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### BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING April 16, 2019

District Manager Cruz commenced the meeting at 10:03 am by inviting agency representatives to introduce themselves. He announced that the full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7 PM at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, rather than on Thursday, due to the observance of Holy Week.

#### **NYPD – Lt. Juzsa, P. O. Souhrada**

Lt. Juzsa reported that crime has consistently been down in every major category except for rape. There were seven reported domestic rapes this year and 5 last year. There was one murder in Co-op City. Crime is down 8.9% for the year for the first quarter.

Party room enforcement was discussed. Lt. Juzsa reported that establishments can either apply for a one day beer, wine, cider permit 15 days in advance of an event, or apply for a catering establishment license through the State Liquor Authority.

There were no recent party room complaints.

A stabbing occurred on Wilkinson Avenue on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 PM. Two males who were involved in an earlier dispute stabbed each other.

On Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> an Apple I-phone was robbed at gunpoint at Randolph and Stadium Avenues in Country Club. This investigation is ongoing.

Country Club Road and Polo Place continues to be patrolled for kids smoking marijuana. In the past six weeks there have not been any car theft incidents in this area.

Board #10 will be arranging for the cleaning of Butler Place by FEDCAP. Officer Souhrada agreed to assist with obtaining “No Parking” signage so that the area can be accessible.

There were no liquor license complaints this month.

Co-op City crime is down. The Sector “C” NCO officers are doing a very good job. An officer recently assisted with delivering a baby.

#### **Department of Transportation (DOT) – D. Cruz**

The response to the request for repaving the Bruckner Expressway overpass on East Tremont Avenue, DOT-400573-P7P4, is due by the end of the week.

No violations were issued for markings painted on the sidewalk at 2280 Lyon Avenue, C1-1-1670361856. The curb was painted grey in an effort to remove yellow markings placed earlier. Grey paint over yellow is allowable, as it is a remedy for yellow markings.

Information concerning the request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Crosby and Coddington Avenues, DOT 393712-N3H6, is due this week.

The request for pedestrian ramps at Keane Square Park, DOT-407680-P2P5, is due by the end of next month.

The lights along Ring Road, Ferry Point Park Lane, were replaced.

Potholes at the intersection of Wilcox Avenue and Barkley Avenue (DX2019081028) and at the end of the City Island Circle off of Park Drive will be taken care of. DOT will track the repairs and report back to the Board.

Paving of Barkley Avenue between Wilcox and Clarence Avenues will be evaluated and if warranted will be added to the 2020 paving schedule as the 2019 schedule is already set.

The request for resurfacing Jay Place in Ferry Point, a small street in poor condition. Mr. Cruz will email this complaint.

Ms. Joyce, of State Senator Biaggi's office reported that Mr. Nargi of the Pennyfield Citizens' Alliance has been complaining on behalf of the residents of Pennyfield Avenue about the lack of responsiveness of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct when called about drug use in the "No Standing Zone" on Pennyfield Avenue. She inquired if delineators can be installed so that cars can't park along the wall. Ms. Cruz explained that due to the proximity to a bus stop, ADA access must be maintained therefore delineators are not permissible. Ms. Cruz will check on this matter.

Lt. Juzsa reported that the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct does respond at least 35-50 times per month to calls concerning Pennyfield Avenue. This is a number one complaint received at the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct and is addressed regularly.

Ms. Joyce also requested speed bumps on Revere Avenue near Philip Avenue, or making it a one way street towards Randall Avenue.

Mr. Cruz explained that he does not accept traffic change requests unless they are accompanied by petitions from all residents who would be affected by the changes, including the street and adjacent streets. Mr. Cruz asked that the resident be directed to his office and he will discuss the matter. A study to change a street to a one way street is a two year process.

Ms. Cruz requested that the speed hump request be submitted by Senator Biaggi's Office in writing. A speed hump study takes up to two years to complete.

A 4-way stop sign near 2876 Revere Avenue, at Revere and Phillip Avenues was removed and must be replaced. Ms. Cruz will look into this and requested an email.

The Spencer Estates Civic Association is complaining about tractor trailers on Bruckner Boulevard along Pelham Bay Park. Mr. Cruz indicated that this is an ongoing issue and enforcement has been called upon to ticket the offending trucks.

Superintendent Mason of DSNY asked Ms. Cruz of DOT if they he can review Leventhal Agreement responsibilities with a DOT representative before vegetation overgrowth becomes problematic. Ms. Cruz indicated that Mr. Kalb would be the appropriate representative.

Mr. Cruz offered to provide FEDCAP assistance to problem areas.

Mr. Cruz discussed a recent agenda item at the Municipal Services Committee. State DOT is proposing adding an exit from the Hutchinson River Parkway to Co-op City. Residents were not receptive to this proposal and Mr. Cruz would like to discuss available options with elected officials. Between 6 and 10 shareholders were present at the meeting.

### **DOT BRIDGES – R. Fernandez, A. Bayer**

Mr. Fernandez reported that a recent full closure went well and that the Westchester Avenue Bridge underpass is progressing well. All the steel is now in place. Stage one will be completed shortly.

