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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

May 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Riverbay Corporation

135 Einstein Loop, Room 45

Bronx, New York 10475

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, T. Franklin, D. Krynicki, J. Marano, M. Morris, D. Noble, L. Popovic, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, J. Thomas, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 23)

ABSENT: R. Baez, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, J. Kuhl, J. McQuade, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, R. Rodriguez, A. Salimbene, T. Smith (total # absent = 14)

Community Liaisons:

Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Antirson Ortiz – Office of NYC Comptroller
Destiny Cruz – Office of Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Ortiz
Farrah Rubin – Office of Councilman Mark Gjonaj
Ashley Meza – Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey

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

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

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – Robert Press: introduced himself to the Board and the Community. Mr. Press filed a complaint with the Borough President's Office against a Board member, whom he did not identify. He provided a copy of said complaint to the District Manager as well. Mr. Press strongly feels that he was disrespected and wants to see this Board member removed.

- 2 – Bishop N. Rosario, Board Member: Bishop Rosario offered kudos to the Youth & Education Committee Chair, Mr. Bieder, for participation in the Yankee Youth Leadership Scholarship program. Bishop Rosario gave an update on one student who received the award in 2016. A student from Riverbay, Samantha, received a Yankee scholarship in 2016, is graduating from SUNY Albany this year and will be attending law school.
- 3 – Leslie Brown, NYPL Baychester Branch: Summer reading program starting in June; asked the community to sign a copy of a funding support letter or go online to WWW.NYPL.org.
- 4 – Egidio Sementilli: Invited the community to participate in the 2800 Bruckner Boulevard rally on 5/18/19 at 11:00 a.m. in opposition of drug/methadone program at Miracle City.
- 5 – Ashley Meza, Office of State Senator J. Bailey: On May 18, 2019 at Monroe College, District Manager Cruz will be a panelist at an event sponsored by the Senator on bridging the gap between community and NYPD. All are invited to attend.
- 6 – Mirian Torrado – Office of State Senator L. Sepulveda: Ms. Torrado said to contact the Senator’s Office for information on an upcoming Job Fair, 718-991-3161.
- 7 – Leon Tulton, Office of Assembly Member M. Benedetto: Mr. Tulton wished the community a belated Happy Mothers’ Day. The Assemblyman’s annual scholarship process is being held on Saturday, June 15 at the Co-op City Office; call 718-320-2220 for additional information.
- 8 – Marilex Santana-Tavares, Office of Bronx District Attorney D. Clark: The D.A. will be conducting several youth/child advocacy programs, such as the Mock Trials and Youth Academy with the NYPD and YPA. Future Town Halls are to be scheduled as well as an “Another Chance” event which will work with individuals to clear minor offenses. Call 718-590-2272 for additional information or send an email to santanama@bronxda.nyc.gov.
- 9 – Farrah Rubin, Office of Council Member Gjonaj’s Office: District 13, will have a participatory budgeting endeavor, call 718-931-1721 for information. Future mobile office hours will be publicized.
- 10 – Destiny Cruz, Office of Congress Member A. Ocasio-Cortez: The Bronx Office will be located in Pelham Parkway. Until logistics are worked out, Ms. Cruz will be at the office of State Assembly Member K. Reyes, 1973 Westchester Avenue, 10462, 718-931-2620. On May 30, 2019 there will be a Town Hall at 815 Allerton Avenue. destiny.cruz@house.mail.gov
- 11 – Antirson Ortiz, Office of NYC Comptroller S. Stringer: The Comptroller wants to lay the groundwork for the construction of at least 200 playgrounds over the next five years, including playstreets. The Comptroller rejected the proposal to purchase boats for ferry service, which the Mayor overrode.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Chirico, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the **April 18, 2019** Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Marano, and unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

- Bronx Week is ending, more information can be found on www.ilovethebronx.com
- BP Diaz launches Bronx 2020 Census Complete Count Committee
- BP Diaz provided testimony at the NYS Assembly Housing Committee hearing to protect New York City's renters
- May 23, 2019 "Breaking the Fast Together" BP Diaz is hosting its Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner, 851 Grand Concourse, 7 pm.

