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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Socrates Solano
District Manager

Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

October 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM

2049 Bartow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475

PRESENT: A. Alam, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, M. Caruso, K. Dinham, A. Fair, D. Fogle, D. Gonzalez, H. Guy, S. Hazell, V. Lowe, S. McMillan, S. Medrano, J. Mondello, A. Montoya, M.J. Musano, S. Nivar, N. Nunez, N. Rosario, H. Ruiz, J. Russo, D. Prioleau, M. Speights, T. Smith, J. Thomas, I. Rosario-Urban, S. Woods (total # present = 27)

ABSENT: T. Accomando, Y. Alvarez, I. Barobyuiya, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, A. Cintron J. Connolly, M. Fludd, T. Franklin, J. Gomez Jr., J. Grell, S. Haywood, M. Hooks, D. Hunt, J. Marano, A. Salimbene, A. Torres, (total # absent = 17) Board #10

STAFF: Socrates S. Solano, District Manager, Lilyanna Pekic, Community Associate

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman recognized two people in the meeting, Bishop Rosario, Board President at Riverbay Corp. and Councilmember Kevin Riley.

Councilman Kevin Riley introduced himself as the Councilmember representing the 12th Council district.

- Thanked the Community Board for the amazing work they are doing.
- Spoke about the introduction to the of a new bill that he and Councilmember Louis are working on to increase the cap on the SCRIE/DRIE income from 50,000 - 75,000.
- Smoke shops will lose their license if they are selling illegal cannabis or substance.
- Survey will be coming to the community to bring funding up to 1 million dollars for district 12, urged community to send their comments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Lisa Coleman – concerned about two stop signs on Dreiser Loop and Bldg 5 people go right through it. She needs to know how they can get speed bump - Chairman stated Community will contact DOT.

2. Veronica Contin – She lives in Section 5 for 10 years and there is talk about the I-95 South Exit to close temporarily or permanently. Socrates Solano addressed this issue and informed the constituent that plan has been paused because of the outcry from the public, waiting to hear about a new redesigned plan.
3. Mary Pearson – Bruckner Hutch Project – 731.78 – the Chairman asked the constituent to send the list to District Manager.
4. Mike Miro - Question about I-95 already answered
5. Debra Jarvis – Questions about I-95 already answered
6. Chiara Castaneda – Hutchinson River Watershed Plan – to restore the river- Chairman informed to go to the parks committee
7. Ziara Jackson – shareholder in Co-op City in section one – tractor trailers parked throughout in co-op city illegal dumping.
8. Lydia Witicker – Question already answered
9. Eleanor Campbell – food trucks in Co-op City and Bruckner Blvd- Chairman said will look into this to make sure they are licensed.
10. Cheryl Martin – E-bikes in the area are causing havoc. Flooding in Alcott water sits for days due to debris.
11. Jewel Crawford Duncan – USA nationwide Warehouse – Handicapped access in the sidewalk. Chairman said will follow up with the city to see the enforcement there.
12. Leah Graham – Building President and Board of Director in Co-op City – Driver's safety regarding maintenance of overgrown grass Bartow and Co-op City Blvd. School zone speed signage next to the schools.
13. Richard Aracil – the footprint of the casino to kill birds. Wants to know what Bally's is doing to mitigate this problem.
14. Kevin Daloia – E-bike corals and City Island Ferry – gave his opinion.
15. Kathy Ceebek – Intro 1032-introduced by Council 18 to bring into Council 13 to bring the Ferry to City Island. Needs a letter of support to do a study at Orchard Beach. Socrates Solano said that EDC has no interest in bringing the Ferry to City Island.
16. Mike Pricoli – DOT complaint -23 Bus in Section 5 – To bring board meeting to Section 5
17. Ozzie Yon – Current leader of Ferry Point Park group. Board to oppose the design of Ferry Point Park Project and include baseball fields.
18. Massie Milton – MTA to post signs of no parking
19. Lenise Martin- Smoke shops are situated near charter schools and items that are sold with the smoke shops
20. Adelina Martinez – Givens Street Woods Proposal – Save Givens Street Coalition- Chairman advised going to the Parks Committee
21. Bob Bieder – Novembers meeting for 45th street council will be meeting at the same room. 1300 Castle Hill Ave – 10 story projects being built there – although it is “as of right” community board must get involved.
22. John Doyle - Handed to the board the City Island Ferry introduced by Councilwoman Farias who is the Chair of the Economic committee who oversaw the ferries and our current Councilmember is on it as

well and also Councilmember Riley is on it and he is the Co-Chair of the Bronx delegation.

