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Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

September 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Ft. Schuyler House

3077 Cross Bronx Expressway

Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, T. Franklin, V.M. Gallagher, I. Guanill-Elukowich, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, E. Primavera, M. Prince, A. Ponder, J. Robert, J. Russo, N. Salas, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, (total # present = 32)

ABSENT: M. Davila, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Kurz, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, K. Neddermeyer, C. Papastefanou, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, J.M. Provetto, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, E. Torres, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # absent = 16)

Community Liaisons: Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Dan Hogle - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Yari Fernandez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca
Adam Bermudez - Office of City Council Member Andy King
Alexis Walters - NYC Mayor's Office
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter

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

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming. Mr. Prince acknowledged two new Board members, Mr. N. Salas and Mr. J. Melendez.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – J. Roediger, General Manager, Trump Golf Links at FPP: it was brought to his attention that NYC Parks presented a plan for the development of the waterfront area in Ferry Point Park at Monday's Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Mr. Roediger wanted the community to know that Mr. Trump and the Trump Organization made an offer to NYC Parks in November 2013 to restore walking paths and staircases tied in with the 9-11 memorial, as well as the rehabilitation of the entrance to Ferry Point Park before the Golf Links. It was also noted

that Mr. J. Nicklaus suggested improvements to Holes 17 and 18 holes for securing championship events which would result in an infringement to the 19.5 acres of the Park at the waterfront area. These costs would be covered by the Trump Organization; however, attempts at continuing communications with NYC Parks have not been forthcoming. Mr. Roediger said the contacts at Parks are Caitlyn Pontrolla and David Serone. He spoke to them within the last month and took them to the Park showing the conditions which the Trump Organization wants to rehabilitate.

Board members asked if there was document to share and if there would be a loss of access to the water. Mr. Roediger responded that he does not have documents to share, there will be no loss of waterfront access. He added that the proposed design is a passive one with native plants. Mr. Prince said he would bring up the matter at the budget consultation meeting with NYC Parks and Recreation.

- 2 – L. Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association: Mr. Rocco is concerned with the newly planted trees that are either dead or dying; he said that trash is being placed up against the trees causing damage; DSNY, Mr. Terranova and Superintendent Mason have assisted with cleanup efforts. Mr. Rocco wants the Board Office's Parks & Recreation Committee to work towards having new trees planted and protected from destruction. Mr. Prince requested that Mr. Rocco provide him with locations for tree removals/tree re-plantings for presentation to the NYC Parks and Recreation for resolution. Ms. Musano advised Mr. Rocco that New York Tree Restoration provides free trees.
- 3 – K. Daloia: talked about the road diet plan road, traffic/pedestrian safety. He spoke about the individual who was killed on E. Tremont Avenue and noted that the area has been memorialized with a ghost bike, funded privately. Mr. Daloia said the road diet is effective.
- 4 – K. Jackson, American Red Cross, 646-363-5415, www.redcross.org, Kaitlyn.jackson@redcross.org: The American Red Cross provides assistance with hurricanes, fire safety, provides free carbon monoxide detectors, disaster recovery, emergency preparedness for children/adults.
- 5 – L. Petersen Co-op City resident: traffic patterns are difficult to follow, street markings have faded to the point of danger, potholes on Co-op City Boulevard; speed hump requested; frustrated with the lack of response from DOT; feels Co-op City is neglected.

Mr. Prince said Bartow Avenue, killer curve, and barrier replacements are items that NYC DOT is aware the issues. Ms. Petersen added that another area is Peartree Avenue.
- 6 – W. Menia, Metro Health Plus Plan, 347-996-6785: Goal Plan for NYC employees at no cost, no premiums, co-pay for basic services to include behavioural health; extensive physician network.
- 7 – Pizzanista Restaurant, Anthony and Sal Fasolino: opening a new business sometime in December 2016 at 3439 E. Tremont Avenue. It will be a new concept, with customers making their own pizza with different sauces, veggies, cheeses; assembly line process; specialty pies, salads and traditional calzones.

