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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

P.S. 14

3041 Bruckner Boulevard

Bronx, New York 10461

at 7:30 p.m.

May 19, 2016

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, A. Boller, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, I. Guanill-Elukowich, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, E. Primavera, M. Prince, A. Ponder, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, E. Torres,
(total # present = 34)

ABSENT: L. Burrowes, P. Cantillo, P. Devine, L. Goldstein, M. Johnson, R. Kurz, K. Lynch, J. McQuade, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, M. Prohaska, J.M. Provetto, R. Rodriguez, T. Salimbene, M. Velazquez (total # absent = 15)

Community Liaisons: Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Rabbi Lillian Vargas – Office of State Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Tania Ochoteco- Office of Council Member Annabel Palma
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

Mr. Hogle from Senator Klein’s Office advised the community about an upcoming Bronx HIRE event; call 718-822-2049 for additional information.

Mr. Tulton from Assemblyman Benedetto’s Office advised the community about an upcoming two week assistance program for individuals who owe child support. The NYC Human Resources Administration will match payments of \$1,000 or more. Contact 929-252-5200 for additional information.

Rabbi Vargas from the Office of Senator Diaz Sr. spoke about reaching out to the Senator's Office; phone 718-991-3161.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

Chairman Prince noted the presence of parents of students at PS 14 who were in attendance regarding the proposed school expansion. Mr. Prince added that due to time constraints public participation with respect to the expansion of the school would be limited.

- 1 – R. Campisi: PS 14 expansion – against construction. Mrs. Campisi lives next to the property and read a statement outlining problems with the proposed construction such as safety and health issues, length of three year construction, as well as the removal of Schneider-Sampson Park.
- 2 – J. Cerini: requested that the Board contact the School Construction Authority (SCA) to discuss the concerns about project size and community involvement. Mr. Cerini said all the schools, PS 72, PS 71, PS 14 are at capacity. A project of this magnitude will have safety issues, air quality, parking problems and stressed the importance of continuing dialogue with the SCA.
- 3 – M. Melendez: PS 14 expansion – against construction. Ms. Melendez noted that the current construction at PS 71 is a health hazard, with safety issues, traffic problems, etc. and these same issues will arise if PS 14 is expanded.
- 4 – G. Dell'Olio: PS 14 expansion – is not against expansion but is against the magnitude of the project. She wants the SCA do a traffic study. She states that traffic issues will be horrendous. Mrs. Dell'Olio added that early childhood students need to be in one building.

Mr. Prince added that the Board will forward the concerns to the SCA as well as the sign-in/petition sheet. He noted that the school is in need of expansion, as are the other schools.

- 5 – E. Primavera: CB 10 Youth Services and Education member and former student and retired teacher of PS 14. Mrs. Primavera stressed the need for logistics to be thoroughly researched; the building does need upgrades such as science and math labs; added that the school is operating at capacity; community input is essential.
- 6 – R. Jannaccio: resident of City Island, manager of two FaceBook groups; stated that information requested at a CB10 Executive Board meeting has not been made available; wants to see improvements, as well as reinstatement of By-Laws Committee.
- 7 – M. Pricoli: National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) walk held in May, over 5k signed up for event; NAMI is an excellent organization which has helped those with mental health issues.
- 8 – L. Brown: New York Public Library, Baychester; Ms. Torres from Throggs Neck Library: wants community support for the Library Campaign and summer reading program

- 9 – H. Wade: CEO/President of Truhawk, LLC, a company for building owners and residents. Additional information can be obtained at www.truhawk.com.
- 10 – L. Potter: Argus Community – free substance abuse counselor training program; work with adults who need assistance in obtaining employment, approximately ninety percent obtain employment. Contact 718-401-5798 or lpotter@arguscommunity.org for information.
- 11 – M. Gay: block party – Carnival of Love, wants to obtain a permit for a block party
- 12 – L. Rocco, WSCA: supports the parents who are against the expansion of PS 14. He wants a traffic study of the area and further stated schools need to be modernized with elevators, green areas, technology etc.

Motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Bieder and **unanimously approved** by all.

