



Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
Borough President

# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

3165 East Tremont Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

Tel: (718) 892-1161 • Fax: (718) 863-6860

E-mail: [bx10@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx10@cb.nyc.gov)

Facebook.com/BronxCommunityBoard10

Website: [www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10)



Peter J. Sullivan  
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz  
District Manager

## MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

May 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

UFT BUILDING

2500 Halsey Street

Bronx, New York 10461

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, P. Cantillo, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, B. McCarrick, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, M. Prince, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, P. Sullivan, S. Woods  
(total # present = )

**ABSENT:** M. Caruso, M. Johnson, K. Lynch, J. Marano, B. Martinez, J. McQuade M. Morris, N. Sala, N. Semaj-Williams, M. Velazquez, (total # absent =)

### **Community Liaisons:**

Jose Rodriguez - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Darden Gjonbalaj - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj  
Antirson Ortiz – Office of NYC Comptroller

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

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 – L. Rocco, Westchester Square Civic Association: Mr. Rocco is against the application for a new liquor license for PLUSH 101 and asked that it not receive Board approval. In addition, Mr. Rocco complained about the lack of parking in the Westchester Square community as well as the lack of responsiveness of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

- 2 – V. DiPierro, retired detective of 49<sup>th</sup> Pct: Mr. DiPierro spoke in support of the proposed street renaming at Edison Avenue and St. Theresa Avenue for Michele Muccio and introduced her family. He noted many of her extraordinary qualities as well as the many volunteer efforts she undertook. Mr DiPierro added that he has also discussed this request with Council Member Mark Gjonaj and District Manager Matthew Cruz.
- 3 – Mike Scher, NY Road Runners: Mr. Scher introduced himself to the community and spoke about the NYRR Open Run program which is to begin in Pelham Bay Park starting June 21. It is a free run/walk community event for all ages which will consist of three loops. He invited the community to the information/planning meeting on June 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the International Caterers on Ampere Avenue. Mr. Scher envisions a weekly event to last indefinitely on Thursday evenings. Mr. Scher can be reached at [mscher@nyrr.org](mailto:mscher@nyrr.org) or [ccasanova@nyrr.org](mailto:ccasanova@nyrr.org).
- 4 – Council Member Felix Cabrera, Bronx District 14, Majority Whip and Chair of Governmental Operations Committee: Council Member Cabrera is working on securing additional funding for Community Boards. He noted that from 2012-2015 there was no increase in Community Board's budgets; in 2016 there was an increase of \$23,000 and a \$4,000 increase in 2017 for an overall total of \$27,000. He strongly feels that this amount is insufficient. He is seeking letters of support and completion of a survey by Board members. Council Member Cabrera opened the floor for comments.

Board member Mr. Bieder would like to see as of right projects come before the boards. Mr. Sementilli does not want the Charter Revision to circumvent the communities. Mr. Rocco wants new board members to obtain signatures from his/her respective community along with term limits. Council Member Cabrera said that the Charter Revision is addressing campaign finance laws and it is not addressing term limits for board members. He added that he would like the City to provide a parking permit for Board Chairpersons.

- 5 – JoAnn Sohmers, Ferry Point Civic Association: Mrs. Sohmers spoke in favor of the request for the removal of no standing signs from Wenner Place to Schley Avenue.

Mr. Sullivan notified the community that employees of businesses on Brush Avenue are parking in front of private residences. This removal will free up spaces in the evenings for residents.

- 6 – Leslie. Brown, Library Manager, Baychester Library: Ms. Brown notified the community of the annual letter writing campaign for funding; summer reading kickoff 6/7; ABC Mouse in the library free service. Call 718-379 for additional information.
- 7 – Nadreca Reid, of New York Connect informed the community of the Bronx Independent Living Services. This program does benefits assessments for individuals and assists with housing, Medicaid and homecare, and transportation. Contact 1-844-862-7930 or [www.nyconnects.ny.gov](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov).
- 8 – E. Sementilli, Pelham Bay Safety Improvement Organization: Mr. Sementilli is against the liquor license for Karma (formerly Vapor Lounge). He encourages the Board to vote against it and noted numerous noise and violence issues.