- 8 – V. Vasquez, Prentiss Avenue: Edgewater Park problems, weed smoking, fence climbing; fence installation has encroached on city property, wants the fire hydrant to be moved to the corner; trees needs to be removed; Prentiss is small and access will be blocked during construction; 311 has been called; trash accumulation.

Mr. Prince said the hydrant is to be discussed with the Department of Environmental Protection on Tuesday. Mr. Boiko suggested that Ms. Vasquez attend the next 45th Precinct Community Council Meeting in October.

- 9 – D. Williams, 7th Day Adventist Church, looking for space to rent in the community for a church.
- 10 – Dan Hogle, Senator Klein’s Office: Heroin Town Hall on Monday, 9/19 at Maestro’s Caterers in the evening which will cover overmedication and training for those in distress.
- 11 – Adam Bermudez, Council Member King’s Office: the Office conducted a Back to School rally outside of Evander Childs School on Gun Hill Road.
- 12 - Alexis Walters from Mayor’s Office: available to assist constituents with issues. Contact her at 347-585-7295 awalters@cityhall.nyc.gov

Council Member James Vacca addressed the Board and community, outlining the many efforts he has undertaken:

- Road Diet on East Tremont Avenue, highlighting the one hundred accidents and two fatalities in a five year period.
- Amendola Plaza was funded with \$900,000 and noted that the project is on hold because the contractor has defaulted; this job must be re-bid and a new contractor awarded the project. The fencing surrounding the project will be moved to provide extra space for commuters.
- He has allocated \$100,000 for each primary and middle school in his district. The IS 192 Campus has received \$300,000 from him and \$300,000 from Borough President Diaz for a \$900,000 project for an environmentally friendly school yard which will benefit the children as well as the neighboring home owners; additional funds will be secured privately.
- Mr. Vacca has also requested that Harding Avenue be studied for traffic controls.
- Additional funding was provided to Colucci Park and Pelham Bay Park in the amounts of \$800,000 and \$300,000 for enhancements.
- He has met with NYPD about the homeless as well as meeting with the Bronx District Attorney and NYPD to discuss the problems with heroin in the community.
- Mr. Vacca is providing funding for FEDCAP which will benefit individuals with criminal records in community cleanup efforts.
- Council Member Vacca has worked with staff and principals on the Lehman High School Campus and has been in communication with Chancellor Farina.

Westchester Square Library is a \$15 million dollar project with ground breaking expected within a year; the project will revitalize the area and the Bronx Council on the Arts will be relocating to East Tremont Avenue in a few months.

Council Member Vacca was asked about funding to hire a district manager sooner rather than later and told the Board that there is no precedent for doing this. The Board is responsible for the paying of annual leave to employees who leave city service. The Council Member was thanked for his efforts in keeping the community informed.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 16, 2016 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cantillo, 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 released a statement concerning the disabling of web browsing services. He also has allocated \$3 million in housing funds which will create more than 800 new affordable units across the Bronx; \$5.6 million in capital funds to 59 education projects as part of the FY2017 capital funding allocations as well as \$14.3 million for parks, including the historic Orchard Beach pavilion and upgrades to playgrounds and recreation spaces all over the borough.

Mr. Lucania briefly discussed the retirement of the District Manager and added that once the annual leave is audited and monies dispersed, planning for hiring can begin. An inquiry was asked about the possibility of the District Manager's annual leave being carried over to another position should he secure a position with New York City. Mr. Lucania noted that it is a possibility.

Mr. Lucania will chair the District Service Cabinet meetings with Mr. Prince.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Executive Board met on September 7, 2016. The minutes are self-explanatory.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

There was a ULURP 160335PCX Hearing on June 27, 2016 concerning the site selection and acquisition of property for a new Westchester Square Library. Minutes were attached to the meeting packet.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando for Mr. Talarico

The Committee met on August 1 and September 6, 2016. The following resolutions for renewal licenses, new licenses, and change in method of operation were voted on by the Board members (29) who remained at the September 15, 2016 Community Board Meeting. Those that left before voting

are Mr. J. Onwu, Mrs. Semaj-Williams and Mr. R. Talarico. It should be noted that Mr. Talarico, the Chair of the Committee, had to leave for work.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *renewals* of licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in 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:

*Tosca Marquee, 4034 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles Ave & Gerber Pl, License #1202518, which expires on 06/30/16.

*Joe’s Crab Shack, 200 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bartow Ave & Hutchinson River Pkwy, License #1277401, which expires on 08/31/16.

*Red Robin Burgers & Brew, 200 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bartow Ave & Hutchinson River Pkwy, License #1279336, which expires on 09/30/16.

*City Island Diner, 302-304 City Island Ave, 10464, between, Fordham & bat Sts, License #1154795, which expires on 09/30/16.

*Lucca Restaurant, 3019 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1223294, which expires on 09/30/16.

*Olive Garden, 200 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bartow Ave & Hutchinson River Pkwy, License #1278028, which expires on 08/31/16.

*Yamada Japanese Restaurant, 3811 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Dewey Aves, License #1280430, which expires on 09/30/16.

*Red Lobster, 2090 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Co-op City Blvd & Baychester Ave, License #1279572, which expires on 09/30/16.

*Lobster Box, 34 City Island Ave, 1064, between Rochelle & Belden Sts, License #1209049, which expires on 08/31/16.

*Bases Loaded Sports Bar, 2997 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Edison & Hobart Aves, License #1280981, which expires on 10/31/16.

*McDermott’s Pub, 2634 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between St Raymond & Maclay, license #1245484, which expires on 10/31/16.

*Spoto’s Restaurant, 4005 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sampson Ave & Gerber Pl, License # 1004082, which expires on 11/30/16.

*Vivienne’s, 3044 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Hobart & Mahan Aves, License #1109127, which expires on 11/30/16.

A motion to accept the Resolution for **renewal liquor licenses** was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and **unanimously approved by twenty-nine members.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *renewals* of licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in 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:

*Jimmy Ryan’s, 3003-3005-3007 Middletown Rd, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1003968, which expires on 11/30/16.

A motion to accept the Resolution for a **renewal liquor license** was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Boiko, and **approved by twenty-eight members, with one recusal due to a conflict of interest of a family member’s business.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *new* licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in 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:

*Miles Coffee Bar, 4039 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Gerber Pl & Miles Ave, License #NEW

(Same owner as Muscle Man Grill-4041 E Tremont Ave)

*Mayte Food Corp, 1368 Castle Hill Ave, between Castle Hill & Lyon Aves, License #NEW
(Formerly Canoa Restaurant)

*Sushi Q Japanese Rest, 1610 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Middletown Rd & Roberts Ave, License #NEW.
(Restaurant Open 3 Years)

*Paddy’s on the Island, 288 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Fordham Sts, License #NEW.
(Formerly Ale House)”

*MUTZ, 777 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #NEW.

A motion to accept the Resolution for **new liquor licenses** was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and **unanimously approved by twenty-nine members.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who is applying for a *new* license, has agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that the compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*Pizzaniste, 3439 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Bruckner Service Road & Otis Ave, License #NEW”

A motion to accept the Resolution for this **new liquor license** was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and **approved by twenty-eight members, with one recusal due to a conflict of interest of a family member’s business.**

Change in Method of Operation to Existing License

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment for a change in method of operation to its existing license 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 the compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*Casa Restaurant, 3607 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls, License #1285582, which expires on 05/31/17.” **(Adding DJ, Live Music, and Karaoke)**

A discussion on the merits of accepting or rejecting the resolution followed. The establishment, CASA, has worked with the community by sending many of its workers to TIPS training and no longer uses the services of a promoter. In addition, signage in the establishment stating no dancing has been posted. CASA also has hired security to monitor the premise. There have been no incidents recorded with NYPD within the last nine months. The subject of live music as an item on the stipulations was discussed. A recommendation was made that the establishment should wait twelve months before requesting this license change.

A decision to accept the Resolution for **a change in method of operation to the existing license** was done by a roll call vote with twenty-seven members and the results are as follows: (1) one abstention, (8) eight yes, and (18) eighteen no. **The Resolution did not pass.**

Mr. Sullivan notified the Board that the Wicked Wolf was granted a cabaret license.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee is going to meet on September 19, 2016. The Committee will be working on the creation of an internship program with merchants. Mr. Bieder attended the NYC Department of Education in September.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee is meeting on September 20, 2016. In the interim, the Board received a request for two city benches to be placed at bus locations. A floor resolution was brought to the full Board for a vote at its September 15, 2016 meeting:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following locations be reviewed by the full Board for the placement of benches under the New York City Department of Transportation’s CityBench Program and that the Board’s vote be forwarded to the New York City Department of Transportation’s Division of Transportation Planning and Management: Site ID 3568, 3948 East Tremont Avenue, Sampson Avenue and Cross Bronx Expressway and Site ID 3569, Charles J. Crimi Plaza, Wilkinson Avenue and Westchester Avenue.”

A vote was taken by a show of hands of the remaining membership on the placement of citybenches. **The vote was eighteen in favor and nine against.** This information will for forwarded to the New York City Department of Transportation’s Division of Transportation Planning & Management and the Bronx Borough Commissioner’s Office.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on September 12, 2016. At this meeting a presentation was made by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation concerning the development of the waterfront area in Ferry Point Park. The schematics are available in the Board Office. Mr. Prince added that this will be addressed at the next full Board meeting. The comfort station in Ferry Point Park is under construction. Mrs. Gallagher said that more planning is needed for the “ring road” leading into the Park. Mrs. Gallagher added that the Committee will look into the dredging project for Hammond Cove.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on September 14, 2016. The minutes are self-explanatory. As a result of that meeting, two floor resolutions will be presented at the full Board meeting and are noted below.

Queens Quiet Skies (QQS) is a coalition of homeowners affected by the noise, pollution, etc. from JFK and LGA airports. Part 150 noise mitigation studies requested by QQS of the NY/NJ Port Authority are very important because the Board is a stakeholder with its close proximity to LGA.

"Resolved...at the request of Bronx Community Board 10 that the Board's participation in the Queens Quiet Skies coalition be continued in order to keep the community informed of the coalition's efforts with respect to noise and pollution problems affecting homeowners in the surrounding communities of JFK and LGA Airports, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

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

Complete Streets Program is a \$305 billion bill passed by the U.S. Congress. New federal guidelines, eased restrictions and clarified directions to engineers are among the ways policymakers are working to make streets better for people walking, biking, transit users and drivers. The FAST Act is tied into the Complete Streets Program.

"Resolved...at the request of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Planning and Budget Committee research the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act passed by the

U.S. Congress, with \$305 billion dollars in funding, as it pertains to the roadways within Bronx Community Board #10, used by pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists and report back to the full Board with it's findings with recommendation for referral to another Board Committee for further studies."

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

An inquiry was raised as to why resolutions were necessary. The response was that the Committee wanted to let the Board know that it is interested in pursuing the two issues and noted that the results from the FAST Act research may result in it being passed on to another committee.

Mr. Misiurski attended budget consultations which were also attended by Mr. Lucania, and Mr. Prince.

A discussion on the Metro North station being fully funded in Co-op City was addressed; however, parking is not a part of the funding. The Morris Park station was also brought up which will also needs planning and funding for parking. Mr. Boiko recommended working with developer and electeds to see if funding could be provided for parking or adding floors to existing nearby Riverbay garages.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs. Hunt

The Committee is going to meet on September on September 21, 2016.

Dr. Ponder discussed the pilot program in Co-op City which removed the advanced cardiac ambulance and replaced the ambulance with a non-transport vehicle which treats victims. It was stressed that the program is a pilot one.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Motion to close the September 15, 2016 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.