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Chairperson

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Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10
November 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
Bronx Community Board #10
3165 East Tremont Avenue, 10461

PRESENT: T. Accomando, R. Baez, I. Barobhuiya, C. Brockington, M. Bufano, A. Cascante, L. Collins, J. Connolly, P. Del-Debbio, M. Fludd, T. Franklin, J. Grell, S. Haywood, M. Hooks, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, J. Mondello, M. Morris, MJ. Musano, N. Nunez, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, J. Robert, N. Rosario, H. Ruiz, J. Russo, M. Sajous, A. Salimbene, T. Smith, J. Thomas, A. Torres, S. Woods (total # present = 32)

ABSENT: M. Ali, R. Barbarelli, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, J. Gomez Jr., D. Gonzalez, S. Hazell, D. Hunt, V. Lowe, S. McMillan, S. Palladino, C. Pinnock, N. Sala
(total # absent =13)

Board #10 Staff: Matt Cruz, District Manager

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of this evening's public hearing is for the Board's vote on several matters: an adult-use cannabis dispensary and amendments to the Board's By-Laws.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION: There were requests to speak.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

Adames Kush LLC presented its plans and designs for 68 Westchester Square. A copy of the presentation will be kept at the Board Office. Adames Kush LLC submitted to the Board its stipulations and indicated it would be open to closing at school dismissal time and closing at 9 P.M. The business will have all day security that the Westchester Square commercial district from which it could benefit. The Board Members asked questions that focused on security, helping to identify community-based organizations with which Adames Kush LLC may partner, and ensuring that the business conforms to the highest ethical standards and to use the most up-to-date technology to ensure that the premises runs smoothly with absolutely no persons under 21-years-of age entering the premise.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 to approve Adames Kush, LLC.’s application to open a licensed-adult use retail cannabis dispensary at 68 Westchester Square, Bronx, NY 10461 and that notification be sent to the New York State Office of Cannabis Management. “

A motion to accept the Resolution to open a licensed-adult use retail cannabis dispensary at 68 Westchester Square was made by Mr. Marano, seconded by Ms. Bufano and approved as follows: (23) in favor, (4) against, (0) recusal, (5) abstain. **The Resolution passed.**

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

For Amendments 1 and 2, Board Members debated and asked questions regarding the following By-Law amendments. Board Member questions focused on whether to keep positions and whether the positions had responsibilities other than at the Chairperson’s discretion. There are presently no term limits for committee chairs. Though, the Board is eliminating term limits for officers could, there will still be annual elections.

1. Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following amendment to the By-Laws be voted on and included into the existing By-Laws of Bronx Community Board #10:

Article VI – Officers, Section I: The first sentence is changed to read “The officers of the Board shall be a Chairperson, a First Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and other such officers as the Board may deem necessary or advisable” eliminating the offices of Second Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Sections VIII and X, descriptions of the duties of the Second Vice-Chair and Treasurer, are eliminated.

A motion to accept the Resolution to eliminate the positions of Second Vice Chair and Treasurer was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Ms. Sajous and approved by a majority of Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

2. Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following amendment to the By-Laws be voted on and included into the existing By-Laws of Bronx Community Board #10:

Article VI – Officers: The sentence that reads “No officer may serve more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office” is eliminated.

A motion to accept the Amendment to eliminate terms for Executive Board members was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved by a majority of Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

The following By-Law amendment was nearly tabled, but it failed. Members are concerned that allowing for a community member could be confusing as they are not allowed to vote and may not be a community member in good standing. Board Members pointed out that there is hardly a difference between a member of the public and a non-voting community member as both normally get the chance to speak at meetings at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson. The Community Board Members agreed that imposing the responsibility to the Chairperson could be a heavy burden but acknowledged that every Board Chairperson should consult with Committee Chairs and the District Manager before rendering judgment.

3. Resolved...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following change to the by-Laws be voted on favorably and be added to the existing By-Laws of Bronx Community Board #10:

The Board Chairperson may, at their discretion, appoint a non-Board member from the community to be a non-voting member of that committee and may also remove that member of the committee at their discretion.

*A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved by a majority of Board members. **The Resolution passed.***

Motion to close the November 2, 2023 Public Hearing meeting was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted
by Matthew Cruz.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the Public Hearing on November 2, 2023.



Bishop Nancy Rosario, Secretary

Dated: November 3, 2023

November 2, 2023 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 45 Members/23=Quorum	A T T E N D	1. Cannabis Dispensary 68 West Sq 1 st John M. 2 nd Milagros	2. By-laws Art VI - Officers 1 st Raquel B 2 nd Michelle S	3. By-laws Art VI - Terms 1 st Tom A. 2 nd Lou P.	Motion to table Amendment #3 1 st P. Del-Debbio 2 nd T. Accomando	4. NEW Appoint Comm Members 1 st Tom A. 2 nd Lou P.
Board Member Name						
Accomando, Thomas		√	√	√	√	√
Ali, Mohammed						
Baez, Raquel		√	√	√	X	√
Barbarelli, Robert						
Barobhuiya, Ibrahim		√	√	√	X	√
Brockington, Crystal		X	X	X	√	X
Bufano, Milagros		√	√	√	X	√
Cantillo, Peter						
Caruso, Maria						
Cascante, Amanda		√	√	√	√	√
Collins, Linda		√	√	√	√	√
Connolly, Joseph		X	√	√	√	X
Del-Debbio, Peter		√	√	√	√	X
Fludd, Maritza		A	√	√	√	X
Franklin, Terence		√	√	√	X	√
Gomez Jr., Julio						
Gonzalez, Daisy						
Grell, Joanne		√	√	√	√	X
Haywood, Steven		√	√	X	√	√
Hazell, Stefani						
Hooks, Michael		X	√	√	√	X
Hunt, Deborah						
Krynicky, Dorothy		√	√	√	X	√
Lowe, Victoria						
Marano, John		√	√	√	X	X
McMillan, Susan						
Mondello, Joseph		√	√	√	√	X
Morris, Martin		√	X	√	√	√
Musano, Mary Jane		X	√	√	X	√
Nunez, Nelson		√	√	√	X	√
Palladino, Steven						
Pinnock, Charmaine						
Popovic, Louis		√	√	√	X	√
Prioleau, Devon		A	√	√		
Robert, John		√	√	√	√	√
Rosario, Nancy		A	√	√	X	√
Ruiz, Hector		√	√	√	X	√
Russo, Joseph		√	√	√	X	√
Sala, Nick						
Salimbene, Anthony		A	√	√	X	X
Sajous, Michelle		√	√	√	X	
Smith, Tom		√	√	√	√	X
Thomas, Janine		√	√	√	X	X
Torres, Angela		A	√	√	√	X
Woods, Stephanie		√	√	√	X	X
TOTAL		9/N or A 23/Y	2/N 30/Y	2/N 30/Y	14/Y 15/N	13/N 17/Y

