



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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Chairperson

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Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson
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Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

November 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Greek American Institute

3573 Bruckner Boulevard South, 10461

PRESENT: T. Accomando, S. Ahmed, R. Barbarelli, C. Brockington, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, L. Collins, J. Connolly, M. Fludd, D. Gonzalez, J. Grell, S. Haywood, S. Hazell, M. Hooks, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, V. Lowe, J. Marano, S. McMillan, J. Mondello, N. Nunez, L. Popovic, J. Robert, H. Ruiz, J. Russo, M. Sajous, T. Smith, (total # present = 28)

ABSENT: M. Ali, R. Baez, I. Barobhuiya, A. Cascante, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, J. Gomez Jr., M. Morris, MJ. Musano, S. Palladino, C. Pinnock, D. Prioleau, N. Rosario, N. Sala, A. Salimbene, J. Thomas, A. Torres S. Woods (total # absent = 18)

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

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

A Public Hearing was held on an application to open an adult-use retail dispensary at 2903 Westchester Avenue, 10461 by Yerba Gardens LLC. The applicants (NAME THE 2 PRESENTERS) made a presentation as well as handing out a printed presentation to the Board members and community. They also presented at the Executive Board meeting of November 13, 2023. Public speakers, Mr. G. Havranek, Mr. J. Matranga and Ms. M. Torrioni all stated opposition to the opening of the dispensary. In addition, Ms. Torrioni read a statement. Every Board member was given an opportunity to address the presenters and ask a question or offer comment. The overall consensus was that the location was too close to two recently approved applications in Pelham Bay and Westchester Square. After discussion a vote was taken.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 to approve a licensed adult use retail cannabis dispensary at Yerba Gardens LLC, 2903 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461 and that notification be sent to the New York State Office of Cannabis Management.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by M, seconded by M with the following result: (12) in favor, (16) against, (1) abstain, and (0) recusal. **The Resolution did not pass.**

A motion to close the Public Hearing and begin the full Board meeting was unanimous.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Richard Rosario, resident of Revere Avenue: Mr. Rivera discussed the sidewalk violations issued to the 900 block of Revere Avenue and wanted the Board and community to be aware that DOT does not inspect for one address. He asked the Board for assistance in informing the residents on how to proceed. He was advised to request reinspection.
2. Wilfredo Laracuente: officeofthecommunityliaison.com: Mr. Laracuente is visiting different communities to bring awareness about de-escalation in law enforcement situations and advocates in having residents hear their concerns and issues brought to the forefront. <https://officeofthecommunityliaison.com/about#0cbbb2e0-0e6b-4489-ab29-812b8b1fdef5>
3. NYPL: Leida Velazquez, Throggs Neck; Leslie Brown, Baychester; Luz Marin, Westchester Square: community support is requested by completing the NYPL User Survey; each librarian noted that all have free after school programs and free snacks for grades k -8; Baychester has programs for teens; free Covid home tests available at each library. NYC budget cuts will discontinue all NYPL Sunday service.
4. U.S. Representative A. Ocasio-Cortez: thanked everyone for their services; a government shutdown has been averted until January 2024 when the House reconvenes; discussed the situation with Palestine noting the U.S. government has called for a cease-fire in the region. Her office is available to assist constituents if a family member is in the area where the War is taking place. She and her staff are working with City agencies with funding for the Shore Road rehabilitation; tax credits have been offered to property owners for energy efficient home projects, go to [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov); internship applications are available to those interested in working either in her DC and/or NYC locations.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

2. **“Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing Meetings Bronx Community Board #10 of October 19, 2023 and November 2, 2023.”

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

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RENEWAL Liquor Licenses

“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:”

*Xin Hi Chinese Buffet, 2051 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Baychester Ave & Coop City Blvd, License # 1290916, which expires on 1/31/2024.

*Karibbean Krave, 65 Westchester Sq, 10461, between Fink & Pontoon Sts, License #1332157, which expires on 11/30/2023.

*La Cocina Borincua, 2245B Westchester Ave, 10461, between Castle Hill & Glebe Aves, License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/23.

*Cestra’s Pizzeria, 3631 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Scott Pl & Philip Ave, License #1337180, which expires on 12/31/31.

*Shamrock Inn, 1729 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Westchester & Roberts Aves, License #1003945, which expires on 12/31/2023.

*Legendary Bar & Grill, 3513 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Barkley Ave & Sommer Pl, License #1294456, which expires on 11/30/2023.

*Estrellita Poblana 1, 2227-2231 Westchester Ave, 10462, between Castle Hill & Glebe Aves, License #1259128, which expires on 12/31/2023.

