



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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District Manager

Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson  
Borough President

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

September 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Ft. Schuyler House

3077 Cross Bronx Expressway, 10465

### PRESENT:

T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, I. Barobhuiya, C. Brockington, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, A. Cascante, L. Collins, J. Connolly, P. Del-Debbio, M. Fludd, T. Franklin, J. Gomez Jr., D. Gonzalez, J. Grell, M. Hooks, R. Izquierdo, D. Krynicki, J. Mondello, M. Morris, MJ. Musano, N. Nunez, C. Pinnock, L. Popovic, J. Robert, N. Rosario, H. Ruiz, A. Salimbene, M. Sajous, T. Smith, J. Thomas, (total # present = 33)

### ABSENT:

S. Ahmed, R. Barbarelli, S. Haywood, S. Hazell, D. Hunt, V. Lowe, J. Marano, S. McMillan, D. Prioleau, S. Palladino, J. Russo, N. Sala, S. Woods, A. Torres  
(total # absent = 14)

### Board #10 Staff:

Matt Cruz, District Manager  
Susan Duffy, Community Assistant

First Vice Chairman Peter Cantillo began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

The community members noted below voiced strong objections to new openings and existing illegal smoke shops. Many are members of the Spencer Estates Civic Association where it is alleged that an illegal spoke shop will open on Ampere Avenue. All noted the negative behaviors, current and future, that result in the deterioration of the areas in which these shops are located. Many noted the landlord responsibility in ensuring that these shops do not open. It was insinuated that Bronx Community Board #10 has not done enough, needs to do more to ensure that existing ones are closed/new ones prevented from opening as well as opening dialogues with elected officials to get more enforcement and laws changed. It was added that many of these shops have "back rooms" in which the illicit drugs are located; also it was noted that there is no proper testing of seized drugs.

1. Vincent Andrisani
2. Lurana Andrisani
3. Antoinette Lomanico
4. Will Cawley
5. Carole Ligotino

6. George Havranek
7. Joan Gerardi
8. Annie Boller
9. Carol DeChiara: also expressed opposition to the opening of a casino; wants the elected officials to ensure that this does not open.
10. Sally Gleason

District Manager Cruz informed the community that he spoke to the property owner who advised it will be a delicatessen; Mr. Cruz requested that the community alert NYPD if anything illegal is observed by contacting the Sector B officers of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

11. Bob Bieder, President of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council Community: the Precinct is down 30 officers and is requesting that the Board request more officers via a letter
12. Peter Del-Debbio: wants Veterans to register at the Veterans Administration to the PACT ACT <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/> to secure additional benefits by September 28, 2023.
13. NYPL Branches: Throggs Neck Leida Velazquez and Baychester Leslie Brown: all branches are open and providing free services. Calendars and event flyers were left on the information table.
14. John Cortese: in addition to noting his opposition to the smoke shops, Mr. Cortese does frequent cleanups within the community in Throggs Neck; he expressed his dismay with the inconsiderate individuals that leave trash on the streets.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimously approved by all.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **“Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of June 15, 2023.”

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

2. **EXECUTIVE BOARD – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Executive Board that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of the Huntington Free Library to the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding its Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) capital projects and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval with notification to the NYC LPC.”

A motion to accept the resolution for a Letter of Support was made by Ms. Musano, seconded by Ms. Sajous and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

3. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RENEWAL 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:”

\*Honey’s Thai Pavilion, 3036 Westchester Ave, 10461. Between Mahan & Hobart Aves, License #1287273, which expires on 07/31/2023.

\*M & R Deli, 1480 Williamsbridge Rd, 10461, between Chesbrough Ave & Eastchester Rd, License #1254512, which expires on 08/31/2023.

\*Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throggs Neck Expy, 10465, between Philip & Randall Aves, License #1003392, which expires on 09/30/2023.

\*New Green Dragon, 4111-4113 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles & Lawton Aves, License #1304406, which expires on 09/30/2023.

\*Frank’s Pizza-Da’Franco & Tony, 2515-2519-2523 Middletown Rd, 10461, between Westchester & Mulford Aves, License #1288029, which expires on 09/30/2023.

\*Sammy’s Shrimp Box, 64 City Island Ave, 10464, between Horton & Rochelle Sts, License #1004054, which expires on 09/30/23.