Chair Person Peter Sullivan noted the attendance of Mr. Robert Press at the Health & Human Services Committee, even though Mr. Press did not sign the Observer sign-in sheet. May's Municipal Services minutes will be revised to reflect the attendance of Ms. M. Velazquez.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

- Section 5, Co-op City will be getting a new exit on HRP; follow up with Assemblyman Benedetto's office for information; a meeting with DOT and stakeholders will be occurring in the near future.
- Governor signed a bill providing speed cameras for all schools; signage will be installed over the summer
- Ferry Service Board met with Economic Development Corporation (EDC); EDC will have a town hall on the project in June at Villa Barone Manor
- June 20, 2019 Public Hearing for an expired variance at 630-636 City Island Avenue
- Carnegie Hill Institute is purchasing 3134 East Tremont Avenue. Sale is managed by Morris Park Realty and will be a substance treatment facility and will not dispense methadone. It will be requested that Carnegie Hill come to a future Health & Human Services Committee meeting.
- Miracle City owners have not yet submitted an application to dispense medications at 2800 Bruckner Boulevard.
- OASYS will be invited to come to an Health & Human Services Committee meeting.
- All-way stop signs are to be requested throughout the community.
- Upcoming events: 6/1/19 CB #10 Healthy Lifestyle Walk, 10-12 noon at Co-op City Greenway; 6/3/19 Effects of Vaping & Opioid , 6-8 pm, Providence Rest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, sponsored by TNCAP, CB #10 and Jacobi Hospital; 6/8/19 CB #10 Shred It Event, 10-2, Bay Place Mall by the movie theatre; 6/16/19 Rent Stabilization Board Bronx Public Hearing, 5-8 pm Hostos Community College.
- Brian Martinez and Alvin Ponder are no longer on the Board.

Dr. Alvin Ponder arrived and talked about his history with Bronx CB #10 and added that he moved to Brooklyn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on April 30, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The Executive Board went over the purchase items provided in the minutes and approved all purchases.

The following Resolutions were presented at the full Board meeting of May 16, 2019:

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to table any and all discussion on attendance until after the June 20, 2019 election and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Motion to approve Resolution made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and voted on as follows: approved by a majority of Board members with (2) abstentions. **The Resolution passed.**

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board and the Nominations and Election Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 to implement the hybrid style of election for the 2019 election and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Motion to approve Resolution made by Mr. Marano, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to amend Article VI Section II of the Bronx Community By-Laws to allow for the full Board to determine by vote which style of voting it will have each year and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The above Resolution was amended to read as follows:

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to amend Article VI Section II of the Bronx Community Board #10 By-Laws to allow for the full Board to determine by vote a hybrid style of voting and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The Board members discussed the friendly amendment the resolution to a hybrid voting style. A motion to accept the amended resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Woods with the following vote: (9) in favor, (10) against, (2) abstentions. **The Resolution did not pass.**

Since the friendly amendment to the Resolution did not pass, the original resolution was presented and will include the voting styles:

- “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 to amend Article VI Section II of the Bronx Community By-Laws to allow for the full Board to determine by vote which style of voting (hybrid, paper ballot or roll call) it will have each year and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution made by Mr. Marano, seconded by Bishop Rosario and voted on favorably by a majority of Board members with (1) opposed.

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 to write a letter to our state officials asking them to draft legislation, similar to that of adult entertainment venues, that will prohibit the opening of substance abuse treatment facilities near all schools and public parks and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to table this Resolution back to the Health & Human Services Committee was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando with the following vote: a majority of Board members were in favor, (2) opposed and (1) abstention. **The Resolution will go back to Committee.**

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 to write a letter of objection to the State Department of Health with regard to Miracle City’s operation at 2800 Bruckner Boulevard on the condition that Mr. Egidio Sementilli provide any and all necessary statistics and information affirming Bronx Community Board #10 does not need this facility and can provide petitions/letters in opposition from immediate neighbors.

This Resolution is being tabled pending receipt of information from Mr. Sementilli. When received, it will be presented to the Board for a vote.

The following resolution is being presented to the Board on May 16, 2019 to be discussed and voting on June 20, 2019 full Board meeting.

