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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING March 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Grace Episcopal Church
116 City Island Avenue
Bronx, NY 10464

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, J. McQuade, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, N. Sala, N. Semaj-Williams, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 32)

Board Member A. Ponder left at 8:00 p.m. This did not adversely affect voting.

ABSENT: Col. W. Chin, L. Council, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, B. Martinez, B. McCarrick, M. Morris, J. Robert, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, (total # absent = 11)

Community Liaisons:

Jose Rodriguez - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Edward Pryor- Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Adam Bermudez – Office of City Council Member Andy King
Antirson Ortiz – Office of NYC Comptroller
Famod Konneh – Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs

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

Chairman Peter Sullivan began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1 – Robert Salese, Manager of Vapor Lounge: Mr. Selese apologized to the community, takes full responsibility for the numerous events that took place in the establishment. He will work on

improving the establishment's relationship with the community. Establishment has changed its security company and will be monitored inside and outside.

Mr. Troy Perez, one of the proprietor's of Vapor Lounge addressed the Board. He said the business will be restructured, liquor license to be surrendered and a change in the Method of Operation will be submitted. It will cease operation as Vapor Lounge.

Board members suggested a dialogue with other establishments to help in identifying problem patrons. Inquiries were made about the individual who was injured. NYPD advised that he is known at the precinct. Additional questions were asked about the security company.

- 2 – Bobby Jaen, TNMA: encourages the dialogue suggested by Mr. Prince and would like to have a joint meeting with the bar owners. Mr. Jaen supports Mr. Perez. Small Business Services will meet with the merchants concerning the Throggs Neck Bid.
- 3 – E. Gonzalez III: Mr. Gonzalez is questioning why it took so long for the latest Vapor Lounge incident to be publicized. He feels that some details are missing.
- 4 – Jose Garcia, retired FDNY Lt.: Mr. Garcia is concerned with the allegations against Senator Klein and the nepotism in Council Member Gjonaj's office and wants to be sure that the Board is aware of the allegations.
- 5 – Mary Jane Musano, Waterbury-LaSalle Civic Association: Ms. Musano encourages activity with local civic associations; she is working with the NYS Nurses Association on a petition that will be forwarded to Montefiore Health Systems concerning conditions at its campuses.
- 6 – Sandi Lusk, Westchester Square Zerega Civic Association: informed community about programs at Pearly Gates Park.
- 7 – Skip Giacco, City Island Chamber of Commerce: road conditions coming to City Island are fraught with potholes, depressions and threatens the Island's commerce – wants DOT to be more active with repairs and requested the Board's help.
- 8 – Eman Rimawi, Access A Ride Campaign Coordinator and Organizer, NY Lawyers for Public Interest: Addressed the community about Access A Ride program. As a handicapped individual who uses the program, she is not happy with it and feels the service should work better. She is a community member willing to assist with individuals who have issues with Access A Ride. erimawi@nylpi.org
- 9 – Lou Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association: Mr. Rocco is concerned with lack of progress from New York City agencies; thanked District Manager Cruz for his assistance with several issues; wants more lighting for community; wants summons issued for illegal parking.
- 10 – Bob Bieder, President 45th Precinct Community Council: The Council is sponsoring a breakfast on May 9, 2018 at the Villa Barone Manor. Cost is \$15.00 per person.
- 11 – Jose Rodriguez, Office of State Senator Klein: Sen. Klein continues to advocate for the community; Sen Klein sent a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority concerning Made In Puerto Rico; he, along with Assembly Member Benedetto, will request that Vapor Lounge's liquor

license be rescinded. In addition, a letter was sent to the Metropolitan Transit Authority requesting extended service for the BX29 bus signed by Senator Klein, Assembly Member Benedetto and Council Member Gjonaj.

