



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson  
Borough President

## Public Hearing & Full Board Minutes of Bronx Community Board #10

March 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throgs Neck Expressway, 10465

**PRESENT:** M. Ali, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, C. Brockington, M. Bufano, M. Caruso, A. Chirico, J. Connolly, P. Del-Debbio, J. Gomez Jr., D. Gonzalez, J. Grell, S. Hazell, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, S. McMillan, M.J. Musano, N. Nunez, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, N. Rosario, M. Sajous, T. Smith, J. Thomas, A. Torres (present = 26)

**ABSENT:** T. Accomando, R. Baez, P. Cantillo, T. Franklin, J. Jemmott, M. Johnson, J. Mondello, M. Morris, J. Robert, J. Russo, N. Sala, A. Salimbene, S. Woods (absent = 13)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Devon Prioleau began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. Kate Nesi, Community Affairs Liaison, DSNY: Informed the community of the new collection times to begin on April 1, 2023. Warnings will be issued throughout April; monetary violations begin in May. [knesi@dsnyc.nyc.gov](mailto:knesi@dsnyc.nyc.gov)
2. George Havranek, Spencer Estates Civic Association: discussed the importance of parkland in the community; wants the Board to become more active when the City wants to take parkland for other uses (e.g. casino).
3. Ibrahim Barobhuiya: discussed Ramadan and the month-long religious observance beginning either 3/22 or 3/23 depending upon the moon's cycle; interfaith celebration on March 23 at 6 p.m. PS 106 in Parkchester.
4. Michelle Torrioni, Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association: expressed concern with the Cousins Lobster Truck parking in a bus stop and the sewer backing up at St. Theresa's.
5. Bob Bieder, 45<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Council: Upcoming events - 3/21/23 5 p.m.; Chess with a Cop at the precinct; 4/1/23 Ferry Point Park Easter egg extravaganza 12 noon-3; 45<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Council Breakfast \$20, 5/18/ 23 8:30 a.m. at SUNY Maritime College.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Ms. Rosario, seconded by Ms. Torres and unanimously approved by all.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **“Resolved...to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of February 16, 2023.”**

A motion to accept the 2023 Minutes was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Rosario, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

2. **Economic Development – Renewal Licenses**

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

- McDermott in the Neck, 3809 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Schley Aves, License #1248250, which expires on 05/31/23.
- Chipotle #2659, 2122 Bartow Ave-#116, 10475, between Co-op City & Bay Plaza Blvds, License #1315005, which expires on 03/31/23.
- H K Kitchen, 3599 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls, License #1332907, which expires on 04/30/2023.

A motion to accept the resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Marano, and approved as follows: **The Resolution passed.**

3. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – License Change to Method of Operation**

**“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments have 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:”**

- Caridad Restaurant, 1436 Williamsbridge Road, 10461, between Halperin & St Raymond Ave, License #1324625, which expires on 06/30/24. **(Class Change from Wine, Beer & Cider to Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider)**

A motion to accept the Resolution for a change in method of operation was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico, and approved as follows: **The Resolution passed.**

#### 4. **FLOOR RESOLUTION from Executive Board**

- **“Resolved.** . . at the recommendation of the Executive Board that surplus funds within the FY2023 Board Budget be used for increases in salary for all Board employees and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.

It was noted by Mr. Bieder that his minutes did not contain the Executive Board minutes. He was informed that the minutes were on the sign-in table as an addition to the meeting material packet. A motion to table the Floor Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Mr. Del-Debbio. Some Board members expressed a concern that not all wanted to table the Resolution. A motion to not table the resolution was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Hunt. A roll call vote was conducted with the following result: (3) abstentions; (9) in favor of tabling and (13) not in favor of tabling. **The motion to table the resolution did not pass. A motion to accept the original Floor Resolution passed unanimously.**

NOTE: The Board’s union staff salary increase is 3%. Board approved a salary increase of up to 10% for District Manager Matt Cruz (maximum allowable by the Office of Management and Budget). There are expected 3% salary increases pending contract ratification between DC37 and the Office of Labor Relations. Excess funds are always returned to the Office of Management and Budget at the end of each June if not used.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT:** Mr. Cruz

- The Mayor’s Office of Civic Engagement is holding training for community boards on equity in land use. In a previous training the Board learned that in order to become more accessible for persons with sight disabilities, larger sans serif fonts (14+) should be used.
- The NYC Department of City Planning is holding virtual information sessions on carbon neutrality.
- DEP’s water amnesty program has been extended until the end of April 2023.
- A SNAP representative is at the Board Office on Thursdays by appointment only.
- DM Cruz noted that staff member Patrick Caruso works with District 10 senior constituents and constituents with disabilities to secure savings in property taxes and heating/cooling expenses (HEAP).

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Mr. Prioleau for Mr. Russo

The Executive Board met on March 13, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory.

The current salaries of the staff are:  
District Manager Cruz \$88,872

N. Kilkenny \$47,080

P. Caruso \$46, 033

S. Duffy \$29,819

The merit increases in salary will total \$10,176.61.

