria Centeno and Carlyle Cole – DDC (Department of Design & Construction) spoke of the many projects proposed for our District during the upcoming FY2012, i.e. a variety of projects. They will make a power point presentation at the next Municipal Services Committee meeting.

2. Debbie Acosta – Manager – Pelham Bay Branch Public Library - 3060 Middletown Road spoke of the many programs offered at this branch for children, teens and adults.
CHILDREN: Arts & Crafts; Toddler Storytime; Preschool Storytime; Story Hour; Wii gaming
TEENS: Teen Tech Time; Wii gaming; Teen Advisory Group
ADULTS: Computer Classes; Tai Chi –Dec. 2 and 16 at 1:00PM; Stay Well Exercise Class on December 13, 2011 at 10:30AM.
3. Jason Marsh – Lehman High School - 3000 E. Tremont Avenue –
Lehman High School is one of the last of the large of the comprehensive high schools in the Bronx, and should be left in its present state to improve and continue its work Lehman High School would like the Community Board’s help in attaining this, as it would benefit the entire community.
4. Frank Eisely – Secretary of the Throggs Neck Little League
Advised all present that this Little League will be holding a fundraiser consisting of a Flea Market and a Carnival – May 31st, 2012– June 3rd, 2012 – 5:00PM-11:00PM
5. Gerard Giacco – President – City Island Chamber of Commerce –
Spoke of the upcoming Summer Arts & Crafts Fairs – June 2nd, 2012 – June 3rd, 2012 – 10:00AM-7:00PM and – Sept. 8th, 2012 and Sept. 9th, 2012 -10:00AM-7:00PM.

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Regina.
Vote: Unanimous in favor (28)

Motion to accept amended minutes of Community Board #10 meeting held on October 27, 2011 made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Bieder. Vote: Unanimous in favor (28)

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT; Andy Toledo

1. Applications for membership on Bronx Community Board #10 are available at the Borough President’s Office – 1-718-590-3914 or at the Community Board #10 office at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue. You may also get a form online at bronxboropres.nyc.gov. Deadline for submission of applications for the next round of appointments is February 3, 2012.
2. Current Community Board #10 members will receive their reappointment applications by the end of November.
3. A new electric car company will be coming to the Bronx. They will be hiring local people, and salaries will start at \$45,000 per year. The Borough President’s website will have information as to when this company will be opening up.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Kenneth Kearns

Mr. Kearns explained that the Budget Consultations were completed. The Planning and Budget and Economic Development and Parks & Recreation Committees will have more information on this in their reports.

Our Board is in the process of trying to secure additional Police Officers to ensure safety in our Parks.

Mr. Kearns also mentioned that Pelham Bay Station will be receiving some minor renovations; i.e. painting the pillars; painting the walls. MTA will be reviewing some bus routes to offer better service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John Marano

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. Marano spoke of the fact that Mr. Pinsky, President of The New York City Economic Development Corporation was present at this Committee's meeting and mentioned that the Economic Development Corporation is willing to be of assistance in attracting new businesses to the area. This will enable local residents to obtain jobs. It is possible, that small business loans will be available to the local businesses. Information will be available at the Community Board office.

Chairman Marano went on to say that when Board members interact with Governmental Agency Staff, an atmosphere of civility must always be present.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

Mrs. Gallagher pointed out that we must have a survey of the Hammond Cove Marina in order to find out how much property the Parks Department actually owns. The Hammond Cove Marina is a #1 priority with this Committee and Board #10. Much of this Marina is underdeveloped and needs dredging. We also need to know how much property is owned by the Parks Department.

The "Mt. Garbage" property, as Mrs. Gallagher calls it, is the Pelham Bay Landfill. This property is being cleaned up and she stated that she would like to see an American Flag flying at the top with an illuminated pole. On Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 10:00AM Mrs. Gallagher is having a tour of the landfill going to the top. Anyone interested in going on this tour may meet at the landfill Saturday morning. The Pelham Bay Library has a complete set of books with the history of this landfill as well as Community Board #10.

A private developer is willing to fund and build another baseball field at Ferry Point Park West.

PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

This meeting was a three part session with the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning & Budget Committee, and the Economic Development Committee.

Hammond Cove Marina is the #1 priority with Economic Development Committee Chairman Mr. McQuade. The many needs to renovate this property were discussed. This cannot be handled alone by one Committee. The Parks Department has a concessionaire operate the site, which includes, the Ice House Restaurant and the Marina. Funding is seriously needed in order to renovate this Marina the way it should be. Cooperation between Parks and BID is needed to get this off the ground.

He went into a lot of detail as to what things need to be done, i.e. removing trash and derelict boats.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. McQuade stated that Hammond Cove Marina is one of the last Marinas in our area, and it is important to our community. He reiterated most of what Mr. Misiurski and Mrs. Gallagher alluded to in their reports.

He went on to advise all that Mande's is closing and we need to get an anchor store in order to have the residents shop locally rather than going to Malls. This would also encourage local residents to utilize restaurants and all small businesses within our District.

Mr. Regina spoke as to how, when the Board rejects a liquor license application, the State Liquor Authority approves it even when we ask them to reject it. We have asked the agency to send a letter to us explaining their reasoning for doing this. We have not yet heard back from them.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Heaney (in Ms Hunt's absence)

Spoke of the meeting with Mr. Bonizio and Metro Optics. Metro Optics works with a recognized non-profit organization, known as VISIONS, which provides many services to the visually impaired and blind. Community Board 10's Bronx Times Reporter column will speak to this.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

This Committee did not meet yet, but is scheduled for November 22, 2011. However they formed the following Resolution:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to approve the street activity permit applications for the following:

The St. Theresa Feast, 5 day Church Street Festival, 7/25/2012-7/29/2012,
3:PM-11:30PM (including setup & breakdown time), St. Theresa Avenue between

Westchester Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway, and Pilgrim Avenue between Buhre Avenue and Santo Donato Place.

City Island Spring Arts Crafts Fair, Annual 2 day arts & crafts fair, taking place on the sidewalks along 4 blocks of City Island Avenue, 6/2/2012-6/3/2012, 10AM to 7PM (including setup and breakdown time). City Island Avenue between Bay Street and Schofield Street.

City Island Fall Arts Crafts Fair, Annual 2 day arts & Crafts fair, taking place on the sidewalks along 4 blocks of City Island Avenue, 9/8/2012-9/9/2012, 10AM to 7PM (including setup and breakdown time), City Island Avenue between Bay Street and Schofield Street.

Throgs Neck Little League, Street Festival/Flea Market. 5/31/11-6/3/11, 5PM-11PM (including setup and breakdown time), Throgs Neck Boulevard between Schurz and Harding Avenues.”

Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr.Chirico. Vote: Unanimous in favor (28)

HOUSING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Mr. Sullivan

This Committee did not meet as yet. Their meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2011.

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

This Committee did not meet as yet. Their meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Prohaska warned the public of imposters masquerading as service people trying to gain entry into people’s homes. He advised people to check I.D. before allowing anyone to enter their home.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Regina. Vote: Unanimous in favor (28)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Estelle Marra, Clerical Associate