Ms. Bayer reported that the Unionport Bridge replacement is progressing well. The west bound Bruckner south temporary lift bridge is almost completed. Two temporary lift bridges are being constructed outside the vascular bridge so that the old bridge can be demolished.

### **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – E. Peralta-Downing**

Ms. Peralta-Downing reported that the two complaints received from the Board concerning food vendors at Amendola Plaza will receive a response shortly.

She announced that a Food and Safety Workshop will be held at Hostos Community College on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. She requested that the event be promoted as inspection process questions will be answered and inspection history reports will be available. She requests that restaurants RSVP, but walk-ins will be welcomed.

Officer Souhrada reported that food trucks at 3250 Westchester Avenue are cleaner and more organized.

### **DSNY – Superintendent Mason**

Superintendent Mason reported for DSNY Enforcement and works closely with them. Tree pits are being monitored on E. Tremont and Westchester Avenues. Violations are being issued when warranted. 414 City Island Avenue is an abandoned Property which has received complaints and it has received violations. DSNY has been cleaning and issuing violations on Givan Avenue.

Mr. Cruz will work with NYPD to clear parking in the area of Seabury Avenue from Westchester to Waterbury Avenues and on Butler Place from Seabury Avenue to Rowe Place to enable FEDCAP personnel to clean the area.

Superintendent Mason reported that the litter baskets at Westchester and Glebe Avenues are being misused. He further reported that DSNY has begun to issue summonses for mail found in litter baskets as mail from a residence is not supposed to be discarded in a public waste bin. Litter baskets are only removed as a last resort.

Mr. Cruz inquired if summonses can be issued when identifying materials are found in debris dumped illegally. Superintendent Mason responded that at this point it would be given to Sanitation Police for investigation.

DSNY has received some requests for litter baskets on residential streets, but they are only placed on commercial, high traffic streets because they are emptied 2X per day. Residential blocks are only emptied twice a week and would become overflowed.

DSNY is currently replacing damaged trash baskets in the neighborhood.

### **DOB – S. Nuzzo**

Mr. Cruz noted that 3250 Westchester Avenue received approval as a 7 story building. Service agencies should be at the ready to accommodate this construction and the needs of incoming constituents.

From 2115 to 1820 Edison Avenue, new developments are underway. These are mostly two story dwellings, but again will result in an increased constituent base.

Existing school facilities will be required to absorb new students that are the result of the new development.

The McDonalds at 3660 E. Tremont Avenue and Phillip Avenue will be demolished and reconstructed to alleviate traffic issues caused by the current design of the facility. It will be closed for two years beginning in July.

A seven story residential building is also being constructed at 1300 Castle Hill Avenue, which is at the boarder of our service area.

3250 Westchester Avenue has received a permit for foundation work. As of March 26<sup>th</sup> new construction has begun.

2115 Burr Avenue has an approved application but must resubmit plans

3273 Westchester Avenue has received permits for legalization work

2018 Continental Avenue has been resolved

1820 Edison Avenue remains in disapproved status.

2925 Greene Place disapproved status since November

1525 Research Avenue case is in the courts at the moment. Mr. Nuzzo will provide updates when available.

1141 Crosby Avenue was issued violations for work without permit and illegal conversion. The home owner has filed to remove illegal work and has received permits.

3551 East Tremont Avenue - was approved for facade work only. No permits issued yet.

3109 Buhre – spoke with the new project manager. Work will continue with this project which has active permits for the fence and shed.

3531 Bruckner Blvd. remains in disapproved status.

1300 Castle Hill Avenue – has been processed and is awaiting plan examination.

3660 E. Tremont Avenue – new building application approved. demo application filed but must get clearance from site safety for their demolition

#### **FDNY – B.C. Hagen**

B. C. Hagen announced that in May the FDNY will be conducting open houses for children from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A schedule is not available as yet.

#### **DEP – E. Ardizzone**

Ms. Ardizzone noted that the catch basin at 3147 Bruckner Boulevard was not accessible due to parked cars. Mr. Cruz will contact the constituent for assistance in keeping parked cars off the catch basin so the work can be completed.

The sinkhole on E. Tremont Avenue may undergo a sewer analysis to determine the cause. DOT is also involved and have contacted the School Construction Authority since they were also doing work at the school recently.

Lehman High School's fire line broke and the problem arose soon after. It was noted that there was always a dip in the road in that area. The fire line had been leaking for quite a while.

Superintendent Mason thanked Ms. Ardizzone and DEP for cleaning requested catch basins.

### **MTA**

Mr. Cruz relayed that the MTA confirmed that they are open to suggestions on the bus re design for Co-op City.

### **DHS – Nicole Jordan**

Ms. Jordan discussed a recent email from the Commissioner's office requesting that the community work with the agency to establish locations to relocate residents of hotels and other cluster sites which are being closed in the Turning the Tide initiative.

Ms. Jordan indicated that she is working on a meeting with local associations, BIDS, and the Parks Department to discuss street homelessness and those residing on Parks property during the warmer months. She requested a list of possible groups to invite.