A motion to accept the revised minutes from the April 21, 2016 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Bishop Rosario, 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 acknowledged the concerns of the parents and noted that he will relay the information to the Borough President. For current and prospective board members, letters of reappointments and new appointments will be sent within the next two weeks.

Bronx Week, recently ended, was held the first two weeks of May, with a concert, parade. Mr. Lucania recognized and praised those who were instrumental in working on the effort.

Upcoming events: LGBTQ Pride Awards Ceremony, Wednesday June 1, 2016, Ramadan, Thursday, June 16, 2016 and Caribbean Heritage Month, Thursday, June 23, 2016.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

Rodman’s Neck: A planned detonation scheduled for May 19, 2016 at Rodman’s Neck never happened. The community (zip codes 10461, 64, 65 and 75) does hear the barrage of sounds and explosions taking place at the facility. Noise level is elevated during rainy weather. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is asking that residents register for NOTIFY NYC at 311 for future notifications.

The District Service Cabinet meeting was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the Board Office. On May 25, 2016 the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is conducting a workshop on Green Technologies and suggested that Riverbay Corporation, the management group for Co-op City, look into it. Sanitation Enforcement: violations have been issued to dog

owners who have not cleaned up at the following locations – Pilgrim Avenue, Bicentennial Veterans Park, and Sampson Schneider Park.

Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and Bronx Works: outreach efforts were offered and accepted at Keane Square Park. The MTA outreach team also provides services on the trains.

Orchard Beach is opening on May 25, 2016. The Board will be represented by the District Manager and the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

On June 7, 2016, a public hearing will be held on a proposed group home, sponsored by Services for the Underserved (SUS), at 276 Graff Avenue. The location of the hearing is Ft. Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway, Bronx 10465. It is important that a quorum of Board members be present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Committee met on April 4, 25, and May 17, 2016. The minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Chirico brought up the CASA letter and wants to know if a correction letter was sent. Mr. Prince responded that no letter was sent; a phone call to the New York State Liquor Authority was made. He added that steps have been taken at the Board to reflect accurate votes.

A brief discussion among Board members with a request that a follow-up letter be sent on the two establishments in question was suggested. A member raised the question of two original letters when only once was originally mentioned. Mr. Bieder raised the question of two letters in question, CASA and Illusions. In closing it was noted that there are two letters and as a result, an inquiry has been made to a third party referral.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on May 11, 2016. There was no quorum so the meeting was an Informational Presentation by Mr. Michael Rivendeneyra of Council Member Vacca's Office on the Mayor's Housing Program. Mr. Rivendeneyra brought the community up to date on the Mayor's Program; the only area affected is the back area of the Westchester Square Transit Zone where it borders Board 11 by Blondell Avenue. There is no planned development, at present, in Board 10.

Mr. Sullivan addressed the Board and members in attendance. He said that the Board consists of 49 volunteer members. By and large, all members work very hard and the passionate personalities, at times, can be strong. There are always differences of opinions.

At this point, Mr. Kearns addressed the members in attendance about the matter concerning the two letters sent to the SLA on CASA and Illusions. He noted that a rush in judgement was made in sending out the incorrect information to the SLA and apologized.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic for Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on May 4, 2016. At this meeting, new and renewal liquor licenses for the establishments below were discussed which resulted in resolutions coming from the Committee to be presented to the full Board for approval:

For Renewals:

“**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, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:

*Cabo Restaurant, 3764 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #1269941, which expires on 04/30/16.

*Alfie’s Place, 3037 E 177th St, 10465, between E Tremont & Dewey Aves, License #1261501, which expires on 05/31/16.

*Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course, 870 Shore Rd, 10464, between Bartow Pell Circle & Roosevelt Pl, License #1205513, which expires on 06/30/16.

*Applebee’s Restaurant, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #1276053, which expires on 06/30/16.

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

For New Licenses:

“**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, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:

*Skyard Diner-Café, 3392 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Bruckner Expressway & Meyers St, License #NEW.

