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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING and COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

April 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Riverbay Corporation
177 Dreiser Loop, Auditorium C
Bronx, NY 10475

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M. Morris, D. Noble, J. Onwu, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, J. Robert, N. Rosario, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 27)

The following Board members left early and adversely affected quorum for the two Parks and Recreation resolutions: J. Misiurski, D. Nobel, M. Prince, N. Semaj-Williams

ABSENT: Col. W. Chin, L. Council, M. Davila D. Hunt, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, B. Martinez, B. McCarrick, J. McQuade, M.J. Musano, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, (total # absent = 16)

Community Liaisons: Bharati Kemraj - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Damaris Mone - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ashley Meza - Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Ed Pryor - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Troy Alvaro - Office of NYC Public Advocate Leticia James

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

Chairman Peter Sullivan began at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1 – H. Maxwell: MS 181 school principal closed off parking lot that Riverbay residents were allowed to use after 5 p.m.

J.Boiko reminded colleagues and the community that this property is owned by DOE. Given liability issues it was closed because residents do not move their vehicles in time for staff to arrive.

- 2 – I. Burgos, Greenworks Coordinator: Promoted Earth Day celebration; organization helps entrepreneurs with starting up businesses with worker cooperatives. Ms. Burgos seeks letter of support from the Board and local elected officials.
- 3 – B. Ferrara, Bronx Community Board #11 member: Spoke in support of proposed animal shelter in Co-op City; the Bronx is most underserved borough and center will be a good community service.
- 4 – J. Sierra: Discussed his views on gun control and suggested limiting ownership based on age and mental illness.
- 5 – B. Silverman: Bellamy Loop needs repaving.

DM Cruz told the community that Bellamy Loop is on the Board's priority list forwarded to NYC DOT for repaving.

- 6 – J. Grennan: Discussed Tosca's roof top safety. Trash on Miles Avenue is still problematic.
- 7 – V. Holton: Discussed her concerns with climate change and recycling; encourages more from community in recycling.
- 8 – E. Gonzalez, Samuel Young Post member; wanted the Board to know that the trash at the vacant property at 1530 Hutchinson River Parkway, adjacent to the American Legion Post is not from the Legion.

DM Cruz advised he spoke with the owner and has his contact information. DSNY will assist in cleaning the site.

- 9 – I. Guanill, PBMA President: On 4/23/18, the Pelham Bay Merchants is holding a celebration of its 35 members that are in business for over 20 years. Event is at HSBC on Crosby Avenue.
- 10 – Y. Vernon: Is against the animal shelter on Bartow Avenue; will increase traffic; noted Riverbay's restrictions on animals.
- 11 – C. Fergus: Parking issues near Truman High School; mentioned issue of DOE removing parking spaces on its property which affects shareholders' parking.
- 12 – Ted Pryor, Council Member Gjonaj's office: Street co-naming must be submitted by 5/4/18 to the Council Member's office.
- 13 – Leon Tulton, Assembly Member Benedetto's office: notary services provided on Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 – 3 p.m. at 177 Dreiser Loop and also on Monday's, Wednesday and Friday's at Congressman Engel's office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 14 – Ashey Meza, State Senator Bailey's office: The following events are being sponsored by Senator Bailey -- Earth Day Celebration, Opioid Awareness Workshop at Oval Park Recreation Center on 4/28, Community Autism Awareness on 4/29 in Haffen Park. Senator introduced bills

to increase students in specialized schools, noted that there is a large disparity of African American and Spanish students in the specialized schools.

15 – Damaris Mone, State Senator Klein’s office: Mentioned Jewish Heritage Month with an event on 5/6 at Bronx House; left handouts.

16 – Troy Outlaw, Public Advocate James’ office: Mentioned the PA’s support of revising City Charter, as well as working on the property tax code, protecting snap benefits, protecting victims of sexual abuse and rodent abatement.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Ms. Kemraj

Ms. Kemraj discussed the NYC Department of City Planning training for new Board member on May 1 at 6:30-9:30 pm, Metropolitan College; Bronx Week starting on May 6 - visit ilovethebronx.com for additional information and May 10, 6pm-8pm the BP is holding Bronx Community Board appreciation day at 851 Grand Concourse.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

There are two matters for voting at this hearing, both renewals of sidewalk cafes. George’s Restaurant is for an enclosed sidewalk café. The second one is for an unenclosed sidewalk café, Mamajuana Café.