\*Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood, 200 Baychester Ave-#207A, 10475, between Bay Plaza Blvd & The Hutch, License #1319580, which expires on 11/30/2023.

\*Shangerila Restaurant, 2893-95 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Westchester & Buhre Aves, License #1234404, which expires on 09/30/23.

A motion to accept the resolution for Renewal Licenses was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popovic 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:”

\*Mi Tierra Restaurant & Bar, 127-127 Westchester Sq, 10461, between E Tremont Ave & Ferris Pl, License #NEW. **(Formerly Shanghai Red)**

<b>Indoor</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>Hours:</b>	<b>11AM-1AM</b>	<b>11AM-12AM</b>	<b>11AM-12AM</b>	<b>11AM-12AM</b>	<b>11AM-1AM</b>	<b>11AM-1AM</b>	<b>11AM-1AM</b>
<b>MOP:</b>	<b>Recorded Music, D J</b>						

A motion to accept the resolution for a New License was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Ms. Brockington and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHANGE IN 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:”

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

Indoor Hours: Old	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	8AM-12AM	8AM-12AM	8AM-12AM	8AM-12AM	8AM-12AM	8AM-2AM	8AM-2AM

Indoor Hours: New	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	8AM-4AM						

Outdoor Hours: Old	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	11AM-10PM						

Outdoor Hours: New	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-2AM

A motion to accept the resolution for a Change in Method of Operation was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

6. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES – STREET ACTIVITY APPLICIONS**

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following Events be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

**Event: 732481 – St. Theresa Family Block Party**

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Setup: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Breakdown: 8:00 PM

Location: St. Theresa Avenue between Pilgrim and Mayflower Avenues

Contact: Joseph Antico

**Event:737060 - Throggs Neck Halloween Parade Event**

Date: Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> – Breakdown – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11 AM to 9 PM

Setup: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
Breakdown: 10/29/23 by 5 PM  
Location: Throgs Neck Boulevard between Harding and Schurz Avenues  
Contact: Matthew McKay

A motion to accept the resolution for Street Activity Applications was made by Ms. Krynicki, seconded by Ms. Sajous, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

#### 7. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - STREET OVERLAY REQUESTS**

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street overlay requests be forwarded to the full Board for approval and then submitted to the Office of Council Member Marjorie Velazquez for review by the New York City Council:”

- Anthony DiGirolamo – southeast corner of Philip Avenue and Vincent Avenue
- Patrolman Nicholas J. Binetti – corner of Harding Avenue and Huntington Avenue

A motion to accept the resolution for Street Overlay Requests was made by Ms. Rosario, seconded by Ms. Grell, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

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

- Ten new board members introduced: Ibrahim Barobhuiya, Amanda Cascante, Maritza Fludd, Steven Haywood, Michael Hooks, Rima Izquierdo, Victoria Lowe, Steven Paladino, Charmaine Pinnock, Hector Ruiz, Jr.
- October 10 Housing and Zoning Committee meeting will be at the Locust Point Civic Association to discuss the Longstreet Avenue Development Proposal
- Metro North Rezoning will require a future hearing.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> full Board/Hearing meeting will be at 2049 Riverbay Corporation, Bartow Mall
- Youth and Education Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27 in person in the Board Office
- DM Cruz requested that Board members not text to the 7188921161 phone number because it is used as the main office number. It is set up via a software program to send out messages to members.

In closing, DM Cruz informed the community that the Board Office is against the illegal smoke shops and takes measures to request investigations in addition to filing agency complaints against suspicious shops with NYC agencies.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Executive Board met on July 17, August 28 and September 18, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Board’s Bylaws will be revamped; the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee members are Nancy

Rosario, Peter Del-Debbio, Crystal Brockington and Hector Ruiz. Bally's principals will be invited to an upcoming meeting of the Executive Board.

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

The Committee met on September 12, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee's October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Locust Point Civic Association to meet with and discuss the proposed project on Longstreet Avenue.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on September 5, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on and are noted above.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Ms. Baez

The Committee met on September 13, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory. A request for a letter of support for additional police officers at the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be discussed at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Franklin

The Committee did not meet in September. A request for a letter to be drafted in opposition to a future casino will be discussed at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

The Committee did not meet in September.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee met on June 26, 2023. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Minutes are self-explanatory.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough Director of Community Affairs: discussed the Mayor's initiatives to assist with domestic violence survivors, auto thefts, public service announcements; encouraged community to sign up for the Mayors newsletter; requested community members to not support any illegal business including street vendors.

