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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 VIRTUAL DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2023

Attendance: CB10: M. Cruz; N. Kilkenny; CCHR: O. Torres; DCWP: R. Revina; DDC: J. Parisien; DFTA: J. Melendez; DoHMH: K. Johnson; DSS – J. Bennett; DOT: J. Soto; DOT Bridges: A. Zhou, R. Zurita; State DOT: T. Bayer; DSNY- E: Lt. Ratliff; MTA: M. Molina; NYPD- Transit: Det. Burgos; P.O. DeLuna: NYPL: L. Brown, L. Velazquez; M. Ramos-Lugo, R. Collado; Parks: C. Acosta; St. Peter's Residence: F. Coronado; Office of Mayor Eric Adams: A. Dowe; Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey: J. Rosenbaum; Office of Senator Nathalia Fernandez: T. Winstead; Office of Council Member Amanda Farias: M. Luna; Office of Council Member Marjorie Velazquez: S. Parish; Office of Council Member Kevin Riley: J. Yapp; Office of District Attorney Darcel Clark: R. Spencer, II (28)

Mr. Cruz commenced the meeting at 10:07 AM.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DoHMH) – K. Johnson, III

There were no announcements other than that Covid-19 infections continue to decrease citywide and boroughwide.

Per Mr. Cruz' inquiry, Mr. Johnson will check to see if there are any updates on the mobile food vendor at the CVS parking lot at 3775 East Tremont Avenue.

New York City Police Department (NYPD) – 45th Precinct

45th Precinct Community Affairs Officers now report to the Borough Office and were unavailable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report:

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, late on the Third Platoon, Captain Andrew Johnson conducted an Operation in the 45th Precinct with Section Commander Toro of the Traffic Enforcement Division, to address quality of life complaints from the community by towing illegally parked commercial vehicles in the vicinity of Co-Op City. Below is a recap of the activity generated during this operation.

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New York City Police Department (NYPD) – 45th Precinct continued

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On Monday, March 13th, 2023, the Patrol Borough Bronx Special Operations Unit and the 45th Precinct conducted a Mobile Cannabis Business Inspection on Bartow Avenue, between Asch Loop and Co-Op City Boulevard, under the supervision of the PBBX Special Operation Lieutenant, Lieutenant Matthew Johnson. Location was referred to Patrol Borough Bronx by the Office of the Chief of Patrol, subsequent to community complaints. The operation was met with positive results. One (1) Criminal Court Summons was issued, and the following were seized:

122 Packages of Alleged Marijuana vouchered it for Arrest Evidence.
20 Packages of Edible Cannabis Products vouchered it for Arrest Evidence.
\$614 USC Vouchered the currency under Forfeiture.
Bus – VA Plate #TXR4651 Vouchered vehicle under Forfeiture.

New York City Transit Police – Det. Burgos, P. O. DeLuna

Lush workers committed three robberies in and near Board 10: Two at Parkchester Station and one in Pelham Bay Station. Pockets of sleeping victims were cut and emptied as they slept. Two arrests were made.

Plain clothes Officers are patrolling stations and the ferry line.

New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) – J. Soto

Mr. Soto was not available to review agenda items prior to the meeting and agreed to follow up with Mr. Cruz in a day or so with updates.

State Department of Transportation (S-DOT) – T. Bayer

Project NYSDOT D264410 continues to progress without issue.
Parking restrictions on Burr Avenue and Pelham Parkway South continue. Also, median work is taking place on Pelham Parkway and may affect traffic. Drivers should use caution when navigating median work
Mr. Bayer indicated that road maintenance in the vicinity of Exit 8C is the responsibility of the New England Thruway Authority, and he is awaiting notification of a contact person. Mr. Cruz indicated that the Board's contact is Todd Gold.

Transportation Dept. – Bridges - A. Zhou, R. Zurita

Westchester Avenue Overpass – Steel erection will require intermittent full closures of the Hutchinson River Parkway and Westchester Avenue through Friday, March 24th.

Unionport Bridge Project – R. Zurita

Summary of work activities completed for Unionport Bridge since February:

- Placed concrete for drainage structures
- Placed concrete for roadway at Ramp B
- Installed directional overhead sign at East Approach
- Constructed east approach slab
- Continued installation of fender panels
- Continued installation of bascule span steel
- Continued installation of operating machinery at bascule pier & control house
- Continued assembly of the bridge (south bascule span)

The upcoming work to be done for Unionport Bridge is:

- Continue installation of fender panels
- Continue installation of bascule span steel
- Continue installation of operating machinery at bascule pier & control house
- Continue assembly of the bridge (south bascule span)

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) – M. Molina

Ms. Molina had no updates to report. The request to change the bus stop to Harding Avenue, just off Pennyfield Avenue was denied due to lack of sidewalks.

Department of Parks and Recreation – C. Acosta

There were no agency updates or announcements.

