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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

September 18, 2014

Ft. Schuyler House

3077 Cross Bronx Expressway

Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, L. Blascovich, A. Boller, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, P. Devine, V.M. Gallagher, L. Goldstein, I. Guanill-Elukowich, B. Heaney, C. Hughes, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. McQuade, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, M. Prince, J. Roberts, R. Rodriguez, M. Romano, N. Rosario, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, A. Santiago, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, M. Vazquez, (total # present = 34)

ABSENT: H. Acampora, L. Burrowes, A. Chirico, M. Davila, D. Hunt, J. Marano, J. Miller, K. Neddermeyer, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, M. Prohaska, A. Ribustello, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico (total # absent =14)

Community Liaisons: Daniel Hogel - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ben Randazzo - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Arial Alvarez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Tania Ochoteco - Office of Council Member Annabel Palma
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Elvin Garcia - Mayor's Office

Board #10 Staff: Kenneth Kearns - District Manager
Patrick Caruso
Susan Duffy

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

The above Community Liaison representatives were introduced and thanked for coming.

A. Alvarez of Council Member Vacca's Office informed the community of the following events: mammography van on October 3, 2014, NY Legal Assistance van on November 19, 2014 in front of 3040 E. Tremont Avenue, and a defensive driving class on October 18, 2014 at the Morris Park Community Association. Registration is required for all events, call 718-931-1721.

D. Hogel of Senator Klein's Office informed the community that the Senator's office issued a statement to the Bronx Times Reporter concerning his opposition to the placement of a shelter at

555 Hutchinson River Parkway. He added that the Senator also opposes the use of 1870 Pelham Parkway South as a transitional housing provider.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 - ASCNYC – Eliana Leve, Deputy Executive Director for Programs, Jill Clockadale, Associate Director, 212-645-0875 x 752: addressed concerns about the supportive housing program at 1870 Pelham Parkway South; no active drug users, all clients are in programs to maintain sobriety.
- 2 - Ellen Bruzelius, Bartow Pell Mansion Museum, 718-885-1461: upcoming programs in October.
- 3 - Joe Oddo, Pelham Bay Taxpayers: Chair of CAB for 1870 Pelham Parkway South; suggested the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) be contacted to see if an inquiry can be made concerning 555 Hutchinson River Parkway.
- 4 - Joe Bellini, Pelham Bay resident: concerned about St. Paul Avenue and the number of accidents; complained about homeless around Pelham Bay station.
- 5 - Allison Walsh, Spencer Estates resident: Proposed shelter not good for community or the homelessness.

A discussion among Board members began about 555 Hutchinson River Parkway. Chairman Prince announced that the Capri hotel site had been turned into a homeless shelter with 95 families consisting of women and children. DHS has declared an emergency stating that there are over 50,000 homeless people in NYC and that they had acquired this site for a homeless shelter. Emergency situations allow for the selection of any site with a seven day notification to the affected community; DHS has not engaged the community and has rebuffed the efforts of the Board. Letters were sent to the Deputy Mayor Barrios-Paoli, Borough President Diaz and electeds. The electeds are also in agreement that the site is not the best location for a homeless shelter, because of the remote location and site conditions. The Board was hoping the hotel site would be developed into a project that would complement the golf course. The Board feels that the golf course is an economic engine for the community and further believes that the Capri site should have been a hotel or another hospitality related use, which would benefit the golf course.

Mr. Prince added that DHS uses the approach that any criticism of the proposed site for a shelter shows no concern for homeless. Mr. Prince stressed that is not accurate and the Board will work towards changing the attitude of DHS. This is the approach that DHS is using to circumvent the concerns of the Board, by placing a facility, to house mothers and children, in a location where there are inadequate transportation, education, medical and other services.

The Municipal Services Committee will meet on the matter at its meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014. All the electeds and civic associations have been invited. The shelter at 555 Hutchinson River Parkway can accommodate 95 families. A Citizens Advisory Committee and CB10 must ensure that the residents receive the required services.

A Board member added that NYCHA is moving the homelessness into apartments in NYCHA buildings, pushing applicants back that have been on waiting lists. Many of these homeless individuals/families lack the basic skills of managing monies and living on their own.