Encouraged everyone no matter what view they must participate.

The motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Minutes of Public Hearing Meeting "Resolved... at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the minutes of September 17, 2026, Public Hearing Meeting be approved.

A motion was made by Chairman Russo to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of September 17, 2026, 1st by N. Rosario and 2nd by S. McMillan was passed unanimous.

2. For Renewals:

"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:"

*McDermott's Pub, 2634 E Tremont Ave, 10461, License #1245484-Expiration Date-10/31/26.

*Applebee's, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy-Unit #2, License #0340-24-136274-Expiration Date-10/31/2026.

*Bally's N Y, 500 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, License #6045067-70, 6045073-Expiration Date-10/31/2026.

*Laviemex, 4001-4003 E Tremont Ave, 10465, License #0370-25-100031-Expiration Date-12/31/2026.

A motion to accept the resolution with the following results was 1st by H. Guy and 2nd by V. Lowe and was unanimously passed.

"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:"

*Tequila Night Lounge, 2434 E Tremont Ave, 10461, License #0370-24-134782-Expiration Date-10/31/2026.

The committee voted with one abstention and the rest unanimously voted against the renewal.

A motion to accept the resolution with the following results was made 1st A. Alam and 2nd R. Baez and unanimously passed.

3. Municipal Service (Street Activity Permit)

Event: 982654 Christmas at the Square
Date: Friday, Dec 11-2006
Time: 4PM – 6:30PM
Setup: 11AM – 2PM
Breakdown: 7:30PM
Location: St. Raymond Ave between Benson Street and E. Tremont Ave.
CONTACT: Alba Bulku

A motion to accept the resolution with the following results was made 1st J. Nunez and 2nd R. Baez and unanimously passed.

4. Parks & Recreation

Resolution: Upon a motion duly made by Steven Haywood and second, the motion was passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstention. Quorum was present.

Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to write a letter of support to the NYC Parks Department regarding the Ferry Point Park Improvement project and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.

A motion to accept the resolution was made following 1st A. Alam and 2nd by R. Baez results were 20 in favor – 5 oppose – 2 abstain

5. Executive Board Floor Resolution

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the District Manager of Bronx Community Board #10, that the request for approval and submission of the District Needs Statement based on last year's prior submission be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

A motion to accept the resolution to authorize Socrates Solano, the District Manager, to submit the district need statement on the 31st, with the following results were made 1st J. Nunez and 2nd R. Baez and unanimously passed.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Chairman, Board Members, and members of the public, I am pleased to present my report during my second week as District Manager, following my assumption of the role on October 5, 2026. Over the past two weeks, my primary focus has been establishing intergovernmental partnerships and conducting field inspections to address urgent community concerns. On my first day, I met with the Bronx Borough President's Community Affairs Team to secure Community Board 10's participation in planning meetings for the Throggs Neck Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2026. To address traffic safety and emergency access, I participated in a Country Club walkthrough along Rawlings Avenue and Lohengrin Place with NYC DOT and NYS Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's office, experiencing firsthand how narrow clearances severely restrict Fire Department access—a matter I will bring before the District Service Cabinet. In Pelham Bay, I joined Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Assemblyman Benedetto, and Council Member Shirley Aldebol's staff for a quality-of-life tour inspecting graffiti, sanitation, development notices, and scooter corrals. In addition to field operations, I have engaged closely with elected officials, agency leadership, and community stakeholders. I held introductory meetings with Council Member Aldebol and Council Member Kevin Riley's team to discuss State DOT's Exit 9 plans, which are currently paused for redesign following public grievances. I also met via phone with NYPD Assistant Commissioner of Community Affairs Fred Kreisman regarding district commands, as well as DEP Bronx Commissioner Eleftheria Ardizzone to review current water line patch work on Dreiser Loop and a planned 2028 Capital Project. Furthermore, I have begun meeting with local Civic Associations, initiated outreach to the developers of 3305 Country Club Road, and am actively monitoring both the Bally's Parks Plan and the proposed 10-story supportive housing development at 1300 Castle Hill Avenue. I look forward to continuing my outreach to Board members and community leaders to build strong working relationships across our district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Joe Russo