- 12 – Adam Bermudez, Office of Council Member King: Mr. Bermudez advised that community that Council Member King joined with the community in protest concerning the signage on Bartow and Baychester Avenues. An appeal for signage on the 3rd mega pole was denied by the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals. Council Member King was made Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee in the NYC Council.
- 13 – Antirson Ortiz, Office of the NYC Comptroller: The Comptroller is working on withdrawing funds from the NYC Pension system that are invested in companies that operate Private Prisons. He is also auditing the NYC Dept. of Education's use of Homeless Coordinators.
- 14 – Famoud Konneh, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs: nothing new to report.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mrs. Krynicki, seconded by Mr. Boiko, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to suspend the meeting in order to memorialize Board member Mr. Reginald Sawyer was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all.

A bell from Local Union #3 IBEW was placed on the dais for CB #10 members to ring in honor of Mr. Sawyer.

A motion to return to the full Board meeting was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2018 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez, and unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

Ms. Kemraj noted the following events: Parliamentary Procedure Training scheduled for Monday evening at Mercy College starting at 6:30 p.m. and Women's' History Month scheduled for March 27, 2018.

Borough President Diaz offered his condolences to the Board and family of Mr. Sawyer.

Ms. Kemraj thanked the board, staff and community members for their efforts. She can be reached at bkemraj@bronxbp.nyc.gov or by phone, 718-590-2653. The Borough President's Office has departments to help with senior services, constituent services and youth programs.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: M. Cruz

- The new establishment applying for a liquor license, Parq, is also a tenant of Bronx Community Board #10's landlord. This information is being presented for transparency.
- At the intersection of Country Club Road and McDonough Place, the far right lane has been repainted by DOT to permit right turns with a green arrow. Country Club Civic Association thanked the Board for this request.
- The request for a third billboard at 500 Baychester Avenue has been denied by the NYC Board of Standard and Appeals.
- The Board's new website is up and running, more user friendly, but is undergoing some final tweaking and should be ready by the end of the month.
- Tratman Avenue lights will be installed.
- Unionport Bridge – no traffic agents assigned as requested by DOT; Council Member Gjonaj and Senator Klein have been asked to intervene.
- Parliamentary training for Board members on Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. at Mercy College.
- Electronic waste disposal event on Saturday, March 17, 10-4 at Randall Avenue between Hollywood Avenue and the Throggs Neck Expressway Service Road.
- From Assembly Member Benedetto: the office is serving as a pop-up site for IDNYC thru March 21, 2018, 177 Dreiser Loop, Room 12, 10475
- Tax Preparation Services – Assembly Member Benedetto is no longer accepting documents for senior tax preparation. Call 311 for alternate sites.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on March 5, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory. Board members will be emailed the proposed amendments to the By-Laws, and the Grievance Policy, and Nominations/ Elections Procedure with a request that the By-Laws be reviewed and comments forwarded to the District Manager prior to the April 19, 2018 full Board meeting.

The following resolutions were discussed and voted on at the full Board meeting.

Motion to temporarily suspend Article IV Section VIII of the By-Laws which states "Each notice of a meeting shall contain an agenda determined by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall place on the agenda every item request in writing by any member of the Board three (3) days prior to the date of publication of the notice of meeting. Such written request shall be filed with the District Manager by mail or in person, and shall be deemed to have been submitted upon receipt by the District Manager. No item may be acted upon unless it appears on the agenda, or is added to the agenda."

Cause for suspension: This is due to the public outreach and a public safety matter at this time.

The above motion was made by Mr. Chirico, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all. **The Motion passed.**

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of Chairperson Sullivan that a letter be drafted and sent to the State Liquor Authority and elected officials asking that action be taken with regard to Vapor Lounge's alleged violent incidents occurring on premise along with activities in violation of the State issued on premise liquor license and that this be presented to the full Board for approval."

This resolution is due to the overall communities' concern and outreach to the Board about this establishment.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved by a majority of Board members with one member's recusal. **The Resolution passed.**

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Ad-Hoc Over-Development Committee be disbanded immediately and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Guanill-Elukowich and approved by a majority of Board members with one Board member's abstention. **The Resolution passed.**

All over-development matters will go back to the Housing & Zoning Committee.

