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MINUTES

Public Hearing and Bronx Community Board #10

June 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Bieder, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, P. Del-Debbio, G. Havranek, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Landi, S. Millan, M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, L. Popovic, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, A. Salimbene, T. Smith, A. Torres, S. Woods (total # present = 24)

ABSENT: M. Ali, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, M. Davila, T. Franklin, C. Isales, M. Johnson, J. Marano, J. McQuade, E. Olton, J. Onwu, D. Prioleau, M. Sajous, N. Sala, J. Thomas, B. Vasquez, M. Velazquez (total # absent = 19)

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

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Housing and Zoning Chair, Louis Popovic began the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: **NYC Department of City Planning Land Use Application N 210406, Citywide Hotel Texts Amendment:** The proposed zoning change would require City Planning Commission approval for new and enlarged hotels and motels, tourist cabins and boatels in commercial, mixed-use, and paired M1/R districts. The review process would allow the Commission to ensure that new hotels do not create significant conflicts with surrounding development. The existing special permit provisions that apply in M1 districts, which require the Commission to make findings specific to industrially zoned areas, will remain in place.

Discussion: Shawn Brede of Dep. Director Bronx Office, Department of City Planning, presented the text amendment to the Board Members. This amendment is in public review and has been presented to all City Community Boards and Borough Presidents. It is a zoning text amendment for the application of a special hotel permit to create a more consistent approach to hotel development throughout the City. Prior to the pandemic the City of New York experienced record growth which while positive, it created an inconsistent framework. Special permit will not preclude development, just an extra layer of review for new construction.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Department of City Planning Land Use Application N 210406, Citywide Hotel Texts Amendment which is a proposed zoning change requiring City Planning Commission approval for new and enlarged hotels and motels, tourist cabins and boatels in commercial, mixed-use, and paired M1/R districts and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for NYC DCP Application N210406 Citywide Hotel Texts was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder, and voted on as follows: unanimous by all in attendance. **The Resolution passed.**

The Public Hearing session closed, and Bronx Community Board #10 opened with public participation for the General Board meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Al Quattlebaum, People’s Democratic Club: Health Fair, June 19, 2021, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Co-op City, Section 4, Greenway.
2. K. Fuentes – Safe Haven Foster Care Program: Program is looking for foster parents for unaccompanied minors coming from the border. Fostering is very short term with training. Bilingual volunteers are needed; ages of children range from infants to 18. Safe Haven Program Lutheran Social Services, 917.684.8861 kfuentes@lssny.org

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. **“Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of **May 20, 2021.**” Resolution was unanimous in favor.

2. **Housing and Zoning**

“Resolved. . .at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 that a letter be drafted to Deacon Andrew Dietsche of the Episcopal Diocese of New York objecting as insufficient the five feet in depth archaeological study conducted at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Krynicki, seconded by Mr. Accomando and approved as follows: (1) abstention, 23 in favor. **The Resolution passed.** It was noted that the letter to Deacon Dietsche will emphasize a depth of eight to ten feet.

3. **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:

- Ohana Japanese Restaurant, 500 City Island Ave, 10464, between Beach & Cross Sts, License #1116692, which expires on 07/31/21.
- Outback Restaurant #3367, 270 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza & Mall Blvds, License #1284998, which expires on 08/31/21.
- Sangria Café, 2085 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Asch Loop & Co-op City Blvd, License #1299476, which expires on 08/31/21.
- Oishi, 3799 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley & Randall Aves, License #1269320, which expires on 08/31/2021.
- Capri II Pizza, 149 Dreiser Loop, 10475, between Defoe & De Kruif Pls, License #1003567, which expires on 07/31/21.
- Coconut Palm Bar & Grill, 2407 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Zerega Ave & Rowland St, License #1166169, which expires on 08/31/2021.
- Lobster House, 691 Bridge St, 10464, between Minnieford & City Island Aves, License #1219742, which expires on 06/30/2021.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

4. **WITHDRAWN. Matter not voted on 6-17-2021. Economic Development - New Licenses**

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

- Country Club Diner & Grill, 3284 Ampere Ave, 10465, between Library & Bayview Aves, License #NEW.

Indoor Hours:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	11AM-2AM						

5. **Municipal Services – Street Activity Applications**

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following event id #572116 application be forwarded to the full Board for approval:”

Event: ID# 572116, St. Helena's Summer Fair – Single Block Festival

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Setup: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Breakdown: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Castle Hill Avenue between Westchester and Starling Avenues Contact: Todd Berman

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and approved as follows: (1) no, (23) in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following event id #572125 application be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and approved as follows: (2) no, (22) in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

Event: ID# 572125, St. Helena's Fall Fair – Single Block Festival Krynicki, Stephanie woods, remainder in favor

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Setup: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Breakdown: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Castle Hill Avenue between Westchester and Starling Avenues Contact: Todd Berman

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following event id #578899 application be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Event: ID# 578899, 10th Annual Griswold Avenue Block Party

Date: July 17, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Setup: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Breakdown: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Griswold Avenue between Dwight Place and MacDonough Place”

Contact: Alisa Leavy

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

A discussion among Board members questioned why Castle Hill Avenue would be used as opposed to the School's yard which is off the street. The Committee noted that sponsor appeared at the June 9, 2021 with the necessary petitions as well as contacting Bronx Community Board #9 who had no objection. The sponsor felt the Avenue would provide a better turnout.