The Executive Board is to meet on October 19, 2026.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Devon Prioleau

The Committee met on October 13, 2026. Minutes are self-explanatory

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Tom Smith

The Committee met on October 6, 2026. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on and are noted above.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Joe Mondello

The Committee met on October 14, 2026. Minutes are self-explanatory.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Committee met on October 8, 2026. Minutes are self-explanatory

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Milagros Bufano

The Committee met on October 7, 2026. Minutes are self-explanatory.

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The Committee will meet on October 26, 2026.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Bianca Stephenson - Office of Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson: Contact information: 851 Grand Concourse, 10451, Bstephenson@bronxbp.nyc.gov.

Office of Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark: Office contact information: 198 East 161 Street, 10451, 718-838-7454.

Kevin Riley - Office of Council Member Kevin Riley: Contact information is District12@council.nyc.gov, 135 Einstein Loop, 10475, 347-326-8652.

Huntly Spencer - Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey: Contact information senatorjbailey@nysenate.gov, 959 East 233rd St., 10466, 718-547-8854.

Brianna Febus - State Senator Fernandez's Office: Contact information: 3853 East Tremont Avenue, 10465, <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/nathalia-fernandez>. 718-822-2049

Rafaella Abeo - Bronx Borough Director, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs: Contact information: Rabeo@cityhall.nyc.gov; 212-346-5792.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to close the October 15, 2026 Public Hearing and Full Board meeting was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Lilyanna Pekic, Community Associate, Bronx Community Board 10.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the Public Hearing and full board meeting of October 15, 2026.

Dated: October 22, 2026

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DATE:	A T T E N D	Previous Full Board Minutes	ED - Renewals	Park - FERRY POINT PARK	Municipal ST. ACTIVITY	DM - DISTRICT NEEDS	1 st	1 st
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10		1 st Nancy 2 nd Susan	1 st Guy H. J. 2 nd Lowe, V.	1 st alamy A. 2 nd Baez	1 st Nunez 2 nd Baez	1 st Devon 2 nd Guy		
44 Members/23=Quorum								
Board Member Name								
Accomando, Thomas				20 Fava				
Alam, Ashfah	X			5-oppm				
Alvarez, Yocasta				2 abs				
Baez, Raquel	X							
Barbarelli, Robert	X							
Barobhuiya, Ibrahim				27				
Bufano, Milagros								
Cantillo, Peter								
Caruso, Maria	X							
Cintron, Amanda								
Connolly, Joseph								
Dinham, KaTrina	X							
Fair, Amy	X							
Fogle, Dannette	X							
Fludd, Maritza								
Franklin, Terence								
Gomez Jr., Julio								
Gonzalez, Daisy	X							
Grell, Joanne								
Guy, Herman	X							
Haywood, Steven								
Hazell, Stefani	X							
Hooks, Michael								
Hunt, Deborah								
Lowe, Victoria	X							
Marano, John								
McMillan, Susan	X							
Medrano, Steven	X							
Mondello, Joseph	X							
Montoya, Alexis	X							
Musano, Mary Jane	X							
Nivar, Sofia	X							
Nunez, Nelson	X							
Prioleau, Devon	X							
Rosario, Nancy	X							
Ruiz, Hector	X							
Russo, Joseph	X							
Salimbene, Anthony								
Speights, Metcalf	X							
Smith, Tom	X							
Thomas, Janine	X							
Torres, Angela								
Rosario-Urban, Illiana	X							
Woods, Stephanie	X							
TOTAL	27							
KEYS: ABS = ABSTAIN R = RECUSE V = IN FAVOR X = AGAINST ATTENDANCE KEYS: P = PRESENT x = ABSENT								

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 George 2nd Rosario Urban