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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
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Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

February 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Villa Barone Manor

737 Throgs Neck Expressway, 10465

PRESENT: T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Barbarelli, J. Connolly, P. Del-Debbio, M. Fludd, T. Franklin, D. Gonzalez, J. Grell, H. Guy, S. Haywood, S. Hazell, M. Hooks, D. Krynicki, V. Lowe, J. Marano, S. McMillan, MJ. Musano, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, H. Ruiz, A. Salimbene, T. Smith (total # present = 23)

ABSENT: Y. Alvarez, R. Baez, I. Barobhuiya, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, J. Gomez Jr., D. Hunt, J. Mondello, M. Morris, N. Nunez, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, J. Thomas, A. Torres, S. Woods (total # absent = 17)

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

Housing and Zoning Chair Lou Popovic began the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Leslie Brown, NYPL: went over Baychester events – on Saturday, CM Kevin Riley will be reading his book. Future authors will appear in subsequent months. Encouraged visits to all local libraries.
2. Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council held several events; noted future events planned for the Spring; a new captain is beginning tomorrow – Captain Ortiz starting 2/21; precinct is down 30 officers.
3. David Abreu, Save The Sound: 80 miles of coastline in the state; read a written statement about the conditions of the waters; STS has serious concerns about the proposal of Bally's to build.
4. Desiree Brown, Co-op City: had questions about the Bally's and the impact on the community.
5. Linda DeVito, CB #10 resident: against the development of Bally's Casino and Hotel, noted health concerns/air quality, traffic issues.
6. Joan Gerardi, CB #10, member of Waterbury LaSalle: against Bally's Casino and Hotel – quality of life concerns and transportation.
7. George Havranek, SCCA: Would like the community to work on a memorial for Jerry Demers; another issue is additional lighting in Pelham Bay Park. Mr. Havranek also wants more information about Bally's Casino and Hotel, as well as the statements from local elected officials and information from the developers.

Mr. Del-Debbio advised that the Legion is working on a memorial for Mr. Demers.

8. Christine Crorkin, Silver Beach Association: The Association is against Bally's Hotel and Casino.

The motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

1 **"Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of **January 16, 2025."**

A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Marano, and unanimously approved of 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 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:"

*Agua E' Coco, 3132 E Tremont Ave, 10461, License #0340-23-138862-Expiration Date-03/31/2025.

*Morris Yacht & Beach Club, 25 City Island Ave, 10464, License #1003332-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*Locust Point Yacht Club, 21 Longstreet Ave, 10465, License #1003339-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Ave, 10464, License #1003334-Expiration date-02/28/2025.

*Pelham Bay Café, 1738 Edison Ave, 10461, License #1268107-Expiration date-02/28/2025.

*Redwood Pleasure Club, 2680 Schurz Ave, 10465, License #1003341-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*Marina Del Rey, 2894 Schurz Ave, 10465, License #1003391-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*White Cross Fishing Club, 750 Clarence Ave, 10465, License #0349-23-124442-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*Havana Café, 3151 E Tremont Ave, 10461, License #1248296-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

*Leonard Hawkins Post #156, 550 City Island Ave, 10464, License #1003331-Expiration date-02/28/2025.

*Kai Sushi Asian Fusion, 1475 Williamsbridge Rd, 10461, License #1330605-Expiration Date-02/28/2025.

A motion to accept renewal licenses was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popovic, and approved as follows: (1) recusal for the Leonard Hawkins Post #156, (21) in favor. The remaining establishments were unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

3. Municipal Services – Floor Resolution – Street Activity Permit Applications

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the full Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved:

Event: 818795 Spring Arts Crafts Fair
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025, and Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Setup: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Breakdown: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: City Island Avenue between Bay and Schofield Streets
Contact: Paul Klein

Event: 805989 – Section 2 – Fun Day
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Setup: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Breakdown: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: Carver Loop between Cooper Place and Casals Place
Contact: Leslie Peterson

Event: 797126 – 4th of July Block Party
Date: Friday, July 4, 2025
Time: 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Setup: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Location: Robertson Place bet. Country Club Road and Spencer Drive
Contact: Harry Celentano

Event: 826727 – Annual Feast of St. Theresa
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025, to Sunday, June 22, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM nightly
Setup: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Breakdown: 10:00 PM
Location: St. Theresa Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway service road. Pilgrim Avenue between Buhre and Wilkinson Avenues.
Contact: Antonia Cipollone

Event: 818802 – Fall Arts Crafts Fair
Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025, and Sunday, September 14th
Time: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Setup: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Breakdown: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: City Island Avenue between Bay and Schofield Streets
Contact: Paul Klein

Event: **832548 – Fair @ Square B2**
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Setup: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Breakdown: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: East Tremont Avenue between Frisby Avenue and St. Raymond Avenue (Full Street Closure)
Contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event: **832551 – Fair @ Square B1**
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Setup: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Breakdown: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: East Tremont Avenue between Frisby Avenue and St. Raymond Avenue (Full Street Closure)
Contact: Yasmin Cruz

Event: **832728 – Bangla Mela**
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM to 7 PM
Setup: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Breakdown: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Waterbury Avenue between Zerega and Seabury Avenues
Contact: Abdul Hashim

Event: **833264 - Eid-Al-Fitr – Religious Event**
Date: Monday, March 31, 2025
Time: 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Setup: 6:00 AM – 6:30 AM
Breakdown: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Location: St. Peters Avenue between Frisby and Glebe Avenues
Contact: Muhammad Haque

Event: **834784- Glebe Ave Block Party**
Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Setup: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Breakdown: 9:00 PM
Location: Glebe Avenue between Westchester and Lyon Avenues
Contact: Bob Bieder

A motion to accept the Resolution for street activity permit events was made by Ms. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