6. **Parks and Recreation**

“**Resolved.** . . at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support be drafted to Bronx Borough Commissioner Iris Rodriguez in support of the 9/11 Memorial Grove flagpole at Ferry Point Park and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

7. **Health and Human Services**

“**Resolved.** . . at the request of the Health and Human Services of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of Animal Care Center of New York, which is located at 2050 Bartow Avenue, and sent to the Public Design Commission as part of the public design process of the City of New York and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Ms. Woods and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

8. **Floor Resolution**

“**Resolved.** . . at the recommendation of Chairperson Russo that when the City of New York allows for an increase in salaries while the Board is adjourned for the summer that the Full Board grant the permission to the Executive Board to distribute such funds.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Popovic and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

BOROUGH PRESIDENT REPORT: Mr. Gonzalez

- Monthly Borough President report sent out to members last week
- New Board members should be appointed by end of June
- Fireworks June 24, 2021. Mr. Smith added that Montefiore is also one of the sponsors.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

- Summer adjournment is for Board members only; board office is open.
- Air conditioners are available through the City for income eligible seniors, call the office for assistance
- Postponement of June Health & Human Services Meeting
- June 30, 2021 Parks & Recreation Committee will meet to discuss the Hammond Cove repairs which are scheduled to begin over the summer.
- NYC Department of Education has a Summer Rising program in the schools to assist students

- NYC Commission on Civic Engagement has a summer employment program for youth ages 14-25; www.participate.nyc.gov
- Primary Day is Tuesday, June 22, 2021; early voting ends on Sunday: locations are St. Francis deChantal Church, lower level 190 Hollywood Avenue and 2049 Bartow Avenue.
- Thanks all Board members for their support and participation in attending meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on June 14, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on June 8, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory. 155 Pilot Street – District Manager has requested inspection of the property and was advised that it will be done in the very near future.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on June 2, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory. There was a Resolution for renewals outlined above and all were approved.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on May 24, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on June 9, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were Resolutions for outlined above and all were approved. Mr. Russo urged all members to read over the June 9th meeting minutes which contain important information.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Krynicki

The Committee met on June 10, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on May 27, 2021. The minutes are self-explanatory. Bishop Rosario thanked the V.A. Medical Center for vaccine bus for 2 outreach events. She added that 10464 has the highest vaccination rate; 10465 lowest.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Angela Conley, Senator Biaggi's Office: the office is still working remotely but continues to provide services to constituents; NYS emergency rental program opened on 6/1/21 as well as the pandemic small business recovery grant program, 718-822-2049.

Farrah Rubin, Council Member Gjonaj's Office: the office will be open throughout the summer; Fireworks Extravaganza 6-10 pm; summer concert series throughout the summer; June 26 shred event at Edgewater Park Firehouse; numerous small business relief bills temp amnesty program for small business code violations. 718-931-1721

NYS Senator Sepulveda: early voting ends and primary is on Tuesday; office is open for in-person visits; continues to assist constituency with food insecurities and other matters. Office # is 718) 991-3161; 374-582-5873 personal cell.

Nicholas Vasquez, Congress Person Bowman's Office: Juneteenth legislation passed by Federal government; American rescue plan – assistance for homeowners and renters for low and moderate income households; American emergency broadband act for low income households; office will open by appointments only in July. Co-op City Office # is 718-530-7710.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bieder informed the community about the Fair at the Square on Saturday; he'd like to see the Board partner with Board 9 at the St. Helena's events. National Night Out will be on August 3, 2021 on Lane Avenue in Westchester Square.

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that Chairperson Joe Russo's birthday is Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Motion to close the June 17, 2021 Community Board #10 meeting was 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 June 17, 2021.



Joseph Russo, Chairperson

Dated: June 22, 2021

JUNE 17, 2021 BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10 43 Members / 22=Quorum	A T T E N D	PUBLIC HEARING DCP N210406 1 st Accomando 2 nd Bieder	1.Minutes 5-20-2021 1 st Bieder 2 nd Cantillo	2. H&Z St. Peter's Cemetery 1 st Krynicki 2 nd Accomando	3. ED – Renewal Licenses 1 st Smith 2 nd Popovic	5. MS SAPO EVENTS (3)			6. P&R FPP 9-11 Memorial Flag Pole 1 st Bieder 2 nd Smith	7. HHS Support Ltr for Animal Shelter Art 1 st Popovic 2 nd Woods	8. Floor Resolution - Salary Increases 1 st Cantillo 2 nd Popovic
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Board Member Name											
Acampora, Hannah	√	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTING									
Accomando, Thomas	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ali, Mohammed	X										
Baez, Raquel	X										
Barbarelli, Robert	X										
Bieder, Robert	√	√	√	Abstain	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Bufano, Milagros	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cantillo, Peter	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Caruso, Maria	X										
Chambers, Taisha	X										
Chin, Col. William	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Chirico, Andrew	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Davila, Michele	X										
Del-Debbio, Peter	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Franklin, Terence	X										
Havranek, George	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hunt, Deborah	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Isales, Cynthia	X										
Johnson, Monique	X										
Krynicki, Dorothy	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√	√	√
Landi, Jerry	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Marano, John	X										
McMillan, Susan	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
McQuade, James	X										
Morris, Martin	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Musano, Mary Jane	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Noble, Denise	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Olton, Errol	X										
Onwu, Joseph	X										
Popovic, Louis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Pringleau, Devon	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robert, John	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Russo, Joseph	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sala, Nick	X										
Salimbene, Anthony	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sajous, Michelle	X										
Smith, Tom	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Thomas, Janine	X										
Torres, Angela	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Vasquez, Bryan H.	X										
Velazquez, Marjorie	X										
Woods, Stephanie	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√
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