Department of Citizen and Worker Protection (DCWP) - R. Revina

Jurisdiction over street vendors has been transferred from DCWP to DSNY.

The agency is offering paid care outreach presentations concerning domestic worker rights.

Inspectors have not visited car wash vendors noted on the agenda as the agency encountered aggressive mobile vendors in the past and will only visit in conjunction with a NYPD presence.

DCWP is offering free Tax Prep by appointment.

Department for the Aging (DFTA) – J. Melendez

The agency continues to encourage seniors to return to their centers for in-person activities and numbers are increasing dramatically. The agency has been conducting an Anti-Aging Project for the past month which pairs seniors with high

Department for the Aging (DFTA) continued

school students to promote mutual understanding. Mr. Melendez requested that additional liaisons be assigned to senior centers to assist with registration for services. Ms. Dowe of the Mayor's Office will work on arranging for additional Department of Finance representative support.

Department of Social Services (DSS) – J. Bennett

1400 Blondell Avenue is on target to open during the third quarter of 2024.

2443 Poplar Street is on target to open during this summer. Mr. Cruz requested that a meeting be scheduled between Molly Parks, the new Acting Commissioner of DHS, the operations manager of 2443 Poplar Street, Ms. Bennett, and himself. Though the facility is not in Bronx Community Board 10, it borders our community and Mr. Cruz seeks a strong working relationship with the administrators.

St. Peter's Residence – F. Coronado

Mr. Coronado was present but had to leave before delivering his report.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) – O. Torres

The Agency is observing Women's History Month in March and Fair Housing Month in April.

Mr. Torres provided his contact information for anyone needing to report discrimination or requiring other assistance: ortorres@cchr.nyc.gov
646 630 6759.

New York Public Library (NYPL) – L. Brown, R. Collado, M. Ramos-Lugo, L. Velazquez

Throggs Neck Branch – L. Velazquez reported that on March 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 PM *Being Imaginative at the Library* will take place for K through 3rd grade children. On April 19th Author Stephanie Zapata will discuss her recent book, I am Happy, I am Sad, concerning identity and creating an inclusive, safe space.

City Island Branch – Mr. Collado introduced himself as the new Manager of the branch. On Tuesdays creative writing workshops are held from 1-2 PM for adults of all ages. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 AM it is children's story time. All are encouraged to check out the branch on Facebook and at NYPL.org for all programs.

Pelham Bay Branch – M. Ramos-Lugo introduced herself as the manager of the Branch. Computer skills enhancement including Power Point, Excel are offered on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Teen programs and children's programs are available. Please check out the branch at NYPL.org.

Baychester Branch – Ms. Brown reported that the branch is open and renovations were completed. All are invited to stop by and see the improvements. Ms. Brown's goal is to increase outreach during 2023 and 24.
All NYPL programs are noted on the website: NYPL.org.

Community Affairs Office of Mayor Eric Adams - A. Dowe

Ms. Dowe urged all to stay connected with Mayor Adams on his podcast. The deadline to register for the DYCD Summer Youth Employment program is March 31st. The Mayor's Office also offers internships.

Office of New York State Senator Jamaal Bailey – J. Rosenbaum

Ms. Rosenbaum announced the following events:
Community Baby Shower 12-2 PM on April 11th
April 8th at 10 AM - Easter Egg event at Van Courtland Park
April 8th at 11 AM - Easter Egg event at the Co-op City Greenway
Sat. April 27th is the Earth Day Celebration at Eastchester Gardens.

Office of New York State Senator Nathalia Fernandez – T. Winstead

Ms. Winstead was present but had to leave the meeting prior to delivering her report.

Office of New York City Council Member Kevin Riley – J. Yapp

Free tax prep is available on Mondays from 9 AM – 5 PM by appointment at the 135 Einstein Loop Office. Call 718 784 0877 to schedule an appointment.
Free notary services are available at the 940 East Gun Hill Road Office.
Councilmember Riley is an avid supporter of NYPL and stands with the agency at City Hall. Councilman Riley allocated \$250,000 to the Baychester branch for HVAC replacement, \$10.6 million for a branch overhaul, and \$150,000 for technology upgrades.

Office of New York City Council Member Marjorie Velazquez – S. Parish

An NIDC representative is available at the office every Tuesday from 10AM to 4 PM for SNAP and other assistance. Scheduled appointments are welcome. 718 931-1721.

On Monday, March 27th Councilwoman Velazquez is partnering with the American Red Cross for a virtual event: Pillowcase Project – emergency preparedness for school aged children.

Office of New York State Assembly Member Amanda Farias – M. Luna

Audio difficulties prevented Mr. Luna from delivering his report.

Office of District Attorney Darcel Clark – R. Spencer

Mr. Spencer was present, but no updates were reported.

Mr. Cruz concluded the meeting at 10:58 AM.