- 9 – Leon Tulton, Assemblyman Benedetto’s office: Reminded the community to visit or call both offices at 718-892-2235 and 718-320-2220 for assistance with constituent problems. He wished the community a Happy Father’s Day in June and a belated Mother’s Day.

Mr. Rocco requested that the Assembly Member address the drug issue and assist with additional funding for Pearly Gates Park.

- 10 – Darden Gjonbalaj, Council Member Gjonaj’s office: Call or visit 1478 Williamsbridge Rd; 718-931-1721 to register for the rain barrel giveaway and/or schedule an appointment for free immigration services. The Council Member worked on legislation and introduced a bill for NYC jobs and businesses to notify community boards and BIDS of parking rule changes. He is also working on elimination of waste in the proposed NYC budget.
- 11 – Jose Rodriguez, Office of State Senator Klein: nothing new to report; contact office for constituent services, 718-822-2049.
- 12 – Sgt. Gradanski, 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Explorers: This is a weekly program available to youth ages 14-20 which provides opportunities for community service. There are drill teams which teach discipline and proper interaction with NYPD. Contact 718-822- for additional information. Additional program information is available at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/services/law-enforcement/youth-programs/explorers.page>. The Explorers will be participating in Pizza with a Cop on June 27 from 6-8:30 p.m. as well as the Fireworks Display at Orchard Beach on June 28, 2018.

Board Member Accomando added that the organization had a positive influence on a family member that ultimately pursued a career in law enforcement.

- 13 – Dr. Alvin Ponder apologized to Chairman Sullivan for his remarks at the last Board Meeting.

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

At the request of Mr. Sullivan, a resolution to amend tonight’s agenda was presented to the full Board for approval:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 to amend the Agenda to allow for the two Resolutions from the Planning and Budget Committee Minutes of May 15, 2018 to be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 19, 2018 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Salimbene, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Ms. Kemraj

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

Thanked the Board for attending the Community Board event at the Borough President's office on May 10, 2018. On May 31, 2018 at 851 Grand Concourse, the Borough President will host a Ramadan Dinner.

**DISTRICT MANGER REPORT:** Mr. Cruz

- Shred fest is scheduled for Rombouts and Co-op City Boulevard
- Home energy assistance programs for low income and seniors contact the Board Office for an application to obtain an air conditioner
- June 2018 will be a busy meeting month. There will be committee meetings, Board meeting and two public hearings.
- Animal shelter meeting next week, 5/24/18 at 2049 Bartow Avenue, Room 3 at 7:30 p.m. followed by a public hearing on June 18 at the same location
- Chairperson Sullivan said the Board will attempt to combine some hearings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Sullivan

The Committee did not meet in May.

**PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mr. Misiurski

The Committee met on March 15, 2018 and discussed the Board Office's internal budget. In addition, the Committee discussed the efforts of three U.S. Congresspersons in the passage of FAA Reauthorization Act.

Mr. Misiurski emphasized that publishing staff salaries are a very important piece information and is necessary for the public record. Mr. Misiurski spoke about the importance of the committee; he added that this Committee is stipulated in the By-Laws. It is important to have oversight and that is why a Planning and Budget Committee is needed.

Two resolutions resulted from this meeting.

**“Resolved...** at the recommendation of the Planning & Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Bronx Community Board #10 Projected FY 2018 OTPS Internal Budget be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

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

**“Resolved...** at the recommendation of the Planning & Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be drafted and sent to U.S. Congressman J. Crowley, U.S.

Congresswoman G. Meng and U.S. Congressman T. Suozzi thanking them for the FAA Reauthorization Act passed by the House in April which included measures aimed at reducing excessive airplane noise over Queens and other impacted communities, 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. Bieder, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

**HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Popovic

The Committee is meeting jointly with the Ad-Hoc Co-op City Committee on May 24, 2018 in Co-op City to discuss the new proposed animal shelter as well as some other items. This meeting is at 2049 Bartow Avenue, Rm. 31. A public hearing will be scheduled in the future.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on May 2, 2018. There were resolutions for renewal, new liquor licenses and change in method of operation licenses.

