



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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**Joseph Russo**  
Chairperson

**Matthew Cruz**  
District Manager

**Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson**  
Borough President

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

April 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall

116 City Island Avenue, 10464

**PRESENT:** T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Bieder, M. Caruso, A. Chirico, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, G. Havranek, J. Jemmott, D. Krynicki, V. Lajçi, J. Marano, S. McMillan, J. Mondello, M.J. Musano, L. Popovic, J. Robert, J. Russo, M. Sajous, N.Sala, T. Smith, J. Thomas, S. Woods (total # present = 23)

**ABSENT:** M. Ali, R. Barbarelli, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, T. Chambers, M. Davila, S. Hazell, D. Hunt, C. Isales, M. Johnson, J. McQuade, Col. W. Chin, M. Morris, D. Noble, D. Prioleau, J. Onwu, N. Rosario, A. Torres, A. Salimbene (total # absent = 19)

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

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

John Doyle: Mr. Doyle stated his objection to the Bruckner Up-Zoning and urged the Board to reject the proposal.

Judy Chirico: Read a prepared statement in opposition to the Bruckner Up-Zoning

Sandi Lusk: Discussed her concern with the development underway, referring to it as NE Bronx under Siege and highlighted the Blondell Avenue shelter, Blondell Commons and the Bruckner Up-Zoning

Cathy Cebek: Discussed the wording “gateway” used by the Board and advocates concerning the property at the beginning of City Island; community would like to have the Ferry extended to City Island but through Orchard Beach as a pier.

A motion to close the public participation was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Krynicki and unanimously supported by all in attendance.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **“Resolved...to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of March 17, 2022.”**

A motion to accept the March 17,2022 Public Hearing and Full Board Minutes was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved 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 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:

- Brewski’s, 3718 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall Ave & Dill Place, License # 1260773, which expires on 04/30/22.

A motion to accept the resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved as follows: unanimous by all in attendance. **The Resolution passed.**

3. **Economic Development - New Licenses**

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

- Fiorentina Steakhouse, 3617 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Sullivan & Scott Pls, License #NEW.

<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>	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-2AM	11AM-2AM
<b>MOP:</b>	Recorded Music						

- Lena Trattoria, 3464-3470 E Tremont Ave, between Bruckner Expy & Barkley Ave, License #NEW.

<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>	12PM-1AM	12PM-12AM	12PM-12AM	12PM-12AM	12PM-12AM	12PM-12AM	12PM-12AM
<b>MOP:</b>	Recorded Music						

A motion to accept the Resolution for new licenses was made by Mr. Bieder seconded by Mr. Russo and approved as follows: unanimous by all in attendance. **The Resolution passed.**

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

- City Island topics:
  - demolition of 666 Minnieford Avenue

- May 11, 2022 Municipal Services Meeting with DDC on Rodman's Neck Facility; DDC is looking for a support letter which will be forwarded to the Public Design Commission
- Minnieford Avenue flooding and drains have been added to the Board's District Needs Statement
- Harbor Patrol Unit has been requested for the Bronx
- Shore Road – it will become a Capital Project; in the interim the Board is pressing DOT for fixes needed short term
- Municipal Services Committee on May 11, 2020 will begin at 7:00 p.m.; agenda items will include Rodman's Neck Project and Westchester Square Station elevator
- Housing & Zoning on May 10 will include updates on 2242 and 3251 Westchester Avenue
- DSNY Safe Disposal Event May 14, 2022, 10-4, RSVP is required.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Executive Board met on March 21 and April 18, 2022. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Board will consider moving meetings to 7:00 p.m.

### **HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on April 19, 2022 at Father Albert Hall, St. Benedict's Parish, to hold an information meeting for the community on the Bruckner Up-Zoning Project. Approximately 350 community members were in attendance. Mr. Russo chaired the meeting. Speakers from the various civic associations, NYC Department of City Planning, members of the Housing and Zoning Committee and Board and elected officials spoke. There was a power point presentation by the Throggs Neck LLC.

The Housing and Zoning meeting May 10 will put forth a resolution followed by a Board vote on the Up-Zoning project on May 19, 2022

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on April 5, 2022. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on favorably and are noted above. Mr. Accomando discussed a recent incident in which the committee's work was questioned by a board member not on this committee; it was stated that there are members on this committee whom are Executive Board members as well as seasoned Board members.

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on April 13, 2022. Minutes are self-explanatory. Meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. in May. MTA Metro North will be in attendance in May.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Mr. Cruz for N. Rosario

The Committee met on March 24, 2022. Minutes are self-explanatory.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Woods

The Committee met on Monday March 28, 2022. Minutes are under construction.

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

The Committee did not meet this month. Next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022. Meetings will be moved to 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Salvatore Morello, Office of State Senator Jamaal Bailey: Office contact information is 959 East 233rd St., 10466, 718-547-8854, [senatorjbailey@nysenate.gov](mailto:senatorjbailey@nysenate.gov). Constituents should call or email to schedule an appointment. The Senator is sponsoring an autism event in Mt. Vernon on April 23, 2022. Board member Bob Bieder asked for bail reform updates.

Rebecca Nieves, Office of Council Member Amanda Farias: Office contact information is 2347 Lafayette Avenue, 10472, 718-792-1140, [District18@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District18@council.nyc.gov). There is a shredding event on April 23 as well as tax services. Call or email for appointments.

