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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

April 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Providence Rest Nursing Home
3304 Waterbury Avenue
Bronx, New York 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, L. Council, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, D. Krynicki, J. Kuhl, J. Marano, M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, T. Smith, J. Thomas, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 29)

ABSENT: R. Barbarelli, Col. W. Chin, M. Davila, T. Franklin, B. Martinez, J. McQuade, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, (total # absent = 10)

Community Liaisons:

Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Farrah Rubin - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Mirian Torrado – Office of State Senator Sepulveda
Destiny Cruz – Office of Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

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 – Timothy Harrell, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board: On May 8, 6:30-8:30 pm - Civilian Complaint Review Board Town Hall: Police Relations in the Bronx, Bronx River Community Center, 1619 East 174th St, 10472, R.S.V.P. at accessibility@ccrb.nyc.gov.
- 2 – Maria Jannace, The New York City Concours, 32 Union Square East, #60S, NYC, maria@maxim-online.com, 917-403-8060: Ms. Jannace spoke about an annual auto show event

showcasing the future of the automobile by experiencing its past, to be held at Orchard Beach on September 15, 2019 and is requesting community board approval letter of support.

It was stated that Ms. Jannace will have to come before the Parks & Recreation Committee in May to discuss the event to request a support letter, which will then be forwarded to the full Board at the May 16, 2019 meeting.

- 3 – Paulette Spencer, Bronx Community Health Network: Ms. Spencer said information sessions/town hall meetings will be held on May 3 and May 17, 2019 contact Ms. Spencer at 929-220-8177, pspencer@bchn.org. Topics will range from mental health, LUPUS, and cardiovascular disease.
- 4 – Ellen Youpel, New York Road Runners: Every Thursday evening at Pelham Bay Park, Sweetgum Playground Open Run will have walks starting at 7:00 p.m. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. Walks take place all year, call 646-761-1764 for additional information.
- 5 – Bob Bieder, President of 45th Precinct Community Council: On May 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. the Council is having it's annual breakfast at the Villa Barone Manor, tickets are \$20 per person, honoring individuals throughout the community. On May 18, 2018 the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps is having its 40th Anniversary Gala at the International Caterers on Ampere Avenue, honoring two CB #10 members, Ms. Velazquez and Mr. McQuade. If interested, please reach out to Mr. Bieder.
- 6 – Egidio Sementilli, PBCI: Mr. Sementilli stated his opposition to any drug rehab program for 2800 Bruckner Boulevard. Mr. Sementilli also requested the Board to contact the 45th Precinct with a request for more police presence between 4 pm-12 am to be stationed in the Pelham Bay community.
- 7 – Joseph Onwu: his church is conducting a raffle program, interested parties should see him for details.
- 8 - Lou Rocco, WSCA: Mr. Rocco expressed concern over the abandoned vehicles in the Westchester Square Community and the condition of the property of St. Peters Church on Westchester Avenue.

It should be noted that Mr. Rocco did not sign up to speak but was permitted to do so by the CB #10 Chair.

- 9 – Farrah Rubin, Office of Council Member Gjonaj, 718-931-1721: The Council Member is sponsoring numerous events: 5/14/19 Legal Services, R.S.V.P.; Mothers' Day Brunch and Mobile Office outreach for Westchester Square and Pelham Bay. Call the office for dates and registration. Council Member Gjonaj is also sponsoring a bill raising the fines for tractor trailer parking.
- 10 – Mirian Torrado, Office of State Senator Luis Sepulveda, 900 Rogers Place at 163rd Street. The Senator is sponsoring a Job Fair on May 17th; contact the office at 718-991-3161 for additional information.

- 11 – Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto: the NYS budget passed with an increase in aid for education, extension of mayoral control over public schools for three years as well as continued funding for higher education. Assemblyman Benedetto has two offices, one on East Tremont Avenue and the other in Co-op City.
- 12 – Destiny Cruz, Office of U.S. Congress Member Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez: a Bronx office is being planned and will most likely be in the Pelham Parkway area; call the office at 718-662-5970 for information on visiting the Jackson Heights office for constituent services.

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

After the public participation session, the Metropolitan Transit Authority Bridges & Tunnels did a presentation on the upcoming construction coming to the Throggs Neck Bridge. The restoration of the Bronx plaza roadway, improvements to the transition onto the Bridge and improvements to the greenspace are scheduled to start in 2020. In 2019, work on the suspended span, lighting and electrical work will begin. During construction, the center median will be removed and a zipper device will allow for the movement of lanes; deck replacement is expected to take fifteen months; three lanes will remain open during peak travel and lane closures will occur during the late evening and early morning hours. In addition an extension to the Bridge's sound wall will take place. Staging areas are being used for office space, not vehicles; fencing will be moved about 20 feet; law enforcement will be present to keep traffic moving. Questions were posed as to the presence of New York State Police, water runoff, walking/bike lane. NYS Police maintains a barrack on the Bridge and assists the Bridge police as needed. Runoffs will be connected to the DEP storm drain which goes to sewage treatment; DEP opens the system as needed. Notification to local civic associations was done. TBTA will be maintaining the greenspace that belongs to them; part of the property belongs to DOT who will be responsible for their portion. Major congestion problems have been alleviated at Harding Avenue, Locust Point and surrounding streets.

