

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

Held on January 19, 2012

Schuyler House

3077 Cross Bronx Expressway

Bronx, New York 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora; R. Baez; R. Bieder; L. Blascovich; Col. W. Chin; A. Chirico
R. Dominquez; V.M. Gallagher; L. Goldstein; B. Heaney; C. Hughes; R. Kurz;
R. Lifrieri; D. Lock; K. Lynch; J. McQuade; J. Miller; J. Misiurski; M. J. Musano;
K. Neddermeyer; C. Papastefanou; B. Pitt; D. Pouchie; M. Pricoli; M. Prince;
J. Regina; A. Ribustello; A. Santiago; R. Sawyer; P.Sullivan; R. Talarico;
F. Ventola (32)

ABSENT: L. Burrowes; P. Cantillo; P. Devine; D. Hunt; A. Jack; P. LaScala; S. Lask;
S. P. Lynch; J. Marano; Rev. C. Owens; E. N. Pellot; L. Popovic; M. Prohaska;
M. Romano; Rev. A. Rosario; J. Russo (16)

Community Liasons: Nicole Pedi - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ben Randazzo - representing State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Justin Horstman - Department of City Planning
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

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

In the absence of Chairman John Marano, 2nd Vice-Chair Diane Lock convened this meeting, at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The 1st Vice-Chair Martin Prince subsequently arrived and chaired the meeting. Mr. Prince thanked the management of Ft. Schuyler House for the use of their facility this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Julian Misiurski – Member – Community Board #10
Mr. Misiurski spoke of legislation being proposed by the Senate and Congress. These bills are; Senate Bill # SOPA 968 (Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act) and House Bill, HR 3261 (Stop On Line Internet Piracy Act). These bills would ban free access to service now available to the general public. Services such as Wikipedia, Google, and Craig's List are some of the on-line companies which the public would be Banned from using, unless they pay a fee. Mr. Misiurski asked that all present send letters opposing the passage of these two bills, and get petitions signed to send to Washington.

2. Allison Walsh – Parent & Pre-K Trustee of P.S. 304

Asked that Community Board #10 support their request to the C.E.C. by passing a resolution to make Pre-K priority the point of entry to P.S. 304. An involved discussion ensued, in which Mr. Sullivan suggested that this item be brought to the Youth and Education Committee. He was informed that the DOE is voting on this during the first week in February and that is when this committee will be meeting. It was then suggested that District Manager Kearns write a letter from Community Board #10 supporting their request. It was determined that the full Board would have to vote on whether to write such a letter, before it could be written.

3. Anita Valenti – Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association

Asked that the Community Board have Planet Fitness gym change their hours from 7/24 to a closing time of midnight.

4. Charles Napolitano – Locust Point Civic Association, Inc.

Spoke of the new vegetable and fruit CSA/Organic market – he will be speaking at the next Locust Point Civic Association meeting.

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mrs. Lock.

Motion to accept the minutes of Community Board #10 meeting held on November 17, 2011 made by Mr. Blascovich, seconded by Mrs. Gallagher. Vote: Unanimous in favor: (32)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Kenneth Kearns

1. Country Club bus #24 route has been restored by the MTA. This was accomplished with the help of our local elected officials; Councilman James Vacca; State Senator Jeffrey Klein; and State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.
2. New Community Board members' applications must be submitted by the deadline of February 3, 2012.
3. At this time, Mr. Kearns asked for a moment of silence in honor of long time Community Board #10 member Rose Foley, who passed away recently.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Prince

Minutes were self-explanatory. However, Mr. Prince alluded to the attendance of Board Members; i.e. monthly Board meetings; Committee meetings. Any member missing three monthly Board meetings will be dismissed from the Board; and any member missing more than half of their Committee meetings will be removed from that Committee.