*Tequila & Mezcal, 2434 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Lyvere & Seddon Sts, License #NEW”

A motion to accept the Resolution for the new licenses was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Ms. Baez and **unanimously approved** by all.

A discussion on the license requests for Mis So-Melo Lounge and La Cocina Boriqua began. The representative for Mis So-Melo Lounge did not come to the Committee meeting and it was

discovered that the establishment is not going to open due to lease issues and are withdrawing the application for a liquor license. No further action is needed.

In Committee, the request for extended hours for La Cocina Boriqua did not pass. Mr. Caruso noted that La Cocina Boriqua is requesting only a change in hours of operation from 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Saturday. The existing license expires on December 31, 2017. La Cocina Boriqua was the subject of a MARCH event in December 2015 and numerous violations were written. It was determined that a floor resolution is necessary, reflecting the full Board's vote, which is submitted below:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee and the full Board of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment has 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, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board's file and :

*La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10462, between, Castle Hill & Glebe Aves, License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/17.

(This is only a change in hours of operation against their current license)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Current Hours:	12-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-11 PM	2-11 PM	12-12 PM
Revised Hours:	Same	Same	Same	Same	2-4 AM	2-4 AM	12-4 AM”

The Resolution was **opposed unanimously** by the full Board.

In addition, for La Cocina Boriqua, it was requested that a letter be sent to the SLA with a copy of the MARCH event results from December 2015. In addition, a request was made to see if the SLA had granted the change in hours.

The Resolution regarding a change to the language of Item #17 of the Stipulations reads as follows:

“Resolved...At the request of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the language of Item #17 of the Stipulations be revised, and replaced with the following language: that the congregation of patrons in front of an establishment, should be discouraged during normal business hours, and this information be reported to the full Board for its review.”

A motion to accept the Resolution regarding a change to the language of Item #17 of the Stipulations was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Russo and **rejected by a majority** of members as follows: twenty-six (26) opposed with seven (7) abstentions.

A discussion among Board members on the stipulations began. The stipulations were created to assist the police in enforcement issues and are not problematic for the establishments that adhere to them. Noise is the number one complaint. For the establishments who have cabaret licenses,

none of which are in CB #10, owners must have exterior security/cameras. As a result of the vote, #17 will revert to the original wording.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee will meet on Monday, May 23, 2016. The NYC School Construction Authority will do a presentation on the planned expansion of P.S. 14.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

Street Activity Permit Applications were reviewed and unanimously approved in Committee and will be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permits be forwarded to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting:

Event ID: 283600, Merchant Fair at the Square, Special Event, Saturday, June 18th, 8 AM to 7 PM including setup and breakdown of event. Westchester Square, between Benson Street and Frisby Avenue. Contact: Lisa Sorin.

Event ID: 283619, Merchant Fair at the Square, Special Event, Saturday, June 18th, 8 AM to 7 PM including setup and breakdown of event. East Tremont Avenue between St. Raymond Avenue and Maclay Avenue. Contact: Lisa Sorin.

Event ID: 283819, Harrington Avenue Block Party 2016, August 6, 2016, 12 Noon to 9 PM including setup and breakdown of event. Harrington Avenue between Mayflower and Edison Avenues. Contact: Teresa Perrino.

Event ID: 285145, Ferry Point Civic Association Block Party, Saturday August 27, 12 noon to 9 PM including setup and breakdown of event. Rohr Place between Brush Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway. Contact: JoAnn Sohmers.

Event ID: 274193, Fireworks, Special Event, Sunday, July 3, 2016, Noon to 11 PM, including setup and breakdown of event. Co-op City Blvd. between Bellamy Loop North and Peartree Avenue. Contact: Michelle Sajous – On Riverbay Property.

Event ID: 285028, St. Raymond Avenue Block Party, August 6, 2016, 8 AM to 9 PM including setup and breakdown. St. Raymond Avenue between St. Peters and Overing Street. Contact: Eduardo Martinez.”

A motion to accept the Resolution regarding the above Street Activity Permits was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez and **unanimously approved** by all.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permits be forwarded to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting:

A motion to accept the Resolution regarding the above Street Activity Permits was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Baez and **approved by a majority** of thirty-three members (33) with one (1) recusal.

