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Joseph Russo  
Chairperson

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District Manager

### **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING**

**at 7:00 P.M.**

**Greek American Institute**

**3573 Bruckner Blvd.**

**Bronx, NY 10461**

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, C. Isales, D. Krynicki, J. Landi, S. McMillan M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, J. Robert, J. Russo, T. Smith, A. Torres (total # present = 27)

**ABSENT:** A. Beluso, M. Davila, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, J. Marano, J. McQuade, C. Papastefanou, N. Rosario, N. Sala, A. Salimbene, J. Thomas, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # absent =15)

#### **Community Liaisons:**

Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Ed Pryor - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj  
Mariel De La Cruz – Office of NYC Comptroller  
Maryanne Joyce – Office of State Senator Biaggi  
Destiny Cruz – Office of Congress Member Ocasio-Cortez  
Miriam Torrado – Office of State Senator Sepulveda

**Board #10 Staff:** Matt Cruz, District Manager

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

The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for coming.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. E. Fontanez: Concerns on Pelham Parkway South and Burr removal of three on-street spaces. Mr. Fontanez wants the spaces returned. On Burr Avenue no standing sign is not being respected. Police enforcement is needed.
2. E. Sementilli: Concerns about St. Theresa Feast. Discussed the Chairperson's policy on public speaking. Made mention of the Bus Redesign Plan about how Pelham Bay has an opportunity to suggest concerns and make comments to improve congestion in the area.
3. L. Rocco: Discussed Pearly Gates Park and its history. Pearly Gates Parks has improved and has held agencies accountable. Pearly Gates Park was opened late and wants the Park closed at dusk so that things do not turn for worse. Expressed concerns about a melee in Pelham Bay area with regard to St. Theresa Feast.
4. L. Vasquez NYPL: Spoke of events at Throggs Neck Library. Events can be found on website. Throggs Neck Library construction is finished.
5. J. Doyle: Discussed water quality of Eastchester Bay. Mount Vernon is being sued by the United States Government for dumping in Eastchester Bay. Asks that Community Board remain proactive on resiliency matters throughout all of waterfront communities. December 10 from 6 PM to 10PM at Grace Episcopal Church for a naloxone event.
6. L. Nye: There is a second 5K run on City Island. Proceeds are being donated to a family in need. It is on Thanksgiving morning at the start of the pavilion on Orchard Beach.
7. A. Torres: Shared event regarding Christmas gifts. Ms. Torres was able to obtain space at Throggs Neck Community Church to hold gifts. December 14 is a wrapping party to assist with wrapping gifts. It is at 2730 Bruckner Blvd. at noon. The email is [ourbronxcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:ourbronxcommunity@gmail.com).
8. M. Joyce – State Senator Biaggi: Announced new address to office. There will be an event at the City Island Library with regard to fighting the opioid crisis. It is November 25 from 6PM to 8PM. Budget form is planned for January for the entire Bronx State Senate Delegation.
9. E. Pryor: Announced that Council Member Gjonaj's office holds free legal services on December 11. On Tuesday, November 26 at 2401 White Plains Road there will be an Albanian Independence event. Every Wednesday the office provides senior assistance and social services.
10. L. Tulton: Assembly Member Benedetto: Thanked the public for attending the annual Halloween Parade. Announced that office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following day.
11. M. Torrado – State Senator Sepulveda: Announced office's information and how the office is willing to help residents of the Bronx and not just constituents. Also announced that Senator Sepulveda is Chair of Criminal Justice Committee.

12. M. De La Cruz – City Comptroller’s Office: Announced a report that was released on minority-owned businesses. There needs to be fairness in awarding city contracts. Mentioned various reports the Comptroller has commissioned.
13. M. Santiago – Bronx District Attorney: Mentioned mock trial competition on December 10. The informational meeting will take place on December 4.
14. D. Cruz – Congress Member AOC: Thanked the public for attending the Town Hall. Mentioned pieces of legislation Congress Member Ocasio-Ortiz is championing. The office has joined the Queens Quiet Skies Committee.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by J. Russo, seconded by L. Popovic, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the **Thursday, October 17, 2019** Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by J. Russo, seconded by T. Accomando, and unanimously approved by all.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

District Manager Cruz will e-mail BP’s report.

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

The District Manager discussed topics regarding Pelham Bay infrastructure. There are upcoming sewer and transportation studies that will affect the Wilkinson Avenue area. Mr. Cruz reminded Board Members of their obligations to complete sexual harassment training. Mr. Cruz reminded Board Members and the public of a December 11 Municipal Services Committee to resolve outstanding matters. Mr. Cruz announced the opening of HEAP where he and office staff will assist constituents on how to apply for the state benefit and apply it to their heating costs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 18, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Russo communicated to membership that complaints against the Board were closed by the Borough President’s office. Mr. Russo reminded members of the importance of parliamentary procedure. Ms. Chambers addressed the membership on conflict of interest training and discussed when it is important to recuse one’s self from voting on a matter that could be beneficial to board member.

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

The Committee met on November 12, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on November 4, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were resolutions for renewal, new liquor licenses and change in method of operation licenses.

**Renewals**

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments who are applying for a renewal license have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the original 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:”

\*Applebee’s, 2276 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Co-op City & Bay Plaza Blvds, License #1004241, which expires on 11/30/2019. (**Incidents w/intoxicated patrons & incidents w/assaults, fighting, disruptive behavior**)

\*Turtle Cove Golf Center, 1 City Island Road, 10464, between Shore Rd & Park Drive, License #1306222, which expires on 11/30/2019.