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Executive Board, to amend Article IV Section XII of the Bronx Community Board #10 By-Laws that the Board reserve the right at any time during a Full Board or Public Hearing, even without it being placed on the agenda, to vote with a quorum of the Full Board to revoke the courtesy of publicly speaking during a public session to any member of the public for being a public nuisance and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A “Public Nuisance” shall include but not be limited to continuously breaking Community Board #10’s Standing Rules within its By-laws and the Code of Conduct according to New York City Community Board handbook, which can include disturbing either committee or full Board meetings and interfering in internal board business. The member of the public who lost his/her courtesy to speaking during the public session can only be granted the courtesy to speak during the public session by a vote of the Full Board. If the same member of the public continues to violate the Standing Rules and/or the Code of Conduct according to the New York City Community Board handbook, the Board shall ask the member to leave. If he/she refuses to adhere to the request, the proper authority shall be contacted to assist with the removal. A police report shall be filed against this member of the public. At the ensuing Full Board meeting, the Board may vote to ban the member of the public from attending any future Board meetings, whether it be committee, public hearings or at the full Board, for “Continuous Disturbance of the Peace.”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on May 7, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were resolutions for renewal and new liquor licenses as well as an amendment to the Board’s Set of Stipulations.

Renewals

“**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:”

- Crab Shanty, 361 City Island Ave, 10464, between Reville & Tier Sts, License #1004053, which expires on 06/30/2019.
- American Turner Club, 748 Clarence Ave, 10465, between Randall & Philip Ave, License #1003335, which expires on 06/30/2019.
- Travesias Café, 3830-32-34 E Tremont Ave, between Lamport Place & Schley Aves, License #1285579, which expires on 05/31/2019.
- Crosby Caribbean Restaurant, 1762 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Roberts Ave, License #1246173, which expires on 06/30/19.
- George’s Restaurant, 3000 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1189439, which expires on 07/31/2019.
- Outback Restaurant, 270 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza & Mall Blvds, License #1284998, which expires on 08/31/2019.
- Sriprai-Honey’s Thai Kitchen, 3030-3040 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Hobart & St. Theresa Aves, License #1287273, which expires on 07/31/19.
- Paddy’s on the Bay, 50 Pennyfield Ave, 10465, between Bevy & Alan Plcs, License #1250871, which expires on 07/31/2019. **(Several nuisance calls)**
- Giovanni’s Restaurant, 3209 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Wilkinson & Continental Aves, License #1003953, which expires on 07/31/2019.
- La Casa Del Sabor, 2728 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Frisby & St Raymond’s Aves, License #1299117, which expires on 05/31/2019.

A motion to accept the Resolution for the above renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Popovic and voted on unanimously by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

The following renewal licenses were voted on individually:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment applying for a renewal license has 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:

- Bistro SK, 273 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License #1250501, which expired on 05/31/2019.

A motion to accept the Resolution for a renewal license was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and voted on favorably by a majority of Board Members with (1) recusal. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment applying for a renewal license has 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:

- Lobster House, 691 Bridge St, 10464, between Minnieford & City Island Aves, License #1219742, which expires on 06/30/2019. **(Several assaults in Feb & March 2019)**”

A motion to accept the Resolution for a renewal license was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and voted on favorably by a majority of Board Members with (1) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment applying for a renewal license has 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:

- Escape International, 1841 Hobart Ave, 10461, between Westchester & St Theresa Aves., License #1284323, which expires on 05/31/2019” **(1 assault 12/2018 and 1 assault 1/2019)**

A motion to accept the Resolution for a renewal license was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and voted on favorably by a majority of Board Members with (3) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishment applying for a renewal license has 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:

- Illusions Hookah & Mixology, 3221-3229 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Continental & St Paul Aves, License #1285921, which expires on 07/31/2019.
(30 noise complaints since Oct 2018; 2 No Security Guard License since Oct 2018; 3 Grand Larceny Reports since 10/2018; 2 Harassment/Dispute Reports since 10/2018; 1 Criminal Possession of a Weapon in 2019)”

A motion to accept the Resolution for a renewal license was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and voted on favorably by a majority of Board Members with (8) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

New Licenses:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for a new liquor license 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:

- Hook & Reel, 200 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza Blvd & Mall Blvd, License #NEW.
(Formerly Joe’s Crab Shack)

Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 12PM-10PM 12 PM-10PM 12 PM-10PM 12 PM-10PM 12 PM-10PM 12 PM-12AM 12 PM-12AM
Music: Recorded