A copy of the presentation will be given to the Board Office for viewing.

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2019 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Noble, and unanimously approved by all. These minutes will include an amendment to reflect ownership of the property at the left side of the City Island Bridge entering City Island. The parcel of land belongs to the NYC Department of Transportation and another parcel is privately owned.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Lucania

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

- Board reappointment letters are going out in early May; new appointment letters to be sent out in mid-May
- April 23 2019, 851 Grand Concourse, 5:30-8:30 p.m: A Call To Men: Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium II
- Bronx Week begins May 9, go to www.ilovethbronx.com for more information

- May 3, 2019, 12 noon, Learning How to Prevent Legionnaires: A Public Health Education Event

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

- April 20, 2019 Autism Awareness Event at Throggs Neck Houses
- McDonald's Restaurant on East Tremont Avenue, demolition is supposed to occur in July
- Covenant House, a transitional housing environment for homeless youth, on Glebe Avenue is not yet open
- An all way stop sign at East 196th Street & St. Paul Avenue has been approved by DOT
- 801 Co-op City Boulevard project will have a public hearing by the Board sometime this year; will await for BSA Calendaring to schedule the hearing.
- The Board may have a public hearing in late 2019/early 2020 on the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Housing Project for the commercial space portion
- Correction to March minutes concerning the gateway property off of City Island Avenue will be reflected. Part of the property is private and the other portion belongs to NYC DOT.
- May 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. Villa Barone Manor, 45th Precinct Community Council Breakfast; May 18th Throggs Neck Ambulance Corps 40th Anniversary at International Caterers

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee did not meet in April 2019.

Nominations & Elections: Ms. Noble

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The following resolutions are being presented to the full Board for approval:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Nominations & Elections Committee that a hybrid style of voting at the full Board elections on June 20, 2019 be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

After a discussion among Board members, a motion was made to table this resolution to the next full Board meeting in order to amend the By-Laws on the voting style for elections. The By-Laws currently state that elections are done by roll call voting. The By-Law change will include paper ballot, hybrid, or roll call and will be presented as a resolution and voted on at the May 16, 2019 full Board meeting.

"**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Nominations & Elections Committee that the candidate questionnaires be given to the candidates by April 18 and submitted by June 6 , 2019.”

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

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Nominations & Elections Committee that each candidate for Chairperson be permitted to speak for three minutes at the May 16, 2019 full Board meeting, if he or she so chooses, regarding their candidacy and that candidates will not take questions from members or the public and this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Candidate questions for the position of Chairperson must be emailed to bx10@cb.nyc.gov by Board members no later than May 6, 2019. The resolution was amended for ten questions that will be chosen by the Nominations & Elections Committee who will ask the candidates the same questions.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and approved by a majority of members, with one abstention. **The Resolution passed.**

R. Bieder and I. Guanill have accepted their nominations for Chairperson.

All candidates for the position of 1st Vice Chair have been seconded.

Mr. Cantillo accepted his nomination for the position of 2nd Vice Chair.

Ms. Chambers accepted her nomination for the position of Secretary.

Both candidates for the position of Treasurer have been seconded.

Ms. Musano accepted her nomination; Ms. Velazquez has not yet accepted.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on April 9, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. 801 Co-op City Boulevard, 10475 was discussed; this is a project by Simone Development which will go before the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) once a hearing date is set. The Board will conduct a public hearing prior to the BSA hearing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were resolutions for renewal licenses and change in method of operation license and modification to the stipulations document.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following renewal liquor licenses below be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

- Archie’s Tap & Table, 536 City Island Ave, 10464, between Beach & Cross Sts, License #1282407, which expires on 04/30/2019.
- Bridges, 4100 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Miles & Lawton Aves, License #1188949, which expires on 07/31/2019.
- Italia Café, 3009 Middletown Rd, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #1285889, which expires on 05/31/2019.

- Fellas, 522 City Island Ave, 10464, between Cross & Beach Sts, License #1004040, which expires on 05/31/19.
- Casa Restaurant, 3607 E Tremont Ave, 10465. Between Sullivan Place & Scott Place, License #1285582, which expires on 05/31/19.”

Motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Ms. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Cantillo and approved by a majority of members with one opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following change in method of operation liquor licenses below be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

- Havana Room, 3604C E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Lafayette & Philip Aves, Licenses #1299246, which expires on 02/28/2021. **(Formerly Ohana East) (Change Class from Restaurant to Catering Facility and Change in Music, Patio, & Hours)**

Indoor Hours:

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
From:	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-11PM	11AM-12AM	11PM-12AM	11PM-12AM
	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
To:	11AM-2AM	11AM-2AM	11AM-2AM	11AM-2AM	11AM-2AM	11AM-4AM	11AM-4AM
	MOP: DJ, Live Music		Recorded Music-Already on License				

Outdoor Hours:

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM	11AM-12AM”

A clarification concerning outdoor music for this establishment was made by the representative in attendance. There will be no outdoor music at Havana Room.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Chambers and approved by a majority of Board members with one conflict of interest recusal. **The Resolution passed.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a modification be made to the Board’s Set of Stipulations for Liquor Selling Establishments by adding the following narrative at the end of section 7 (Outdoor Area) and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval: **MUSIC FOR OUTDOOR AREA MUST STOP BY 10 PM SUN-THURS AND 11 PM ON FRI & SAT.**”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Bishop Rosario which was followed by a motion to table the resolution back to the Economic Development Committee by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by P. Cantillo.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on March 25, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee will also meet on April 22, 2019.

The Beacon Program is to take place in Truman High School. A letter of support to the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development from Bronx CB #10 for Montefiore Mosholu is being requested as part of the RFP process.

A floor Resolution was presented:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Youth & Education Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of support for Mosholu Montefiore Community Center’s proposal to the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development to operate a Beacon Community Center at Harry S. Truman High School be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Ms. Woods was unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on April 10, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. The NYS Department of Transportation presented the proposed I-95 modifications. The following street activity permits were voted on:

Event ID 469100: SMART Local Union No. 28 Block Party, June 15, 2019, Setup 5:00 a.m., Event Start 6:30 a.m., Event End 12:30 p.m., Event Breakdown, 2:00 p.m. Location – Hutchinson River Parkway East between Zulette Avenue and East Tremont Avenue, sponsor Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 28.

Event ID 473102: Glebe Avenue Block Party, August 10, 2019, 12:30 PM to 9:00 PM, setup 12:00 PM, Location: Glebe Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Lyon Avenue, contact: Robert Bieder.

Event ID 474777: 9th Annual Griswold Avenue Block Party, July 27, 2019, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM, setup: 12:00 PM, breakdown: 9:00 PM, Location – Griswold Avenue between MacDonough Place and Dwight Place, contact: Alisa Leavy”

Event ID 447824: Throgs Neck Little League Summer Street Festival, Thursday, 5/23/19 thru Sunday, 5/26/19, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM, breakdown 11:00 PM, Throgs Neck Boulevard between Harding and Schurz Avenues, Throgs Neck Little League, Frank Eisele”

Motion to accept the **Resolution** for street activity permits was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and approved by a majority of Board members with one recusal for Event ID 473102. **The Resolution passed.**

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Ms. Krynicki for Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on April 11, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. Road runners discussed their program which operates citywide. Also mentioned was the need for weekend counselors for Pearly Gates Park.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on March 26, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. At this meeting a resolution was drafted to send a letter to the NYS Senate and Assembly with respect to creating legislation to enforce safe staffing ratios and the elimination of hallway beds. The Committee will meet on April 23, 2019. On that agenda is a discussion on 2800 Bruckner Boulevard.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Health & Human Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board send a support letter to the New York State Senate and Assembly requesting legislation to enforce safe staffing ratios and the elimination of hallway beds and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A Resolution to send the support letter was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Popovic and unanimously approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bieder stressed the importance of reading emails sent by the Board Office, especially the ones that are sent high priority with “IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ in the subject line.

Mr. Sullivan noted that if the Board sponsors an event, it should go through the Executive Board. Sponsoring an event does not involve money at the Board level because CB #10 does not have a bank account. An example is the event for May 18, 2019 at Bufano Park. The Board will publicize the event by email and distribute flyers and the Council Member will fund the hiring of an organization called SkateBoogie.net.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the February 2019 meeting did not have a discussion about board member attendance because it was presented to the Board and voted on the following month “As per our By-Laws”. He noted that tasks assigned by a Chairperson does not constitute a committee; in addition ad-hoc committees do not make determinations, only recommendations. Mr. Sullivan reiterated that By-Law amendments are presented one month and then discussed and voted upon the subsequent month.

Ms. Guanill stated that full transparency is needed for all Board members, and feels that the attendance issue was not properly discussed. Mr. Sullivan said it was presented in February, discussed and voted on at the March meeting.

The Borough President's Office of General Counsel will be reviewing this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to close the April 17, 2019 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando 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 April 17, 2019.


PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: April 25, 2019