- ULURP # N170481 ECX, DCA # 1257387-DCA, Applicant: **George's Restaurant**

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that ULURP # N 170481 ECX, DCA # 1257387-DCA, George’s Restaurant, 3000 Buhre Avenue, Bronx NY 10461 RENEWAL for an Enclosed Sidewalk Café be forwarded to the full Board for approval and with subsequent notification to the New York City Department of City Planning.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded, by Ms. Guanill. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

- DCA # 1257387-DCA, Applicant Business Name: Babalu LLC, D/B/A **Mamajuana Cafe**

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that Application #: 1438451-DCA, Babalu, LLC, d/b/a Mamajuana Cafe, 3233 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx New York 10461, RENEWAL for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café, consisting of 12 tables and 24 chairs, be forwarded to the full Board for approval and with subsequent notification to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by R. Bieder and seconded by I. Guanill. **The Resolution passed by a majority of Board members with (9) opposed and (1) abstention.**

There is no Housing & Zoning Report because tonight's Public Hearing covered the above two items as well as the following resolution concerning a drive-thru for Wendy's which is an eating and drinking establishment located at 2703 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx New York 10461:

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that BSA Extension of Term Application, BSA Calendar No. 62-13-BZ, Block 4076, Lot 12, located at 2703 East Tremont, Bronx New York 10461, which is a request to extend the term of a special permit to allow the continued operation of an eating and drinking establishment with an accessory drive-through facility at the premise (Wendy's), be forwarded to the full Board for approval, with notification to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Mr. Accomando and was unanimously approved by all. The Resolution passed.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by R. Bieder and seconded by J. Marano. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Cruz

DM Cruz reported to the Board and community that areas along New England Thruway were serviced and cleaned. Litter is often found in these areas and reminded the community to report these matters to the Board Office when they can. The NYC DOT is responsible for cleaning directly under the Hutchinson River Parkway underpass. DM Cruz thanked the Department of Sanitation as the agency intends to clean this lot through its Vacant Lots Division. DM Cruz reported that he had spoken and met with the administrator of the Baypark Center for Nursing and reminded the facility to clean the perimeter of the property as it is often filled with litter. DM Cruz thanked shareholders for bringing this to his attention. DM Cruz reported the Bartow Avenue median was cleaned and thanked Dan Mason of the Department of Sanitation. DM Cruz mentioned the billboards at 500 Baychester Avenue and reminded the community that the permit for the structure was denied by the Board of Standards and Appeals. DM Cruz publicized the April 21 event in the greenway of Co-op City in conjunction with Co-op City Little League at 9:45 A.M. DM Cruz reminded Board Members that the most important form of communication is through e-mail and to review emails daily. DM Cruz thanked Riverbay for always lending the Board space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Sullivan

The Board met on April 16, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory. Board members will vote on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws at the April 19, 2018 full Board meeting. The Grievance Policy will not be discussed or voted on at the full Board meeting on. Mr. Sullivan spoke about the two street overlay requests for Detective Lemm and Mrs. Michele Muccio.

At the Board meeting a discussion was initiated by Dr. Ponder who stated that the Grievance Policy is being misrepresented. Mr. Sullivan said it was discussed at the Executive Board meeting which Dr. Ponder did not attend. Mr. Prince said if the grievance procedure is not discussed the By-Laws

document should not be voted on. Mr. Sullivan said the By-Law changes were discussed with more than ample notification to the full Board over the past five months. Mr. Sullivan said the grievance policy can either be tabled or go forward. Mr. Bieder suggested that the narrative referring to the grievance policy in the By-Laws be pulled from the document.

A motion to remove the grievance policy narrative from the vote on the By-Laws was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Ms. Guanill. The Resolution passed unanimously.

A motion to table the vote on the By-Laws was made by Dr. Ponder and seconded by Ms. Woods. The vote was (8) in favor, (14) opposed and (1) abstention. The motion did not pass.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boiko to vote separately on the matter of creating a Sergeant-at-Arms position. The vote was 5 in favor, 18 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion did not pass and the position will not be created.

A motion to separate the proposed addition to Article VI, Section II (sentences 4, 5, 6) was made by Mr. Barbarelli, seconded by Dr. Ponder with the following vote: (5) in favor, (2) abstentions, (20) against. The motion did not pass and the narrative will remain.

There was a motion to accept the remaining By-Law amendments made by Mr. Chirico and Mr. Bieder.

“Resolved...at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the proposed By-Law changes be adopted and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The Resolution to accept the remaining By-Law amendments carried with a majority of members in favor, (9) opposed, and (2) abstentions. The Resolution passed.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: T. Chambers

The following members were nominated for Executive Board positions at the April 19 Board meeting:

For Chair: P. Sullivan (Chair): Nominated by R. Bieder and J. Boiko

For 1st Vice Chair: I. Guanill (1st Vice Chair): Nominated by N. Rosario and J. Marano
M. Velazquez: Nominated by T. Accomando and R. Barbarelli
M. Velazquez declined the nomination.

For 2nd Vice Chair: J. Marano (2nd vice chair): Nominated by I. Guanill and R. Bieder
J. Onwu (2nd Vice Chair): Nominated by P. Sullivan and M. Velazquez

For Secretary: Peter Cantillo (Secretary): Nominated by T. Accomando and R. Bieder
Alvin Ponder: Nominated by P. Sullivan and M. Morris

For Treasurer: M. Velazquez (Treasurer): Nominated by R. Bieder and I. Guanill.