Adrienne Jadric, Office of Council Member Velazquez: Office is at 3040 East Tremont Avenue, cleanup event at Westchester and Crosby Avenues on Friday, April 22, 2022. The office is open and constituents should call 718-931-1721 or email [District13@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District13@council.nyc.gov).

John Doyle, Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto: Office is open, call for additional information 718-892-2235, 3602 East Tremont Avenue, #201, 10465, and 177 Dreiser Loop, # 12, 718-320-2220, [benedettom@nyassembly.gov](mailto:benedettom@nyassembly.gov): the Assemblyman took Co-op City residents to Albany to discuss the safety of the new Exit 5 off the Hutchinson River Parkway; community should email comments of the Assemblyman; noted that Meyers Street which is not part of the Bruckner Up-Zoning project will require another hearing; NYS Budget announcements will be forthcoming. The Assemblyman discussed with NYPD brass the funding for purchasing of a tow truck for the community and noted that his office is working with the EDC on the reconstruction of the seawall at the end of Vincent Avenue.

Board Members began a discussion on the funding of a community tow truck. Comments included that these types of vehicles are shared among other precincts and cannot be dedicated to one community; discussed the amending of the current summons as well as amending the code used for ticketing the trucks; adding signage; and DSNY should assist in the issuance of summons by DSNY inspectors.

Cynthia Prisco, Office of Council Member Kevin Riley: Office contact information is [District12@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District12@council.nyc.gov), 135 Einstein Loop, 10475, 347-326-8652. Upcoming events include a job fair, Section 3 Celebration Day as well as community cleanups. Ms. Prisco noted that the Council Member is Chair of the Subcommittee on Housing and Zoning in the NYC Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Board member George Havranek requested a follow-up on bail reform with the Senators and inquired about the Board working on the matter. District Manager Cruz said he is in discussion with Senators Bailey and Biaggi to schedule an event. Mr. Havranek inquired about the status of vulnerable properties in the Board area. He also asked about the status of a location for elections for the Spencer Estate community and was informed by District Manager Cruz that the location will be Villa Maria Academy on Country Club Road. Lastly, Mr. Havranek noted that the community was caught off guard by Bruckner Up-zoning Project and asked what the Board can do to assist in getting more timely notifications. It was noted that a revision to the City Charter would be needed, and a commission would need to be created to address the issue. Chairperson Russo said this should be forwarded to the Housing and Zoning Committee.

Board Member Bieder reminded the community about the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council on May 5, 2022.

Board Member Valon Lajçi expressed his dismay at the treatment of the Albanian Community over the delay in the street overlay in Community Board 11.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Member Valon Lajçi requested that a committee be established to guide new members in procedures and guidelines for new members. District Manager Cruz noted that the Borough President's Office does new member training for all new appointees but this training may have been delayed due to COVID-19.

Chairperson Russo noted that members should have received notification from the office of the Borough President concerning the sexual harassment training.

Board member Maria Caruso noted that the Oyster Reef group is sponsoring an Orchard Beach cleanup at 9 a.m. on May 22, 2022.

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 April 21, 2022.



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Chairperson, Bronx Community Board #10  
Dated: April 29, 2022

April 21, 2022 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 41 Members / 22=Quorum	A T T E N D	1. Minutes 3/17/22 1 <sup>st</sup> Tom A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tom S	2. Econ Dev Renewals 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lou P	3. Econ Dev New 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe R				NOTES: A abstain X against √ in favor R recuse
Board Member Name								
Accomando, Thomas	√	√	√	√				
Ali, Mohammed	X							
Baez, Raquel	√	√	√	√				
Barbarelli, Robert	X							
Bieder, Robert	√	√	√	√				
Bufano, Milagros	X							
Cantillo, Peter	X							
Caruso, Maria	√	√	√	√				
Chambers, Taisha	X							
Chin, Col. William	X							
Chirico, Andrew	√	√	√	√				
Davila, Michele	X							
Del-Debbio, Peter	√	√	√	√				
Franklin, Terence	√	√	√	√				
Hazell, Stefani	X							
Havranek, George	√	√	√	√				
Hunt, Deborah	X							
Isales, Cynthia	X							
Jemmott, Jarius	√	√	√	√				
Johnson, Monique	X							
Krynicky, Dorothy	√	√	√	√				
Lajei, Valon	√	√	√	√				
Marano, John	√	√	√	√				
McMillan, Susan	√	√	√	√				
McQuade, James	X							
Mondello, Joseph	√	√	√	√				
Morris, Martin	X							
Musano, Mary Jane	√	√	√	√				
Noble, Denise	X							
Onwu, Joseph	X							
Popovic, Louis	√	√	√	√				
Prioleau, Devon	X							
Robert, John	√	√	√	√				
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	X							
Russo, Joseph	√	√	√	√				
Sala, Nick	√	√	√	√				
Salimbene, Anthony	X							
Sajous, Michelle	√	√	√	√				
Smith, Tom	√	√	√	√				
Thomas, Janine	√	√	√	√				
Torres, Angela	X							
Woods, Stephanie	√	√	√	√				
<b>TOTAL</b>		23	23	23				