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee be continued through October 2018.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Guanill-Elukowich and approved by a majority of Board members with one Board member's abstention. **The Resolution passed.**

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that the creation of Ad-Hoc Nominations/Elections Committee to consist of not more than five nor less than three members of Bronx Community Board #10 be created and that this request be forwarded to the full Board for approval."

This Committee will run from March 2018 through June 2018. Elections will be held at the full Board meeting on June 21, 2018. The Nomination process will begin at the April full Board meeting and closed at the May full Board meeting.

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

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board members for volunteers to serve on the Ad-Hoc Nominations/Elections Committee. The following members volunteered: Ms. Chambers, Mrs. Semaj-Williams and Mrs. Krynicki. Ms. Chambers will serve as the Chair of this committee.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on March 8, 2018 and conducted a public hearing on the Mayor's Responses to the Capital and Expense Budget. The following floor Resolution was read.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Planning & Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be written to the Hon. Bill de Blasio outlining the Board's responses to the Mayor's Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2019 and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Misiurski, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and approved by a majority of members with one Board member's recusal.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on March 12, 2018 and covered downsizing and parking problems in the community. District Manager will discuss down zoning with City Planning and report back to the Committee. Mr. Popovic and Mr. Chirico were re-elected Chair and Co-Chair. The Committee will absorb Ad-Hoc Over-Development Committee issues.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on March 6, 2018. There were resolutions for renewal, new liquor licenses and change in method of operation licenses. In addition Mr. Accomando was re-elected Committee Chair and Mrs. Acampora was elected Co-Chair.

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.”

*Brewski's, 3718 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall Ave & Dill Pl, License #1260773, which expires on 03/31/18.

*Alfie's Place, 3037 E 177th St, 10465, between Edison Avenue & East Tremont Avenue, License #1261501, which expires on 05/31/18.

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal liquor licenses was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Popovic and unanimously approved by all. The Resolution passed.

New Licenses

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment has applied for a new license and 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:”

*PARQ (formerly Glo) 718, 4005 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sampson Ave and Gerber Place, License #NEW. **(Formerly Spotos)**

Hours of Operation: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12 p.m. – 12 a.m.,

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 12 p.m. – 4 a.m.

MOP: Disk Jockey, recorded music

A motion to accept the Resolution for a new license was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment who has applied for a change in method of operation has 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:”

*Trump Golf Links, 500 a/k/a 300 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, between Hutchinson River Pkwy Service Road, North & South, License #1283918, which expires on 02/28/19.

(Construction of a Permanent Clubhouse) (2 Additional Bars Added to the Main License)

A motion to accept the Resolution for a change in method of operation was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Chirico and approved by a majority of Board members with one member abstaining. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on February 26, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Betancourt from NYC Department of Youth and Community Development spoke at the meeting. At the UFT Building on 2500 Halsey Street, there will be a college fair on March 23, 2018 from 10-1 and a career and technical education fair on March 24, 2018 from 9-1.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Boiko

The March 7, 2018 Municipal Services and Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee meeting was postponed due to weather. Both committees will meet jointly on April 4, 2018, 177 Dreiser Loop, Auditorium A.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin for Mr. Lynch
The Committee will meet on March 29, 2018.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario
The Committee met on February 23, 2018. A presentation by Montefiore Health Systems on the Moses Campus and Westchester Square Campuses was made.

The Committee will be continuing discussions on a Town Hall meeting with the community, elected officials, Montefiore Health Systems, and associated agencies. The Committee will meet again on March 21, 2018.

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Cruz for Mr. Salimbene
The Committee met on February 23, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sullivan addressed a comment made by a community member about lack of diversity on the Board with respect to women in leadership. He noted that he has personally spoken with women Board members, many of whom are very active outside the community the board. For most, woman or man, it is difficult to accept additional responsibility due to the demands leadership positions require.

Mr. Sullivan reminded Board members that nominations for the Executive Board will open on April 18, 2018 and close on May 17, 2018. Ms. Kemraj added that commitment is very important in accepting a nomination as well as serving on the Board.

Motion to adjourn the March 15, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando 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 March 15, 2018.



PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: March 22, 2018