**Renewal Licenses**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments have applied for *renewal licenses* and 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:

\*Cabo Restaurant, 3764 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #1269941, which expires on 04/30/2018.

\*Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course, 870 Shore Rd, 10464, between Bartow Pell Circle & Pelhamdale Ave, License #1205513, which expires on 06/30/2018.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Boiko, and approved by a majority of Board members with (1) recusal for conflict of interest. **The Resolution passed.**

**New Licenses**

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

\*Kabuki, 3938 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Dewey & Sampson Aves, License #NEW.  
**(Formerly Rino’s Restaurant)**

**Hours: Sunday-Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-12 a.m**  
**MOP: Recorded Music**

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

\*Plush 101, 53 Westchester Square, 10461, between Roberts & Ponton Avenues, License #NEW.  
**(Formerly Legacy Bar)**  
**Hours: Sunday-Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday 12 p.m.-4 a.m.**  
**MOP: Recorded Music, DJ, Juke Box, Karaoke”**

A discussion among Board members resulted in a motion by Mr. Boiko, seconded by Ms. Guanill-Elukowich to table the resolution pending the answering of questions about staff and security. Additional information was presented at the meeting concerning the new owner, who was a former employee, as well as incidents that occurred under the previous owner which were only 311 complaints. The new owner did sign Senator Klein’s For Cause document, the Board’s Stipulations and presented petitions from the surrounding community as well as attending ATAP training. Ms. Guanill-Elukowich noted that food will be added but the premise does not have a kitchen. Mr. Bieder feels the motion to table should not carry because it did pass through Committee.

The vote was (1) in favor of tabling and the majority were opposed. Tabling the motion did not pass.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Misiurski and approved by a majority of Board members with (2) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

### **Change in Method of Operation**

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

\*Sangria Café, 2085 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Asch Loop & Co-op City Blvd., License #12991476, which expires on 08/31/2019. **Alteration-Sidewalk Café**

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Misiurski 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 has applied for a *change in method of operation* and 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:

\*Karma Lounge & Tapas Bar, 3758 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #1270813, which expires on 01/31/20 (**Formerly Vapor Lounge-Same Owner**)

**Hours: Sunday 1 p.m.-3 a.m.,**

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday 4 p.m.-3a.m.**

**Adding Karaoke, Live Music, Comedy Shows, Change in Hours”**

Board members discussed the establishment. Ms. Chambers visited the lounge; she said the security suggestions made by the Economic Development Committee appeared to be undertaken. Questions by Board members included inquiries about all violent incidents, hours of operation, and management sincerity. Mr. Rodriguez noted that this was for a change in method of operation, not a renewal. The establishment has its liquor license. This change was to allow the establishment to rebrand. A negative vote allows the establishment to continue as in the past.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Bieder and voted on as a roll call vote with the following results: (15) in favor (15) against and (3) abstentions. **The Resolution did not pass.**

**YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on April 23, 2018 and May 14, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The scholarships from the NY Yankees were given to the students who won the competition. A resolution from the April 23, 2018 meeting was drafted concerning the Mayor’ Fund to Advance NYC. Starting in September 2018, the Youth & Education Committee will start meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Youth and Education Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to send a letter of support to the Mayor’s Fund to Advance NYC, and that the resolution be forwarded to the full board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Popovic unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Russo

The Committee met April 4, 2018 and voted on numerous resolutions. This meeting was chaired by Mr. Boiko. The minutes are self-explanatory.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street activity permits be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Event 390671: Bangladeshi American Heritage Single Block Festival 2018, August 6, 2018, 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM, setup/breakdown: Noon to 8:00 PM, Waterbury Avenue, between Zerega and Seabury Avenues, contact: Nazrul Haque

*It should be noted that Event 390671 was resubmitted by the applicant to correct the date of the event from August 6, 2018 to August 5, 2018.*

Event 397934: Bangla Mela, Block Party, June 24, 2018, 10 AM – 7 PM including setup and breakdown. Waterbury Avenue between Zerega and Seabury Avenues, contact Abdul Hashim