The current incumbents are as follows:

P. Sullivan, Chairperson
John Marano, First Vice-Chair
I. Guanill, Second Vice-Chair
M. Velazquez, Treasurer
P. Cantillo, Secretary

The Committee will meet on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office. Ms. Chambers informed the members that last date for nominations will be May 17, 2018.

PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE: J. Misiurski

The Committee met on April 12, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee went over the excel spreadsheet information on the internal Budget with suggestions for modifications.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: T. Accomando

The Committee met on April 3, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. Council Member Gjonaj spoke on small business services and Mr. Reyes from SOBRO discussed services available for small business. There was a resolution for renewal licenses.

Renewals

“**Resolved**... at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments requesting renewals of liquor licenses 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:”

*Trinity Danish Young People’s Society, 808 Dean Ave, 10465, between Lafayette & Philip Aves, License # 1004611, which expired on 10/31/17 (**Seasonal**)

*TAC Foods Services, 895 Shore Rd, Orchard Beach-Section5, 10464, License #1294677, which expired on 10/31/17 (**Seasonal**)

*TAC Foods Services, 895 Shore Rd, Orchard Beach-Section7, 10464, License #1294686, which expired on 10/31/17 (**Seasonal**)

*TAC Foods Services, 895 Shore Rd, Orchard Beach-Section 10, 10464, License #1294676, which expired on 10/31/17 (**Seasonal**)

The motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by R. Bieder and J. Marano and was unanimously approved by all.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder
The Committee met on March 19, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo
The Municipal Services and Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee met jointly on April 4, 2018 in Co-op City. The minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions are presented for voting at the full Board meeting.

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following single day events be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Event 391749: Summer Fun Day, Saturday, June 23, 2018, 12 Noon – 6 PM, setup/breakdown 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Casals Place, between Carver Loop and Co-op City Blvd., contact Gail Sharbaan. *(NOTE: This application is in the event of rain. There will only be one event, either on June 23, this one, or June 30, which was approved by the Board in February.)*

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Event 397785: 10th Annual Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 16, 2018, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Lane Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Benson Street, contact: Lisa Sorin

Event 397928: Merchant Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 16, 2018, 12 PM – 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue, between Maclay and St. Raymond’s Avenues, contact: Lisa Sorin

Event 397923: WS Merchant Fair at the Square, Saturday, June 16, 2018, 12 PM – 6 PM, setup/breakdown: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue between Frisby and Lane Avenues, contact: Lisa Sorin

Event 397916: Fair @ the Square, Saturday, June 16, 2018, 12 Noon – 6:00 PM, setup/breakdown: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue between Frisby and St. Raymond Avenues, contact: Lisa Sorin

Event 403863: Circle the Square Movie Nights Weekend Walk 5/12/18, 7/21/18, 8/11/18, 9/15/18 and 10/13/18, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, setup/breakdown 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM, Lane Avenue between East Tremont Avenue and Overing Street, Lisa Sorin

Event 399335, Community Health Day/Block Party, Saturday, August 18, 2018, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, setup/breakdown 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, St. Raymond Avenue, between East Tremont Avenue and Williamsbridge Road, contact: Elden Vasquez

Event 399190, Fireworks Block Party, Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 9:00 PM – 9:30 PM, setup/breakdown 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM, Co-op City Boulevard between Bellamy Loop and Peartree Avenue, contact: Michelle Sajous

Event 399236, Glebe Avenue Block Party, Saturday, August 11, 2018, 12 Noon to 9:00 PM including setup/breakdown, Glebe Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Lyon Avenue, contact: Robert Bieder

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

“**Resolved**... at the request of Superintendent Mason of the Department of Sanitation of the City of New York that alternate side street parking on Givan Avenue between Rombouts and Peartree Avenues on Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo and seconded by Mr. Accomando and was unanimously approved by all. The Resolution passed.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Lynch

The Committee met on March 29, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions are presented to the full Board for voting:

“**Resolved**... at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be prepared and sent to the Bronx Borough Commissioner in support of the playground for all children and a sensory garden in Pelham Bay Park and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

“**Resolved**... at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter requesting funding for the repair of Pelham Bay Park fields numbers 4 and 5 be prepared and sent to Council Member Mark Gjonaj and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The Resolutions could not be voted on because several members left the full Board meeting early and there was no quorum at 9:20 p.m. These two Resolutions will be brought to the May 17, 2018 full Board meeting.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on April 5, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. Discussions are continuing for a Town Hall in either late May or early June 2018.

VETERAN SERVICES: Mr. Sullivan for Mr. Salimbene

The Committee meeting is taking place on May 4 at 7:30 P.M. at the Sam Young Post at 1530 Hutchinson River Parkway.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to close the, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Ms. Guanill 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 April 19, 2018.



PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: May 10, 2018