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Joseph Russo  
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz  
District Manager

### MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

January 16, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Jeanne Jugan Residence

2999 Schurz Avenue

Bronx, NY 10465

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

**NOTE:** *M. Davila arrived at 8:15 and was not present to vote on resolutions; however, this did not affect quorum.*

**ABSENT:** M. Ali, R. Barbarelli, A. Beluso, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, I. Guanill, M. Johnson, J. Marano, J. McQuade, M.J. Musano, N. Sala, J. Thomas, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # absent =14)

**Community Liaisons:** Darcel Clark – Bronx District Attorney  
Scott Stringer – NYC Comptroller  
Brian Polanco – Office of Public Advocate Williams  
Ishrael Gonzalez – Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Farrah Rubin - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj  
Maribel Martinez – Office of City Council Member King  
Ashley Meza – Office of State Senator Bailey  
Miguel Fernandez – Office of State Senator Biaggi  
Naureen Akhter – 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 followed by a moment of silence in memory of Anthony Ribustello, a former Board member who recently passed. Mr. Russo noted that Peter Sullivan resigned from the Board effective today and recognized his efforts as a member and chairperson.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. R. Press: wanted updates on foil requests.

2. E. Sementilli, PBCIS: discussed St. Theresa Feast and the negative effect on the community as well as questioning the NYPD support of the event. He asked the Board to vote down the permit application.
3. L. Velazquez, Branch Manager, Throgs Neck Library: English conversation classes, Monday 10-12; tutoring 1/21 3-6 pm; census representatives will be at library; hiring for tutoring program; go to <https://nypl.org/events> for additional information or contact Ms. Velazquez at [leidavelazquez@nypl.org](mailto:leidavelazquez@nypl.org)
4. Jeremiah Cedeno, Mayors Office, Campaign for Census 2020: wants to spread the message throughout the City to residents to be properly counted and encouraged the community to volunteer. Contact Mr. Cedeno at [jcedeno@census.nyc.gov](mailto:jcedeno@census.nyc.gov)
5. Laura Nye, resident of City Island raised concerns about the number of storefront vacancies on the island, requested the economic committee to look into it.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was made by Mr. Salimbene, seconded by Ms. Baez, and unanimously approved by all.

A motion to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2019 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Salimbene, seconded by Mr. Chirico, and unanimously approved by all.

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

District Manager discussed the following items:

- 500 Baychester Avenue; wind turbine collapsed, no injuries, damage to nearby vehicle; the two monopoles will be removed and the NYC Department of Buildings has revoked all permits
- Transit District 12 which covers the IRT #6 train will receive more police on the system both on the trains and platforms with undercover officers and uniformed officers
- On or about Feb. 14 in the Board office, CB #10 will partner with DSNY to distribute re-usable grocery bags
- The public hearing concerning the entrance to the Throggs Neck Bridge has been postponed pending comments from local civic associations
- Foil policy – the Board will be charging \$.25 per document copy for all future requests, if taken off site. Viewing may be done after hours with the individual who initiated the FOIL request.
- Liquor licenses that applied for renewal in 2018 are reapplying this year; renewals are every two years.
- Board Member A. Torres is collecting pencils for the School District 8 Give the Kid a Pencil Campaign. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Board Office.
- On January 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m-9:00 p.m. at Metropolitan Community College, 463 E. 149<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 10455 the NYC Department of City Planning is holding a workshop on zoning, ULURP and environmental review for board members. Registration at <https://bronxcommunityboardtraining2020.eventbrite.com>

Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark discussed the new criminal justice reform laws. She will be visiting communities to inform them of the laws and the compliance issues the criminal justice agencies are now facing. She urged the community to reach out to the state elected officials with concerns. In a nutshell, bail reform removes bail for misdemeanors and non-violent felony cases; discovery now necessitates evidence and witness information to be provided within fifteen days and speedy trials are now connected to discovery. She noted that the discovery is a daunting task for her staff and is working diligently to adhere to the fifteen days. Going forward, she expects that there will be discussions to tweak the reform laws with elected officials. On January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., 851 Grand Concourse, there will be a Town Hall on these reforms.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Mr. Russo reminded the committee chairpersons that March is the month in which chairperson elections must take place. He noted that all work done by the Board originates at the committee level.

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

The Committee met on January 6, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Popovic asked for a correction to the meeting minutes to amend the date to January 6, 2020.

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

The Committee met on January 7, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. There was a resolution for renewal liquor 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:”

\*Xin Hi Chinese Buffet, 2051-53 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Asch Loop & Co-op City Blvd, License #1290916, which expires on 01/31/2020.

\*JP’s Inn, 703 Minnieford Ave 10464, between Bridge & Terrace Streets, License #1004046, which expires on 01/31/2020.

\*Seafood City, 459 City Island Ave, 10464, between Browne & Ditmars Aves, License #1004051, which expires on 1/31/2020.

\*Seafood City, 459 City Island Ave, 10464, between Browne & Ditmars Aves, License #1154815, which expires on 1/31/2020.

\*Legendary Bar & Grill, 3513 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Barkley Ave & Sommer Pl, License #1294456, which expires on 11/30/2019.

\*Johnny's Reef Restaurant, 2 City Island Ave, 10464, between Belden St & the Sound, License #1004047, which expires on 02/28/2020.

\*Louie & