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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

February 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Villa Barone Manor

737 Throggs Neck Expressway

Bronx, NY 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, A. Beluso, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, M. Johnson, D. Krynicki, J. Landi, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, L. Popovic, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Smith, J. Thomas, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 24)

NOTE: Ms. Velazquez arrived late and did not vote but this didn't affect quorum; Mr. Sala left after voting.

ABSENT: R. Barbarelli, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, C. Isales, J. Marano, J. McQuade, S. McMillan M. Morris, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, J. Robert, N. Rosario, A. Salimbene, A. Torres, S. Woods (total # absent = 17)

Community Liaisons: Mark Gjonaj - City Council Member
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Maryanne Joyce – Office of State Senator Biaggi
Brian Polanco – Office of Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Thomas Messina – Office of Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Marybell Martinez – Office of Council Member Andy King

Board #10 Staff: Matt Cruz, District Manager
Susan Duffy, Community Assistant

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. R. Press: Mr. Press discussed the Yankee Community Council Youth leadership awards and stated that the NY Yankees don't want to continue the \$500 stipend given to students; he questioned the lack of quorum at the Youth & Education Committee and felt that the selection process should have gone before the full Board. He also questioned the inclusion of an observer in the selection process.

2. L. Rocco: Mr. Rocco complained about not being provided an opportunity to speak at the Municipal Services Committee meeting in February. He would like to see the Board create a document which would serve as a check list for voting on street activity permits. He feels that more oversight is needed when a committee votes on street activity permits.

Mr. Russo advised Mr. Rocco that this will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

3. E. Sementilli: Mr. Sementilli echoed Mr. Rocco's comments. He then went on to discuss the numerous quality-of-life issues within the community. He wants more police assigned to Board 10 and especially patrolling the Pelham Bay area. He requested that Council Member Gjonaj hold hearings.
4. T. Rivera: Ms. Rivera works at MGM which has purchased Empire City Casino in Yonkers. MGA/Empire is working to secure a gaming license which would create numerous union worker positions. She is collecting signatures – wants to secure a gaming license with live games and would create new union jobs. She will be forwarding signatures for a petition to be sent to the Governor.
5. R. Rulan: Ms. Rulan is the Bronx Secretary for Relay for Life. Relay for Life is holding several events in Bronx Community Board 10 to promote cancer awareness. First event – February 20, 2020 at Brewski's on East Tremont Avenue followed by a 5K event at Bay Plaza on March 29 and another at Villa Maria Academy on June 27.
6. C. Mendogni: Fancy Feet Dance Studio is requesting an overlay on the north west corner of Crosby and Roberts Avenues; highlighted the many efforts undertaken by the studio throughout the years. Ms. Mendogni presented the request on February 12, 2020 to the Municipal Services Committee.
7. J. O'Neill: Mr. O'Neill introduced himself to the community as representing the Ampere Fishing Club. He noted that due to a scheduled vacation he missed the Economic Development Committee meeting.
8. Council Member Mark Gjonaj: thanked the community for their service. He introduced Mr. Tommy Messina who will be his representative at community meetings. His office offers services for the community including senior services, legal services, immigration, housing, tax prep, limited snow removal for seniors, at his office from 8 - 6 five days a week and after hours by appointment; several mobile offices throughout the community. Call 718-931-1721 for additional details. The Council Member discussed his efforts to secure more police, quality of life issues, lack of timely NYPD response, and harbor boat patrol. He urged the community to report all crimes. Invited the community to the Town Hall on Monday evening 2/24/20 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about the Shelter being proposed for 1400 Blondell Avenue.

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the **January 16, 2020** Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and unanimously approved by all.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

Mr. Cruz discussed the following items:

- Homeless Shelter Town Hall on Monday 2/24/20 with the elected officials and Boards 11 and 10 at Jacobi Hospital Rotunda adjacent to Building, 6:00 p.m.
- NYC Department of Design and Construction is expected to attend the March 11, 2020 Municipal Services Committee to discuss the Burr Avenue Sewer.
- Con Edison gas project is expected to begin on Pennyfield Avenue in March.
- 2505 Bruckner Boulevard, 10465, site of Whitestone Multiplex, is scheduled to become an e-commerce warehouse. Owners have been invited to come to the March 10 Housing and Zoning Committee meeting.
- Plastic bag ban begins on March 1, 2020. The Board Office has a supply of fabric bags to give away. Call 718-892-1161 for details.
- Alternate Side Street Parking fee has been raised to \$65.
- NYD Department of Parks and Recreation will be holding a presentation at the March 12 Parks & Committee meeting on the Orchard Beach renovation.
- Employment opportunities are available at the U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Postal Service. See the following websites for details: <https://2020census.gov/en.html> and <https://about.usps.com/careers/search-apply/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Russo

The Committee did not meet in February. Mr. Russo mentioned the upcoming Town Hall on 1400 Blondell Avenue. He sat at the next Executive Board meeting on March 16, he will go over procedures for committee chairs to follow at their meetings.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on February 11, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were two applications for sidewalk cafes, one of which was tabled to next month.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing & Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 that the request for the following renewal of a sidewalk cafe be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Application # 1251412-DCA, Shrimp Box Restaurant, 64 City Island Avenue, Bronx 10464, Unenclosed, (9) Tables, (34) Chairs

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando with the following vote: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on January 7, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. Below are resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses.

Renewals

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments who are applying for a renewal license have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the original 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:”

*Sammy’s Fishbox, 41 City Island Ave, 10464, between Horton & Rochelle Sts, License # 1004282, which expires on 02/28/2020.

*Seashore Restaurant, 581-593 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross & Bridge Sts, License # 1004284, which expires on 02/28/2020.

*Latin Kitchen, 3841 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley & Cross Bx Service Rd, License # 1292387, which expires on 02/28/2020.

*Estrellita Poblana, 45 Westchester Sq, between Roberts & Pontoon Aves, License #1291307, which expires on 02/28/2020.

*Ampere Fishing & Yacht Club, 1610 Bayshore Ave, 10465, between Outlook & Watt Aves, License #1003336, which expires on 02/28/20.

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo with the following voting result: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for a new license, 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:”

*Travesias Restaurant, 3830-32-34 E Tremont Ave, between Lamport & Schley Aves, License #NEW. **(Formerly Travesias Cafe)**

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	12 PM-11 PM	4 PM-11 PM	4 PM-11 PM	4 PM-11 PM	4 PM-11 PM	4 PM-12 AM	4 PM-12 AM
Music:	Recorded, D J, Live Music						

Outdoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	12 PM-11 PM	4 PM-11 PM					

*Kai Sushi Asian Fusion, 1475 Williamsbridge Rd, 10461, between Silver St & St Raymond's Ave, License #NEW. (Formerly Kai Asian Bistro)

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	12 PM-10 PM	11 AM-10 PM	11 AM-10 PM	11 AM-10 PM	11 AM-10 PM	11 AM-11 PM	11 AM-11 PM

*1315 Restaurant Group, 1315 Commerce Ave, 10461, between Waterbury Ave & Halsey St, License #NEW. (Formerly Acris Café)

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	10 AM-2 AM	6 AM-4 AM	6 AM-4 AM				

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by bb, seconded by jr with the following voting result: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee will meet on January 27, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will meet again on February 24, 2020.

Mr. Bieder disputed the comments made during the public participation section concerning the Yankee Community Council Youth Leadership Awards. He said the Yankees are in favor of the program and the amount is \$750 not \$500. Mr. Bieder went on to discuss the process in which the students were chosen and noted that due to time constraints set by the NY Yankees, it was not possible for the Committee to present to the full Board.

There is no Beacon Program yet for Truman High School; another RFP will be submitted. In the Spring, a Community Board day will be assigned to Board 10 at which the students will be invited onto the Stadium's field and recognized.

The Committee will reach out to the UFT district leaders to attend future meetings.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Baez for Ms. Velazquez

The Committee met on February 12, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory.

The following resolution for a street activity permit was favorable voted on in Committee.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee that the following request for a block party be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Event ID 525221 Baca Mela – Annual Bengali Cultural Program Block Party, Saturday July 19, 2020, 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., setup 12:00 p.m., breakdown 9:00 p.m.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for the Street Activity Permit was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo with the following vote: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

Another resolution for a street overlay was favorably voted on in Committee.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a street overlay to be called Fancy Feet Way, at the northwest corner of Crosby and Roberts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, be forwarded to the full Board for approval and then to the Office of Council Member Gjonaj for submission to the City Council.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for the Street Overlay was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando with the following vote: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee did not meet in February. March 12, 2020 is the next Committee meeting.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Franklin for Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on January 30, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. Montefiore will be opening a new clinic in mid-March on East Tremont Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Notifications from the Office of Elected Officials:

B. Polanco, Public Advocate: Mr. Polanco is the Bronx’s representative for the Office of Public Advocate. This office can be contacted at 212-669-7250 gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov for constituent services. Mr. Polanco discussed the Office’s efforts on catch basins, creation of office of visual inclusion, childcare advocacy efforts.

M. Joyce, office of Senator Biaggi: Ms. Joyce said the office has mobile sites at Bronx House, every Wednesday from 10-3 and the third Tuesday of each month at CB10. biaggi@nysenate.gov

Mr. Bieder asked Ms. Joyce to request that Senator Biaggi work towards increased funding for the District Attorney’s office with respect to the new bail reform program.

L. Tulton Office of Assemblyman Benedetto: Mr. Tulton said the tax preparation for senior citizens program is now closed because it reached 150 participants. The office will prepare and distribute an

alternate site list for those that still require tax preparation. The Assemblyman will be at the Town Hall on Monday evening.

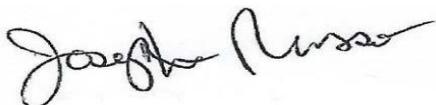
M. Martinez, Office of Council Member King: Ms. Martinez introduced herself to the community.

Chairman Russo said he would like to see the Beacon Program to into Truman High School. Mr. Bieder said that Council Member King's Office has funded the Program, but a provider has yet to be awarded a contract.

Motion to close the February 19, 2020 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of February 19, 2020.



Chairperson, Bronx Community Board #10
February 24, 2020

R recuse
✓ in favor
X against
A abstain

MEMBER	2. HZ SIDEWALK CAFE	3. ED RENEWALS	4. ED NEW	5. MS SAPO	6. MS STREET OVERLAY
Acampora, Hannah	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Accomando, Thomas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ali, Mohammed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baez, Raquel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barbarelli, Robert					
Beluso, Angelique	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bieder, Robert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cantillo, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caruso, Maria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chambers, Taisha					
Chin, Col. William					
Chirico, Andrew	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council, Lauren	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davila, Michele	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Del-Debbio, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Franklin, Terence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guanill, Irene					
Hunt, Deborah					
Isales, Cynthia					
Johnson, Monique	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Krynicky, Dorothy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Landi, Jerry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marano, John					
McMillan, Susan					
McQuade, James					
Morris, Martin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Musano, Mary Jane	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Noble, Denise	✓	✓	✓	✓	A/R
Onwu, Joseph					
Papastefanou, Christos					
Popovic, Louis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert, John					
Rosario, Bishop Nancy					
Russo, Joseph	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sala, Nick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Salimbene, Anthony					
Smith, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thomas, Janine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Torres, Angela	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Velazquez, Marjorie					
Woods, Stephanie					