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

The Committee met on March 14, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. Manny Lagares from DCP did a presentation to the members on ULURP and land use.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Smith for Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on March 7, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on affirmatively and are noted above.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on March 8, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Marano suggested letter writing about the NYPD Community Affairs changes city-wide.

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Krynicki for Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on March 9, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. It was noted that Hart Island is now under the auspices of NYC Parks. Visitation is for friends/family only and is not open to the public.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Ms. Hunt

The Committee met on March 1, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. Dr. Hunt spoke of the benefits of taking care of oneself and to be aware of the signals of heart disease and colon cancer. Upcoming topics will be organ donations, healthy lifestyle walk in May Pelham Bay Park. Montefiore is opening another location in Co-op City.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Torres

The Committee met on February 27, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. On April 1, 2023 in a partnership with the Throggs Neck Community Alliance and the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct, an Easter Egg-stravaganza will be held in Ferry Point Park. All are invited to attend. The Board Office is sponsoring a table at the event. For details, contact P.O. Rivera at 917-742-2889.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- Kenny Agosto, Office of Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson: discussed BPs outreach events over the past, present and upcoming months; She is also fighting for a birthing center for the Bronx; 347-213-0375; [kgagosto@bronxbp.nyc.gov](mailto:kgagosto@bronxbp.nyc.gov)
- Rene Castelleano, Office of Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: student services fair at Lehman HS Campus on Monday March 20, 4-6 p.m.; 2023 Congressional Art Competition on

April 26, 2023; intern recruitment for spring session is being recruited at the Hunts Point office; [rene.castellanos@mail.house.gov](mailto:rene.castellanos@mail.house.gov) 917-880-6547.

- Johana Guerrero, Office of State Senator Nathalia Fernandez: will be tabling at the student services fair on March 20, 2023 with Representative AOC; accepting nominations for Women of Distinction Award; the Senator will continue outreach sessions throughout the district. Call for additional information 347-286-5647 [jguerr@nysenate.gov](mailto:jguerr@nysenate.gov)
- Harmony, Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey: Office is sponsoring a homebuyer seminar on March 18, 2023, May 21, 2023 Native Tree Giveaway; partnering with Riverbay to host a community baby shower. Call office for details, 718-547-8854.
- Jamaal Yapp, Office of Council Member Kevin Riley, Co-op City location is 135 Einstein Loop, 929-613-0833; free notary services, tax preparation and CUNY Citizenship NOW partnership at 940 Gunhill Road office, 718-684-5509; Council Member is sponsoring an easter egg hunt on the Riverbay Greenway on April 8, 2022.
- Tamara Bonet-Cardona, Office of Council Member Marjorie Velazquez: informed the community that the street renaming for James McQuade will take place in the Spring; March 27, 2023 there will be a ZOOM meeting with the Red Cross on disaster preparedness for Children. Call for information: Cell # is 929-246-0685, office is 718-931-1721.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bieder talked about the Pelham Bay Park Urban Park Rangers tour of famous women and their influence and noted that Virginia Gallagher, former CB #10 Chair and Parks & Recreation Committee Chair was noted in the tour.

Motion to close the Public Hearing Meeting of Bronx Community Board #10 was made by Ms. Krynicki, seconded by Ms. Torres with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

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This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of March 16, 2023



Nancy Rosario, *Secretary*

Dated: March 22, 2023

March 16, 2023 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 39 Members / 20=Quorum	A T T E N D	1. Minutes 2/16/2023 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nancy R.	2. Econ Dev Renewals 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> John M.	3. Econ Dev CMOP 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andrew C	4. Exec. Board Floor Resolution <u>TO TABLE</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter D.	5. Exec. Board Floor Resolution 1 <sup>st</sup> Tom S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deb H.	NOTES: AB abstain X against √ in favor R recuse
Board Member Name							
Accomando, Thomas	A						
Ali, Mohammed	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Baez, Raquel	A						
Barbarelli, Robert	P						Did not vote
Bieder, Robert	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Brockington, Crystal	P	√	√	√	AB	√	
Bufano, Milagros	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Cantillo, Peter	A						
Caruso, Maria	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Chirico, Andrew	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Connolly, Joseph	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Del-Debbio, Peter	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Franklin, Terence	A						
Gomez Jr., Julio	P	√	√	√	AB	√	
Gonzalez, Daisy	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Grell, Joanne	P	√	√	√	AB	√	
Hazell, Stefani	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Hunt, Deborah	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Jemmott, Jarius	A						
Johnson, Monique	A						
Krynicky, Dorothy	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Marano, John	P	√	√	√	X	√	
McMillan, Susan	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Mondello, Joseph	A						
Morris, Martin	A						
Musano, Mary Jane	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Nunez, Nelson	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Popovic, Louis	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Prioleau, Devon	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Robert, John	A						
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Russo, Joseph	A						
Sala, Nick	A						
Salimbene, Anthony	A						
Sajous, Michelle	P	√	√	√	√	√	
Smith, Tom	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Thomas, Janine	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Torres, Angela	P	√	√	√	X	√	
Woods, Stephanie	A						
<b>TOTAL</b>		unanimous	unanimous	unanimous	12 √/13 X	unanimous	