HOUSING & ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Regina (for Mr. Sullivan)

Mr. Sullivan read the following Resolutions:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the application for an extension of Special Permits for Planet Fitness at 3060/3074 Westchester Avenue, BSA Cal #162-163-95-BZ, be approved with the following provisions; that the operations of said facility be consistent with the provision of the Certificate of Occupancy #54251 for 3074 Westchester Avenue, dated December 9, 1996, which stipulates that there shall be “Accessory off-street attendant parking for 25 motor vehicles” and that the hours of operation for said facility be limited to 6:00AM to Midnight, seven days a week, and that this Resolution will be communicated to the full Board for its review.” Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Hughes. Prior to voting there ensued a discussion. The vote was then taken as follows: In favor: 30 – 1 opposed: Mr. Neddermeyer; 1 abstention: Mr. Misiurski. A letter will be sent from Community Board #10 to ensure that these rules are complied with.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the application for the Renewal of the Revocable Consent for the Operation of a Unenclosed Sidewalk Café of 9 tables and 14 seats by Sammy’s Original Shrimp Box, located at 64 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY, be approved and that this Resolution be forwarded to the full Board for its review. Motion to accept made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Lock. Vote: Unanimous in favor: (32)

***At this point a discussion ensued with information from Mr. Horstman of City Planning Commission regarding the topic of the Zone Green Text Amendment. Mr. Sullivan suggested the following Floor Resolution: **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board issue a letter of support to the City Planning Commission for the Zone Green Text Amendments, with the requirement that the City Island Special district be exempted from allowing wind turbines as permitted obstructions.

Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Lock. Vote was as follows:
In Favor: (31) – 0 opposed – 1 Abstention: Mr. Santiago.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Regina (for Mr. McQuade)

Amendment to attendance records was made, as Mr. Talarico was present at this meeting, but his name was omitted.

Mr. Regina read the following Resolution: **“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 be placed in the Board’s file:

- *Flamboyant Restaurant, 2920 Bruckner Blvd., 10465, between E. Tremont and Edison Avenues, Liquor License #NEW
- *Reina Family Restaurant, 3800 E. Tremont Ave., 10465, between Roosevelt Avenue and Lamport Place, License #NEW.
- *Tapas City Island Restaurant, 435 City Island Ave., 10464, between Bowne and Ditmars Streets, License #1124920, which expires on 12/31/2011.
- *Rino's Restaurant, 3938 E. Tremont Ave. between Dewey and Sampson Avenues, 10465, License #1004071, which expires on 12/31/2011.
- *Louie's Seafood Restaurant, 3478 E. Tremont Ave, between Bruckner Blvd. & Barkley Ave., License #1004080, which expires on 12/31/2011.
- *Pine Bar & Grill, 1634 Eastchester Road, between Blondell Ave. & Williamsbridge Road, License #1003976, which expires on 10/31/2011.
- *Sapito's, 3168 E. Tremont Ave., between Waterbury Ave. & Latting St., License #NEW (Formerly Game Day Grill).
- *La Cocina Borinque, 2245B Westchester Ave, between Castle Hill & Glebe Ave, License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/2011.
- *Buhre Mini Mart, 1735 Jarvis Ave., between Buhre & Roberts Ave., License #1212225, which expires on 01/31/2012.
- *Seafood City, 459 City Island Ave., between Bowne & Beach Sts., License #1004051 & License #1154815, which expire on 01/31/2012.
- *Bistro 6, 1841 Hobart Ave., between Westchester & St. Theresa Aves., License #1124159, which expires on 01/31/2012.
- *Shamrock Inn, 1729 Crosby Ave., between Roberts & Buhre Aves, License #1003945, which expires on 12/31/2011.
- *J.P.'s Inn, 703 Minneford Ave., between Bridge & King Sts., License #1004046, which expires on 01/31/2012.
- *Tony's Pier Restaurant, 1 City Island Ave., between Belden St. & Eastchester Bay, License #1004057, which expires on 02/29/12.

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*Ice House Café, 140 Reynolds Ave., between Prentiss Ave. & Throggs Neck Expwy.
License #1172658, which expires on 02/29/2012.