- Mamasushi, 3474 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Bruckner Blvd & Barkley Ave, License #NEW
(Formerly Louie Seafood)

Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 12PM-11:30PM 12PM-11:30PM 12PM-11:30PM 12PM-11:30PM 12PM-11:30PM 12 PM-3AM 12 PM-3AM
Music: Disc Jockey, Recorded Music”

A motion to accept the Resolution for a renewal license was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and voted on unanimously by all Board Members. **The Resolution passed.**

Stipulations

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board’s Set of Stipulations for Liquor Selling Establishments be modified by adding the following narrative at the end of Section 7 and that this change be forwarded to the full Board for approval: **MUSIC FOR OUTDOOR AREA TO STOP BY 10 PM SUNDAY - SATURDAY.**”

A motion to modify the resolution to include a reference to the Department of Environmental Protection’s noise regulations and then accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Woods, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

The amended Resolution reads as follows:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board’s Set of Stipulations for Liquor Selling Establishments be modified by adding the following narrative at the end of Section 7 and that this change be forwarded to the full Board for approval: **MUSIC FOR OUTDOOR AREA TO STOP BY 10 PM SUNDAY – SATURDAY**. In addition, such establishments must follow the New York City Department of Environmental Protection’s guidelines for ambient sound levels.”

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on Tuesday May 14, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The property located at 630 City Island Avenue which will be before the NYC Board of Standard and Appeals was discussed. A resolution will be prepared in the month of June when the public hearing is held for this matter. In addition, a Resolution for the renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café for the Wicked Wolf was presented to the full Board.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Housing & Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a letter of no objection to be sent to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs for a renewal of an outdoor sidewalk café, Application # 1389775-DCA, MEM Restaurant Corporation. d/b/a/ The Wicked Wolf, 4029 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx NY 10465, ten (10) tables, twenty (20) chairs, be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Marano, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on April 22, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Yankee Youth Leadership Awards were presented to the five high school seniors and they attended the May 7, 2019 Bronx Community Board #10 Day at Yankee Stadium. The Board was represented by Ms. Woods and District Manager Cruz. The Committee is also scheduled to meet on May 20, 2019.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE and PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

Municipal Services and Parks & Recreation Committee met on May 8, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions were presented to the full Board on May 16, 2019:

Street Activity Permits

Event 475792: Community Health Day/Block Party, Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, setup 9:00 AM, Breakdown 5:00 PM, St. Raymond Avenue between E. Tremont Avenue and Williamsbridge Road, Contact Elden Vasquez

Event 478219: 911 Memorial, Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Setup 5:00 PM, breakdown 9:00 PM, East Tremont Avenue and Cross Bronx Expressway Extension Northbound, contact James McQuade

Event 479033: Harrington Avenue Block Party 2019, Saturday, August 17, 2019, 12 noon to 9:00 PM (including setup and breakdown), Harrington Avenue between Mayflower and Edison Avenues, contact Laura Ventola

Event 480241: Fairfax Avenue Block Party, Saturday, June 13, 2019 (in the process of being changed to July 13, 2019), 1:00 PM to 8:30 PM, setup 12 noon, breakdown 9:00 PM, Fairfax Avenue between Baisley and Waterbury Avenues, contact Josephine Corvino

Event 481229: 4th Annual Community Day, Sunday, September 22, 2019, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, setup 9:00 AM, breakdown 5:30 PM, Cross Bronx Expressway between Dewey and East Tremont Avenues, contact: Althea Esty

A motion to accept the Resolution made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

Taxi Base License

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support be written to the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission for the renewal of a base taxi license for Tremont Dispatching Corporation and that this request be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Chirico and unanimously approved by all Board members. **The Resolution passed.**

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on April 23, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on May 23, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bieder informed the community about an event on 5/18/19 at Bufano Park called Family Skate Day and invited the community to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: None

A motion was made by Chairperson Sullivan and accepted by Mr. Bieder seconded by Mr. Marano to go into Executive Session was unanimously approved by all. All non-Board members exited at approximately 8:40 p.m. At approximately 9:30 p.m. the Executive Session ended and the full Board meeting resumed. A motion to close the May 16, 2019 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, accepted by Mr. Cantillo and seconded Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of **May 16, 2019**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Cantillo", written over a horizontal line.

PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: May 24, 2019