- 6 - Drusilla White, Mt. Sinai, Cancer Prevention Control: is conducting an educational survey targeted to African Americans over the age of 50 for colorectal cancer.
- 7 - Theodore Morris, Recruiter @ American Cancer Society: Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk, Orchard Beach, October 19, 2014. Call 914-288-2037.
- 8 - Egidio Sementilli, Pelham Bay Community Activists: CB10 Executive Board meetings are public; offered support for the Ferry Point community; concerned that there is no contract for ASCNYC to operate at 1870 Pelham Parkway South; wants answers from ASCNYC on criminal records for clients being serviced at 1870; stated that 71% are active/recovering drug addicts, 25% have been in jail; does not want program at the site; 45PCT overworked; letter to electeds asking for an investigation; CB10 Chairman had no authority to establish a Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) for 1870.
- 9 - Mike Pricoli, CB 10 Member: Commented on a “community activist” whose method is to tear people down; talked about the MTA Station reconstruction project and the positives and negatives affecting community and commuters.

Chairman Martin Prince added that inroads have been made with NYC Agencies doing work in the neighborhoods and requested community to contact CB10 with concerns.

- 10 - Dotti Poggi, Ferry Point Community Advocates: traffic issues resulting from buses being serviced by HO Penn; expressed concern about the homeless shelter, community will work with those in the shelter; community expected economic development, not a shelter.

Motion to close the Public Participation Section was made by Mr. Salimbene, seconded by Mr. McQuade and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mrs. Lock 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

- Borough President Diaz Provides Over \$9 million in funding to Bronx Organizations
- Governor Cuomo Announces Launch of the New NY Works Office in the Bronx where NYS Department of Labor will bring no-cost services direct to Bronx business
- Reintroduction of Gun Registry Legislation
- NYC Elected Officials to NRA: Support Our Fight Against Illegal Guns
- Statement from Borough President Diaz regarding Sen. Ted Cruz’s Bronx Bashing
- Borough President Diaz, New York Yankees & AT&T Host Fourth Annual ‘Borough President’s Cup’ Little League Championship

- Gun Buy Back Program – Cash for Guns
- Event – Day of Remembrance

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

The Board has been working with the NYS Department of Labor for approximately three months. The community has used the services of the employment outreach coordinator. This outreach will end on September 30th. Call for office at 718-892-1161 for additional information.

On Saturday September 20th, Community Board 10 and the Health and Human Services Committee will host a Healthy Challenge Walk in Pelham Bay Park, between 10AM-1PM. All are invited to participate. There is a facebook page (BronxCB10HealthyLifestyleChallenge) in which participants can note accomplishments and offer tips.

Mr. Kearns said that if the residents see conditions that need to be addressed concerning the MTA Subway Renovation Project to contact the Board. NYC Agencies are working to address some of the issues and changes should occur over the next several months. Residents should contact the Board office with concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Committee met on September 2, 2014. Minutes are explanatory.

Mr. Prince said there is a need to establish an ad hoc committee to work on the Board’s internet website and usage of social media. Three members volunteered: Leonard Blascovich, Annie Boller and Ruben Diaz.

Mr. Prince wants the Board to be more proactive in preparing lists of concerns for Community Advisory Council members and how these groups should be structured. Mr. Sementilli had petitions collected at the community meeting/rallies that have been held. There will be another rally on October 5. Mr. Prince offered to assist in forwarding the petitions to the appropriate parties.

Recent meetings held in Bay Plaza with elected, residents, and Mall developer as well as at the office of the Bronx Borough Commissioner’s Office of Transportation (DOT) were positive; additional traffic issues concerning Brush Avenue were discussed with DOT. The Board is going forward with NYPD brass next week to discuss increased staffing for the 45 Precinct.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on September 16, 2014. The minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Bieder chaired the meeting for Mr. Sullivan and read the following resolutions which were all unanimously passed in Committee.

“**Resolved**... At the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Committee supports the extension of the special permit, under

BSA Cal. No. 164-04-BZ, to operate a fitness center at 2241 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx, and further recommends that the full Board do the same.”

“**Resolved**... At the request of the Housing and Zoning committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Committee supports the extension of the special permit, BSA Cal. Nos. 162-/163-95 BZ, to operate a fitness center at 3060-3074 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx, and further recommends that the full Board do the same.”

“**Resolved**...At the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 to support the renewal of the permit for an unenclosed sidewalk café of 12 tables and 24 chairs for the Babalu Restaurant, DCA License # 1438451-DCA, located at 3233 E. Tremont Avenue in the Bronx, and further recommends that the full Board do the same.”