\*La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10462, between Glebe & Castle Hill Aves, License # 1227260, which expires on 12/31/19.

\*Shamrock Inn, 1729 Crosby Ave, 104612, between Westchester & Roberts Aves, License #1003945, which expires on 12/31/2019. (**1 Attempted Knife Assault**)

\*Havana Express, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #1305629, which expires on 11/30/2019.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by T. Accomando, seconded by J. Russo. **It passed** with M. Ali and J. Onwu as abstentions.

**New Licenses**

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

\*El Fagon Dominican Kitchen, 1368 Castle Hill Ave, 10462, between Lyon & Westchester Aves, License #NEW.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	7 AM-11 PM						
Music:	Recorded						

\*Hurley's Blvd, 2918 Buckner Blvd, 10465, between Edison & E Tremont Aves, License # NEW.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	11 PM-2 AM	11 PM-4 AM	11 PM-4 AM				
Music:	Recorded"						

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by T. Accomando, seconded by J. Russo. **It passed** with M. Ali and J. Onwu as abstentions.

**YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Bieder

The Committee will meet on October 28, 2019. Mr. Bieder reminded members and the public that the next meeting is Monday, November 25 at 7:30 P.M. though he will not be in attendance due to an event with State Senator Biaggi. Mr. Bieder announced that the October meeting was well attended and thanked District 8 Superintendent Tobia for attending and addressing the committee. This will help foster a better relationship with area schools.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Ms. Baez for Ms. Velazquez

The Committee met on November 13, 2019. Ms. Baez spoke of the Bus Redesign Plan. Many members submitted ideas and suggestions. Ms. Baez mentioned the upcoming projects that will be discussed in the January and February 2020 meetings.

Spring Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale, June 6, 2020 – June 7, 2020, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, including setup/breakdown: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, City Island Avenue from Bay Street to Schofield Street, partial sidewalk closure only, Paul Klein.

Fall Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale, September 12, 2020 – September 13, 2020, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, including setup and breakdown: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, City Island Avenue from Bay Street to Schofield Street, partial sidewalk closure only, Paul Klein.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by R. Bieder, seconded by J. Russo and **unanimously approved by all.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for No Parking Anytime signage from 12AM to 5AM on Schley Avenue from Brush Avenue to Hutchinson River Parkway be forwarded to the full Board for approval, with notification to the NYC Department of Transportation as well as the NYPD 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by R. Bieder, seconded by R. Barbarelli. **It passed** with one non-eligible to vote (D. Noble).

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a study to be conducted by the NYC Department of Transportation for a right turn signal on Brush Avenue into the parking lot of Home Depot be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by R. Bieder, seconded by R. Barbarelli. **It passed** with one non-eligible to vote (D. Noble).

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

The Committee met on November 14, 2019. The minutes are self-explanatory. City Council Member Gjonaj was the guest speaker. Mr. Gjonaj announced that evening that the package of legislation regarding Hart Island passed. Mr. Gjonaj voted no on all proposals. Hart Island is now under the control of the Parks Department.

“**Resolved.** . .at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Community Board #10 that a letter be drafted and sent to the New York City Department of Transportation to give Community Board #10 a formal role on its transportation study of Hart Island and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval on November 21, 2019.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by T. Franklin, seconded by R. Bieder and ***unanimously approved by all.***

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** District Manager Cruz for N. Rosario & D. Hunt

The Committee will meet on November 26, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

Motion to close the November 21, 2019 Community Board #10 meeting was made by R. Bieder, seconded by T. Chambers and unanimously approved by all at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Matthew Cruz  
District Manager

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This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the full Board meeting of November 22, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Chambers', written over a light blue rectangular background.

T. Chambers, *Secretary*

Dated: November 25, 2019

MEMBER	2a. ED Renewals	2b. ED New	3a. MS SAPO Multi-Day	3b. MS Signage Req.	3c. MS Signal Study	4. PR Hart Isl DOT Trans Study
	1st: T.A. 2nd J.Ru	1st: T.A. 2nd J.Ru	1st R. Baez 2nd J. Ru	1st R. Baez 2nd B. Bi	1st R. Baez 2nd B. Bi	1st T. F. 2nd B. Bu
Acampora, Hannah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accomando, Thomas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ali, Mohammed	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baez, Raquel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barbarelli, Robert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beluso, Angelique						
Bieder, Robert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cantillo, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caruso, Maria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chambers, Taisha	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chin, Col. William	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chirico, Andrew	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council, Lauren	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davila, Michele						
Del-Debbio, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Franklin, Terence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guanill, Irene						
Hunt, Deborah						
Isales, Cynthia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Johnson, Monique						
Krynicki, Dorothy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Landi, Jerry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marano, John						
McMillian, Susan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McQuade, James						
Morris, Martin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Musano, Mary Jane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Noble, Denise	✓	✓	✓	R - COIB	R - COIB	R - COIB
Onwu, Joseph	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Papastefanou, Christos						
Popovic, Louis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert, John	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rosario, Bishop Nancy						
Russo, Joseph	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sala, Nick						
Salimbene, Anthony						
Smith, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sullivan, Peter						

R recuse
✓ in favor
X against
A abstain

Thomas, Janine

Torres, Angela

Velazquez, Marjorie

Woods, Stephanie

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