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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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Executive Board Minutes 01/15/19

Present: P. Sullivan, I. Elukowich, J. Marano, L. Popovic, R. Bieder, T. Accomando, N. Rosario

Absent: P. Cantillo, T. Franklin, A. Salimbene, M. Velazquez

Guests: E. Gonzalez III, W. Cancel

Chairperson Sullivan began the meeting promptly at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Sullivan then moved on to the first agenda item which was to learn more about the NYC Emergency Management “Go-Bags” for the Board to purchase for its constituents. The “Go-Bags” come with supplies such as protein bars, radios, batteries and emergency supplies in the event of an emergency or disaster where a family has to leave their home.

The Executive Board voted to support the purchase of 300 large go-bags and 200 small bags from NYC Emergency Management by a vote proposed by Youth and Education Chairperson Robert Bieder and seconded by Economic Development Chairperson, Thomas Accomando. The vote was unanimous.

The Chairperson moved on to the second agenda item. A discussion ensued on the need for Standing Rules at CB #10 Meetings. The Executive Board agreed that lately meetings at CB #10 have had too many disruptions and, in some cases, personal attacks. The new standing rules are as follows:

- Any personal attacks against a Board Member, staff member, member of the public, or an elected official or their representative will result in the individual being asked to leave or could result in the meeting’s closure;
- Any outburst from the public after the closure of Public Speaking portion will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave. If outbursts or attacks continue, it will be considered ‘disturbing the peace’ and the authorities will be summoned;
- All speakers must address and face the Board Members with their concerns, suggestions or comments.
- No solicitation or electioneering.

The Executive Board agreed to forward these new regulations to the Full Board for approval.

“Resolved. . .at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to enact and enforce Standing Rules during public speaking and after it at all CB #10 meetings, and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

The Executive Board discussed the last agenda item which was moving the Board's 2020 election from June 2020 to January 2020. Chairperson Sullivan laid out examples of having new members having to vote in June while they are new and may not know enough about candidates. Additionally, the election may need to be moved as term-limits are now in-effect and there are possibilities of one-half of the Board's membership being entirely new. The Executive Board proposes the following resolution.

“Resolved. . .at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to move the Board's elections take place in January starting in 2020 and thereafter, and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

During the discussion of new business, Efrain Gonzalez III, praised the Executive Board and Chairperson Sullivan for moving to address the matters that took place in prior meetings. Mr. Gonzalez agreed that personal attacks are no place for a public setting even when people disagree.

Youth and Education Chairperson Robert Bieder voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M, seconded by First Vice-Chairperson Elukowich. The vote was unanimous. The motion to end Executive Session was proposed by Youth and Education Chairperson Bieder and seconded by Economic Development Chairperson Thomas Accomando at 8:26 P.M. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. by a proposed motion of adjournment by Second Vice-Chair John Marano, seconded by Chairperson Peter Sullivan and voted unanimously thereafter.