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Russo and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

4. Economic Development: New License

“**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:”

*Alley Pizza Lounge, 3209 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Continental & Wilkinson Aves, License #NEW (Formerly Giovanni’s)

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM
MOP:	Recorded Music						

A motion to accept the Resolution for new licenses was made by Ms. Krynicki, seconded by Mr. Popovic and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

5. Nominations and Elections

Elections will take place at the January 18, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting of Bronx Community Board #10. Co-Chair Grell asked if there were any additional nominations for the Executive Board Officer

positions. Ms. Brockington nominated herself for Secretary and the nomination was seconded by Ms. Hunt. The nominees for the Executive Board Officer positions are as follows: Chairperson – Joseph Russo (unopposed), First Vice Chair – Peter Cantillo (unopposed), Secretary – Nancy Rosario, Crystal Brockington.

“Resolved...to accept the Nominations for the Executive Officers with elections in January 2024.”

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

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

District Manager Cruz informed the membership that on December 18, applications to obtain a cannabis license will close. The Board received yet another application this week. It is for 3395 East Tremont Avenue. The District Manager may ask OCM for an extension of time due to the holiday season. The Executive Board will meet the business owners of the proposed microbusiness on City Island. It will occur on November 29. The District Manager mentioned proposed budget cuts could affect district services such as staffing at our precinct and school safety officers within our schools. The District Manager clarified that outdoor dining structures must be removed by November 2024. Restaurants that reapply for the new program must take down the current structure within thirty days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Russo

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

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee did not meet in November but will meet in December, date to be determined.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on November 6, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on and are noted above.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Cruz for Ms. Baez

The Committee met on November 8, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory.

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

The Committee did not meet in November. Tour of Hart Island begin on November 21, 2023, <https://www.nycgovparks.org/.../2023/11/21/hart-island-tour>.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Ms. Hunt

The Committee met on November 1, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. County is still #62 in Health. Discussed Doula's for birthing mothers. Diabetes Month – November.

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Cruz for Ms. Torres

The Committee met on October 23, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. Next meeting is November 20, 2023.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Kenny Agosto, Office of BP Gibson: discussed Diabetes Month and the BPs efforts in bringing awareness to the community; reminded the board members of the Code of Conduct; acknowledged the influx of cannabis applications within the Bronx. Office 590-3500; cell 347-213-0375

Fatmata Kamara, Office of Bronx D.A.: court tours are available to interested groups and individuals, send an email to request additional information and schedule a tour.

Tamara Cardona, Office of CM Velazquez: requests the community to continue contacting the CMs office with locations of illegal smoke shops; OCM and Sheriffs will continue inspections of illegal smoke shops.

Rebecca Nieves, Office of CM Farias: participatory budgeting process closes soon, apply online at <https://www.participate.nyc.gov/processes/Citywidepb2023/f/321>; co-sponsor of Intro 1012, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an industrial development strategic plan. Flyers for upcoming events were made available at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

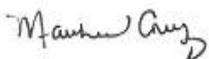
NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Russo noted that this will be the last Public Hearing Meeting of Bronx Community Board #10 for 2023. He wished all a peaceful Thanksgiving.

Motion to close the November 16, 2023 Public Hearing and Full Board meeting was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the Public Hearing and full Board meeting of November 16, 2023.



Matthew Cruz, District Manager

Dated: November 17, 2023

November 16, 2023 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 46 Members/24=Quorum		A T T E N D	1. Cannabis Dispensary 1 st 2 nd	2. Minutes 10/16/23 and 11/2/23 1 st Lou P 2 nd Crystal B	3. ED – Renewals 1 st Tom S 2 nd Joe R	4. Ed - NEW License 1 st Peter C 2 nd Lou P	5. Nominations 1 st Tom A 2 nd Joe C		
Board Member Name			A = abstain	X = against	v = in favor			R = recuse	
Accomando, Thomas	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Ahmed, Shameem	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Ali, Mohammed									
Baez, Raquel									
Barbarelli, Robert	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Barobhuiya, Ibrahim									
Brockington, Crystal	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Bufano, Milagros	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Cantillo, Peter	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Caruso, Maria	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Cascante, Amanda									
Collins, Linda	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Connolly, Joseph	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Del-Debbio, Peter									
Fludd, Maritza	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Franklin, Terence									
Gomez Jr., Julio									
Gonzalez, Daisy	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Grell, Joanne	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Haywood, Steven	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Hazell, Stefani	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Hooks, Michael	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Hunt, Deborah	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Krynicky, Dorothy	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Lowe, Victoria	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Marano, John	P		X	v	v	v	v		
McMillan, Susan	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Mondello, Joseph	P		A	v	v	v	v		
Morris, Martin									
Musano, Mary Jane									
Nunez, Nelson	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Palladino, Steven									
Pinnock, Charmaine									
Popovic, Louis	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Prioleau, Devon									
Robert, John	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Rosario, Nancy									
Ruiz, Hector	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Russo, Joseph	P		X	v	v	v	v		
Sala, Nick									
Salimbene, Anthony									
Sajous, Michelle	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Smith, Tom	P		v	v	v	v	v		
Thomas, Janine									
Torres, Angela									
Woods, Stephanie									
			v = 12						
TOTAL 28			X + A = 16	v = 28	v = 28	v = 28	v = 28		