Rebecca Nieves, Office of Council Member Farias: discussed past and upcoming outreach events including the Metro North Town Hall held on September 20, 2023.

Rene Castellanos, Office of U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez: passport renewals can now take up to 9 months; with government shutdown looming, services will stop, and many federal employees will not be paid.

Johana Guerrero, Office of Sen. Fernandez: Senator discussed road issues with the NYCDOT commissioner; the office is working on a EBT Benefits skimming workshop and a town hall on the enforcement of cannabis with SBS, NYC Sheriff, OCM, and Dept. of Agriculture for October 23, location to be determined; October 23 site to be confirmed; food empowerment fair for Thanksgiving and health services to be scheduled; contact [jguerrer@nysenate.gov](mailto:jguerrer@nysenate.gov)

Jamaal Yapp, Office of Council Member Riley: 929-613-0833 call or text; office is working with ACE to provide cleanup services throughout the District with quality of life issues; working on more active promotion of the BEACON program; contact him for an application. Office location is 135 Einstein Loop.

Fatmata Kamara, Office of the Bronx DA: re-entry event 9/26/23 at Eastchester Gardens; 10/7/23 5k Walk Domestic Violence Awareness

Tamara Cardona, Office of Council Member Velazquez: noted upcoming events, including street co-naming for PO Lopez on 9/29/23; second one for Sylvia Lask to be confirmed; call office for an appointment with mammogram van at Bronx House on 10/22/23, 718-931-1721.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Milagros Bufano – Breast Cancer Walk in Co-op City 9:00 a.m. October 22 Sunday

Motion to close the September 21, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously approved by all.

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 September 21, 2023.



*Secretary*

Dated: September 26, 2023

SEPTMBER 21, 2023	A T T E N D	1. Minutes 9/21/23	2. Exec Board Support Ltr	3. Econ Dev Renewals	4. Econ Dev New	5. Econ Dev CMOP	6. Muni Svcs SAPO (2)	7. Muni Svcs Street Overlay (2)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10		1 <sup>st</sup> Tom A	1 <sup>st</sup> MJ Musano	1 <sup>st</sup> Tom S	1 <sup>st</sup> Lou P	1 <sup>st</sup> Tom S	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorothy K	1 <sup>st</sup> Nancy R
47 Members / 24=Quorum		2 <sup>nd</sup> Raquel B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Michelle S	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lou P	2 <sup>nd</sup> Crystal B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Raquel B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Michelle S	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joanne G
Board Member Name		A = abstain	X = against	√ = in favor				R = recuse
Accomando, Thomas	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ahmed, Shameem	A							
Ali, Mohammed	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Baez, Raquel	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Barbarelli, Robert	A							
Barobhuiya, Ibrahim	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Brockington, Crystal	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Bufano, Milagros	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cantillo, Peter	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Caruso, Maria	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cascante, Amanda	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Collins, Linda	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Connolly, Joseph	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Del-Debbio, Peter	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Fludd, Maritza	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Franklin, Terence	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Gomez Jr., Julio	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Gonzalez, Daisy	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Grell, Joanne	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Haywood, Steven	A							
Hazell, Stefani	A							
Hooks, Michael	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hunt, Deborah	A							
Izquierdo, Rima	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Krynicky, Dorothy	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Lowe, Victoria	A							
Marano, John	A							
McMillan, Susan	A							
Mondello, Joseph	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Morris, Martin	P							Did not vote
Musano, Mary Jane	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Nunez, Nelson	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Palladino, Steven	A							
Pinnock, Charmaine	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Popovic, Louis	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Prioleau, Devon	A							
Robert, John	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Rosario, Nancy	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ruiz, Hector	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Russo, Joseph	A							
Sala, Nick	A							
Salimbene, Anthony	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sajous, Michelle	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Smith, Tom	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Thomas, Janine	P	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Torres, Angela	A							
Woods, Stephanie	A							
<b>TOTAL</b>		32	32	32	32	32	32	32