Motion to accept the resolutions was made by Mr. Blascovich, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and unanimously approved by all.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on September 3, 2014. In addition to the presentation by NYRising, Applebee’s and the NYPD Department of Environmental Protection on noise code regulations, there was a resolution read concerning liquor licenses. The Committee’s meeting minutes are self-explanatory and provide more information on the aforementioned topics.

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

*Frank’s Pizzeria, 2815 Middletown Road, between Westchester & Mulford Aves, License #NEW.

*Filomena’s Pizza & Pasta, 134/140 Pennyfield Ave, between Mitchell & Tierney Pls. License #NEW.

*M & R Deli, 1480 Williamsbridge Road, between Eastchester Rd & Chesbrough Ave, License #1254512, which expires on 08/31/14.

*City Island Diner, 302-304 City Island Ave, between Fordham & Hawkins Sts, License #1154795, which expires on 09/30/2014.

*Lucca Restaurant, 3019 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Hobart Aves, license #1223294, which expires on 09/30/14.

*North Bronx Athletic Club, 274 City Island Ave, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License #1165637, which expires on 07/31/14.

*Shanghai Red Restaurant, 127 Westchester Square, between E Tremont Ave & Ferris Pl, License #NEW.

*McDermott's Pub, 2634 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between St Raymond's & McClay Aves, License #1245484, which expires on 10/31/14.

*Sugar & Spice, 536 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross & Beach Sts, License #NEW.

*R & T Corner Store, 3742 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall Ave & Dill Pl, license #NEW.

*T-Neck Grill, 3841 E Tremont Ave, between Schley & Dewey Aves, License #NEW

*J & S Deli & Grocery, 2955-59 Middletown Rd, between Crosby & Plymouth Aves, License #1165509, which expires on 08/31/14.

*Bases Loaded Sports Bar, 2997 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Hobart Ave, License #NEW"

The following license has been turned in by the owners and is not part of the resolution.

*Ralph's Diner, 1315 Commerce Ave, 10462, between Waterbury & Halsey Aves, License #1261604, which expires on 07/31/14.

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mrs. Gallagher and approved by a majority of Board members. The vote was (1) member recused himself; (2) against, (1) abstention, and (23) in favor.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee is meeting on September 22, 2014.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on September 8, 2014. Mrs. Gallagher went over all the items in the meeting minutes. A Board member raised an issue in Wilkinson Park with a bee-hive; the tree is taped/roped off but the hive remains. Mr. Kearns said the Board will look into it.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on September 10, 2014. Mr. Misiurski went over the minutes, which are self-explanatory and touched upon the Hammond Cove and Orchard Beach requests. He added that most requests are dead on arrival and the majority of Community Boards did not receive any funding for their Capital and Expense Budgets. The following resolutions were read:

Resolved...At the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Bronx Community Board #10's Budget for FY 2015 be accepted and forwarded to the full Board for its approval. "

"Resolved... that Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 accept the Capital and Expense Budget priorities and recommend that these priorities be adopted by the full Board at its next full meeting."

Motion to accept the resolutions was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Kearns for Mrs. Hunt

The Committee met on September 17, 2014. Bishop Rosario chaired the meeting in Mrs. Hunt's absence. The minutes are self-explanatory. On Saturday, September 20, 2014 there will be Healthy Lifestyle Challenge walk in Pelham Bay Park from 10AM-1PM; Jacobi and Montefiore provided handouts. Board member Ms. Boller created a facebook page where progress, recipes' and other information can be posted.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on September 15, 2014.

Minutes are self-explanatory. TNCAP is still waiting for grant monies and may have to close; Mr. Bieder would like to invite principals and parent coordinators to the October 20, 2014 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

There are serious parking issues along Pennyfield Avenue near Maritime College. Students from the College are taking up many spaces and many park over the white line. The Board will look into it.

Staffing at 45 Precinct is lacking and Board members have raised concerns about instances where response times were problematic. Mr. Prince noted that the Board was meeting with NYPD next week to discuss the issues.

A Board member noted that homelessness is caused by inadequate funding for those in need; most homeowners do not want trees planted in front of homes; a HASA application for 1870 Pelham Parkway South and once approved, monies will be provided; thanked District Manager Kearns and especially, Ms. Guanill and the Pelham Bay Merchants for keeping Keane Square Park clean.

Motion to close the September 18, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. McQuade, seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.