Mr. Cruz indicated that the Hutch Service Road was cleaned near Crystal's Place. Ms. Sepulveda of Crystal's Place indicated that the next CAB meeting will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Ms. Suzana of St Peter's Residence indicated that they are working on scheduling their next CAB meeting and will forward the date when finalized. Mr. Cruz inquired if the youth group moved in yet, but they did not.

Town and country – Ms. McNally indicated that they had nothing new to report.

### **Parks and Recreation – C. Acosta, K. Zagorski, R. Combest**

Mr. Acosta indicated that he will follow up on the forestry issues on Ericson Place near Maitland Avenue.

Mr. Cruz noted that the Board was called when an incident of street dancing caused crowds to assemble at Owen Dolen Park.

Mr. Cruz also asked for vigilance at Pearly Gates Park and ensuring that it is closed at dusk. This is a sensitive area since Covenant House will soon be opening in the vicinity.

Mr. Combest reported that Owen Dolen Recreation Center is closed for restoration. North end and east end gates are closed and scaffolding will be installed shortly.

Ms. Zagorski reported that The Friends of Pelham Bay Park fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Slit Rock Golf Course. Tickets are available online.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> Earth Day will be celebrated at Pelham Bay Park at Noon.

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Earth Day will be celebrated at Bufano Park.

### **HRA**

Mr. Cruz announced that on the third Thursday of every month, between 10 AM and 3 PM, an HRA representative will be at Board #10 to assist constituents.

### **Department of Consumer Protection – T. Rahman**

Free shredding events on May 18 and 19. The May 19<sup>th</sup> event is in Board #10 at Co-op City Triangle Plaza from 10 AM – 4 PM or until the trucks are filled.

Two free student loans clinics will also be held. May 15<sup>th</sup> at Webco from 4 to 8 PM and on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Borough President's Office. Flyers will be forthcoming.

Please inform the Agency of any mobile car wash complaints which may be increasing, now that the weather is getting warmer.

### **New York Public Library – T. McRay, L. Torres, L. Marin**

Ms. McRay announced that once again it is library advocacy season. Your continued support is appreciated.

Luz Marin noted several events at the Westchester Square branch and left flyers.

This afternoon an open mic event celebrating immigration week will be held.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – a photography workshop

May 7 - life insurance workshop class

April 22 – June 22 English classes

SAT practice tests in May

Bronx Council on the Arts – literary agent workshop on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Comptroller – A. Ortiz**

Mr. Ortiz had nothing new to report and requested a copy of the State DOT plan for I-95.

### **Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez**

Mr. Cruz noted that the Congresswoman will be attending an event in Board #10 on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Marina del Rey.

### **Office of State Senator Alessandra Biaggi – M. Joyce**

Ms. Joyce had no new announcements for Board #10.

### **Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey – A. Meza**

Ms. Meza announced that the State Senate passed their budget in April.

Justice reform was accomplished.

On Sunday, April 28 an Autism Awareness Walk will be held from 11 AM – 2 PM at Haffen Park

A “Caps Off” event with the 45<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Precincts will be held on Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM at Monroe College, Jerome Hall, 2468 Jerome Avenue.

A Mothers' Day Celebration will be held on Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1– 4 PM, at Einstein Community Center, 135 Einstein Loop

A Specialized High School forum with Senator John Liu and Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr. will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM, at Lehman College at the Lovinger Theater

An MTA forum will be held on May 23rd from 6-8 PM at the Bartow Community Center, 2049 Bartow Avenue

### **Office of Councilman M. Gjonaj – I. Gonzalez**

Mr. Gonzalez announced that on May 6<sup>th</sup> a mobile blood drive will be held in front of the Councilman's office, 1478 Williamsbridge Road, from 10 AM – 4 PM.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 2 PM a Housing Rights Mobile Unit will be at 1478 Williamsbridge Rd.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> Councilman Gjonaj will partner with DEP for a rain barrel giveaway at 2750 Lafayette Avenue – MS 101

NY legal assistance clinic at 1478 Williamsbridge Road from 10 AM – 3 PM, on May 14th

May 29 metro card van at 1478 Williamsbridge Road from 1-3 PM

Councilman Gjonaj's Office hosts a book box with the NYPL – free magazines, books, give and take box in cooperation with the Morris Park Library

**Office of Councilman A. King – A. Bermudez**

Mr. Bermudez noted that their main office on Gun Hill Road will be moving across the street and will have a grand opening when that occurs.

**Office of State Comptroller T. DiNapoli's Office – V. Fernandez**

Mr. Fernandez reminded all to check for unclaimed funds on the State Comptroller's Office website. Her Agency is also available to table at upcoming events.

**Consolidated Edison – R. Infante**

3167 Parcival Place tree top touching electrical conductor – can only be expedited if Park submits the request for trimming as an emergency. Parks will not expedite request.

Mr. Infante noted that monk parakeets nesting at the Pennyfield Avenue transformer is an ongoing issue. Nests are removed, but the birds continually return.

Additional issues exist at the new laundromat at 3113 Westchester Avenue. Mr. Cruz indicated that he would like to discuss after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Bronx Community Board #10