- Public Hearing on Bally's 2/25/25 at the Nate Silverberg Field House on the campus of Monsignor Scanlan High School, 915 Hutchinson River Parkway; parking at Target Mall.
- DM Cruz was able to prevent/stop the proposed dispensary at 4010 East Tremont Avenue from opening due to its proximity of an early learning institution a few doors away.
- March committee meetings will include elections for committee chair and co-chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Popovic for Mr. Russo

The Executive Board met on Tuesday February 19, 2025. Minutes are self-explanatory.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee will meet on February 25, 2025 for a Public Hearing on Bally's Hotel and Casino. In March the committee will discuss the results of the hearing and will have a board vote at the March 20th full Public Hearing / Board meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on February 4, 2025. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on and are noted above.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Baez

The Committee did not meet in February. The Executive Board reviewed and approved all street activity permits for transmittal to the full Board.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee did not meet in February.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Cruz for Ms. Hunt

The Committee met on Wednesday February 5, 2025. Minutes are self-explanatory.

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

The Committee did not meet in January.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Bronx Borough President Office: Kenny Agosto – applications for new and reappointments due by March 9, 2025. The BP is working with FDNY and others on fire safety issues plaguing the borough; Bronx St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held at the Wicked Wolfe on East Tremont Avenue.

Contact information: 851 Grand Concourse, 10451, 347-213-0375, kgagosto@bronxbp.nyc.gov.

Bronx District Attorney Office: Fatmata – talked about upcoming events; flyers will be available in the future. Constituents can contact the Civilian Complaint Unit about allegations of police misconduct or brutality, and allegations of other crimes for possible investigation by the Investigations Division.

<https://www.bronxda.nyc.gov/html/contact/civilian-complaint-unit.shtml> KamaraF@bronxda.nyc.gov

U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez Office, Katherine Quinde: went over outreach events, notably the webinar to assist immigrants and dealing with ICE; 2/21/25 Telephone Town Hall. Contact office with immigration concerns as well as issues involving a federal agency. Katherine.Quinde@mail.house.gov, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, 10474, 718-662-5970.

Senator Fernandez Office, David Montilla, Communications Director, went over legislative updates and local outreach events. The office is assisting with unclaimed funds every Wednesday through March 4, 2025. The Senator does not have a public position with respect to Bally's Hotel and Casino request for park alienation. Staff will be present at the public hearing. <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/nathalia-fernandez>. 718-822-2049

Senator Bailey Office, Huntley Spencer: office will be working on issues concerning Truman High School. 959 East 233rd Street, 718-547-8854 <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jamaal-t-bailey>.

Council Member Riley Office: Cynthia Prisco, Constituent and Legislative Affairs: went over legislative updates; participatory budget process has closed – hearings will be held; CUNY NOW 3/1/2025 at Lehman Campus. Tax Preparer in the office on Friday – call the office. District12@council.nyc.gov, 135 Einstein Loop, Rm 44, 10475, (347) 326-8652 cprisco@council.nyc.gov

Council Member Marmorato Office, April Cardena: Successful cleanups by community member John Cortese and ACE; office is working on scaffolding issues on City Island; outreach events on-going including free tax prep every Friday 9-5 until 4/11/25; Saturday program for teens 13-20 with neurodivergent issues, transportation is available. contact office for details; veterans services coming to office next week Wednesday 10-3; Council Member has not publicly taken a position on Bally's Hotel and Casino as she is still consulting the community. Contact district13@cb.nyc.gov, 718-931-1721, 1951 Williamsbridge Road, 10461.

Council Member Farias Office: A written statement was submitted in lieu of appearance. 718-792-1140 or email rnieves@council.nyc.gov

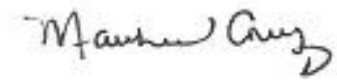
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to close the February 20, 2025 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 February 20, 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matthew Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Cruz, District Manager

Dated: February 21, 2025

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 40 Members/21=Quorum	A T T E N D		1. 1-16-025 Minutes	2. ED – Renewals	3. MS – SAPO	1 st	1 st	A = Abstain X = Against ✓ = In Favor R = recuse
			1 st Tom A. 2 nd John M.	1 st Tom S. 2 nd Lou P	1 st Susan Mc 2 nd Daisy G.	2 nd	2 nd	
Board Member Name								
Accomando, Thomas	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Ali, Mohammed	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Alvarez, Yocasta	X							
Baez, Raquel	X							
Barbarelli, Robert	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Barobhuiya, Ibrahim	X							
Bufano, Milagros	X							
Cantillo, Peter	X							
Caruso, Maria	X							
Connolly, Joseph	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Del-Debbio, Peter	✓		✓	See note	✓			
Fludd, Maritza	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Franklin, Terence	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Gomez Jr., Julio	X							
Gonzalez, Daisy	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Grell, Joanne	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Guy, Herman	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Haywood, Steven	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Hazell, Stefani	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Hooks, Michael	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Hunt, Deborah	X							
Krynicky, Dorothy	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Lowe, Victoria	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Marano, John	✓		✓	✓	✓			
McMillan, Susan	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Mondello, Joseph	X							
Morris, Martin	X							
Musano, Mary Jane	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Nunez, Nelson	X							
Popovic, Louis	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Pringleau, Devon	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Robert, John	X							
Rosario, Nancy	X							
Ruiz, Hector	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Russo, Joseph	X							
Salimbene, Anthony	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Smith, Tom	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Thomas, Janine	X							
Torres, Angela	X							
Woods, Stephanie	X							
TOTAL			23 ✓	See Note	23 ✓			

- NOTE: 1 recusal for the Leonard Hawkins Post – Peter Del-Debbio, 22 in favor
23 unanimous for the other renewals