Event 413702: 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, September 11, 2018, 6 PM – 8 PM, setup/breakdown 5 PM – 9 PM. East Tremont Avenue, between Dewey Avenue and Sampson Avenue, contact Jim McQuade

Event 410565: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Griswold Avenue Block Party, August 11, 2018, 1 PM – 8 PM, setup/breakdown: 12:00 PM – 9 PM. Griswold Avenue between MacDonough Place and Dwight Place, contact Alisa Leavy

Event 413248: Fairfax Avenue Block Party, July 28, 2018, Noon to 7:30 PM, setup/breakdown: 11 AM – 8 PM. Fairfax Avenue between Baisley and Waterbury Avenues, contact Josephine Corvino

Event 400121: Carnival of Love Block Party, July 21, 2018, Noon to 7 PM, setup/breakdown 11 AM – 8 PM, St. Raymond Avenue, between St. Peters Avenue and Overing Street, contact Christopher Garcia

Event 413812: 2018 Harrington Ave Block Party, August 4, 2018, Noon – 9 PM, including setup and breakdown. Harrington Avenue between Mayflower and Edison Avenues, contact Janine Franciosa”

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

A petition for the removal of and replacement signage along Brush Avenue was submitted by residents of the Ferry Point community.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request to remove the No Standing Anytime signage on Brush Avenue between Wenner Place and Schley Avenue 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 with (2) recusals for conflict of interest.. **The Resolution passed.**

Requests for two street overlays were discussed and resulted in two resolutions.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a street overlay at the corner of Bayshore Avenue and Ampere Avenue, in honor of **Detective Joseph Lemm** be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

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

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a street overlay at the corner of Edison Avenue and St. Theresa Avenue, in honor of **Michele Muccio** be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

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

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Franklin for Mr. Lynch

The Committee met on April 24, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on May 31, 2018.

The following two resolutions were voted on at the May 17, 2018 full Board meeting due to a lack of a quorum at the April full Board meeting:

“**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.”

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

“**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.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Ms. Guanill-Elukowich and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on May, 2018. The minutes were discussed. Continuing discussions on a Town Hall meeting with elected officials, hospital representatives and the surrounding communities were held. A resolution resulting from this meeting follows:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 to table the Town Hall indefinitely until elected officials and community boards and/or organizations show a commitment to its establishment, 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 members with (2) abstentions.

**VETERANS SERVICES:** Mr. Salimbene

The Committee met on May 4, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. This Committee will meet with other Boards to discuss veterans services. Next meeting is Friday, June 29, 2018.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Ms. Chambers

The nominations for the June 21, 2018 were discussed. A motion to close and accept the Nominations was made by Mrs. Krynicki, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all. **The motion passed.**

A discussion took place among Board members on the format to be used at the June 21, 2018 Executive Board elections. Pros and cons of each method were presented: paper ballot, roll call and hybrid. The hybrid format uses the roll call format in a private setting.

This discussion became robust among Board Members. The discussion centered on the process of whether or not there should be a vote on the roll call and paper ballot examples followed by a second vote on the majority with the “hybrid” system that requires Board Members to be called individually to cast their vote with the Nominations Committee. There were remarks made about this election being the opportunity to alter the composition of the Executive Board. Finally, the Board began voting on the different examples of elections.

A motion to vote on the election format was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario with the following result: (15) in favor of roll call, (3) in favor or ballot and (15) in favor of hybrid. Due to the tie, another vote was taken by raising a hand. The vote is as follows (17) in favor of hybrid, (16) in favor of roll call. **The June 2018 Elections of Executive Board members will be a hybrid format.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sullivan spoke about a Resolution proposed by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair John Marano.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of Sanitation Salvage to the City of New York and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A discussion on the Resolution began. It was noted that Community Board #11 drafted and signed a letter in support of Sanitation Salvage which had a recent incident where a pedestrian was killed. Mr. Prince was not in favor of a support letter because of this incident. Chairperson Sullivan said that this request should have been presented by the Board member requesting the letter. A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder. It was not seconded. **The Resolution did not pass.**

Motion to close the May 17, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Salimbene, 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 May 17, 2018.



PETER CANTILLO  
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: June 1, 2018