Event ID: 281689, Glebe Avenue Block Party, Saturday, August 13th, 12 Noon to 9 PM including setup and breakdown of event. Glebe Avenue between Westchester and Lyon Avenues. Contact: Bob Bieder.

The floor Resolution below is **pending** upon confirmation by Council Member Vacca's Office that the rerouting of the #42 bus line will be resolved:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting:

Event ID: 286434, No Guns No Violence, Block Party, Saturday, August 20th, 9 AM to 8 PM, including set up and breakdown of event. Dewey Avenue between Balcom and Calhoun Avenues. Contact Monique Johnson

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

A second Resolution from the floor was read:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting:

Event ID: 286506, TSF – Community Outreach, Block Party, August 13th between 7 AM and 8 PM including set up and breakdown. St. Peters Avenue, between Tratman and Frisby Avenues. Contact: Diana Velez.”

This resolution was disapproved in Committee due to access issues for Westchester Square – Montefiore which have since been resolved.

A motion to accept the floor Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and **unanimously approved** by all.

The last floor Resolution was read:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting:

Event ID: 283468, Carnival of Love Block Party, Saturday, July 9, 10 AM to 7 PM including setup and breakdown of event. 2500 St. Raymond Avenue between St. Peters Avenue and Marvin Place. Contact: Marie Gay

A discussion on the problems surrounding the event in 2015 began. There were noise issues, overcrowding, lack of access to Marvin Place, etc.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Russo, seconded by Mr. Marano and **unanimously disapproved** by all.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

Mrs. Gallagher went over the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting and highlighted some topics such as the overhaul of Shore Road, rest room facility under construction in Ferry Point Park, waterfront dredging. There was no quorum at this meeting so the resolution for a dog run in Colucci Park will be presented at the full Board meeting:

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a small portion of Colucci Park, located at Wilkinson Avenue and the Hutchinson River Parkway, be set aside for a dog run, and that this request be forwarded to the full Board for its consideration.”

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

Mr. Bieder discussed the 9-11 monument which is slated to be installed in Schneider-Sampson Park. He would like to continue working on this throughout the summer and wants to meet with the Parks Commissioner. Mr. Gene Lynch, is donating the monument.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on May 16, 2016 to discuss the Board’s internal budget. There was no quorum present at this meeting. A floor resolution will be presented at the full Board meeting of May 19, 2016.

Excess monies will be used to upgrade the conference room furniture in the Board’s Office.

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Planning & Budget Committee that the internal budget of Bronx Community Board #10 be submitted to the full Board for approval at the May 19, 2016 meeting.”

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

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs. Hunt

The Committee met on May 18, 2016.

The minutes are self-explanatory. Mrs. Hunt asked if there are any members with concerns about ambulances since TransCare went out of business. Mrs. Gallagher said that with EMS picking up the slack, the services have slightly improved.

The Board is still waiting to get numbers from FDNY/EMS to include in the letter to be sent to the Joint Commission. A request was made to include concerns about Weiler Hospital wait times

At the June meeting of Health and Human Services, Montefiore is being invited; it was recommended that REMSCO also be invited.

Veterans: Col. Chin noted that the Borough President's Office has a Veteran's Affairs Department. He added that most veterans are not aware of what is available to him/her and that it is a complicated effort to work through the maze of benefits.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on May 12, 2016. Mrs. Gallagher went over the minutes. Mr. Marano asked to be removed from the ballot for the position of Chair. Ms. Semaj-Williams read the names of the individuals nominated for each position on the Executive Board. Some concerns were raised about the Committee's selection and preparation of nominations and to clarify, Mr. Lucania read the section in the By-laws (Article VI-Officers, Section II). To paraphrase, a committee is formed three months prior to the June meeting, nominations are read at the May meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor, with elections to take place in June.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Ponder informed the Board members and community that the nyc.gov/health website has information about the Zikha virus.

Motion to close the, May 19, 2016 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and **unanimously approved** by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.