*Honey's Thai Pavilion, 3036 Westchester Ave., between Hobart & Mahan Aves.,
License #1196947, which expires on 01/31/2012,

*Brewskie's Bar & Grill, 3718 E. Tremont Ave., between Randall Ave. & Dill Place.
License #NEW (Formerly Fiddler's Elbow).

*Black Whale, 279 City Island Ave., between Hawkinns & Carroll Sts., License #1123403,
which expires on 01/31/2012.

*Green Dragon, 4111-13 E. Tremont Ave., between Miles & Lawton Aves., License #1197260,
which expires on 01/31/2012.

There ensued a discussion amongst the Board Members, and then a motion to accept was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Lock Vote: In Favor (31) – 0 Opposed – 1 absention (Mr. Santiago)

Applications are to be given to Patrick Caruso who will check to see if these establishments have proper permits. With reference to Certificate of Occupancy, Mrs. Gallagher suggested that the Fire Department be asked to visit these sites, and bring any issues to Bronx Community Board #10 for their perusal.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Regina (for Mr. Russo)

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. Regina read the following Resolution:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to approve the following Street Activity Permit Applications:

Bangladeshi Street Fair -6/24/12, 10 AM to 6 PM (including setup and break down)
Waterbury Avenue between Zerega and Seabury Avenues.

Life Together Fellowship (LTF) 3rd Annual CommUnity Day, 9/15/12 -9 AM to 7 PM
(including setup and break down), Dewey Avenue between Logan and Edison Avenues.

St. Frances De Chantal Parish Feast 6/29/12 through 7/1/12, 9 AM to 4 PM (Set up time from 6/28/12, 6 PM. Breakdown time until 7/2/12, 10 AM), Hollywood Avenue between Harding Avenue and Msgr. Halpin Place.

Throggs Neck – Saturdays – Farmers Market, 7/7/12 through 11/17/12, 7 AM through 4 PM, Schley Avenue between Balcom Avenue and Cross Bronx Service Road South. This is a sidewalk event.

Motion to accept made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Heaney – Vote: Unanimous in favor (32)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: - Mrs. Gallagher

Mrs. Gallagher read the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting. She explained the difference of Ferry Pt. Park East and West. Ferry Pt. Park East is where the Golf Course is being constructed. Ferry Pt. West will have parkland area and a baseball field.

Mr. Sullivan brought up the problem that there has been no traffic study for the Golf Course, and that this will be done after the work on Whitestone Bridge is completed. Discussion took place regarding the Trump Organization over this parkland and the Golf Course. Mr. McQuade asked that this item be taken up by the Executive Board. A traffic study is also needed re: Ring Road.

Other items being looked at by this Committee are the dog run in Pelham Bay Park, i.e. water for the animals; Hammond Cove Marina property and the maintenance of same; clean-up of lead paint at Pearly Gates Park which was found in the lavatories at this site. Marianne Anderson is looking at this with Community Board #10.

PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

This Committee did not meet this month. Mr. Misiurski was pleased to announce that the City Council has restored the 2% (\$4,138) to our Budget.

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE Mr. Bieder (for Ms. Pitt)

Mr. Bieder spoke on the November minutes, and asked that the name of this Committee be changed to **YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**. Mr. Heaney has agreed to co-chair this by taking on the responsibility of the Education portions of the committee.

Our schools have applied to participate in the “Ladders for Leaders” program. There will be a Global Youth Day in April. Children will be able to enter by writing an essay and competing for monetary prizes. The money is being donated by an anonymous donor.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bieder advised all present that there are fliers available re: Community Gardening.

Mr. Misiurski asked that the Board follow up with the Senate and the House in Washington regarding the SOPA and PIPA bills now in the legislature.

Mr. Lynch posed a resolution: **Resolved...**that Bronx Community Board #10 contact the Superintendent of District 8 in support of the children and Parents of the Pre-K classes at P.S. 304.” Mr. Bieder seconded this. Vote: Unanimous in favor (32).

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Vote: Unanimous in favor (32)

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Estelle Marra, Clerical Associate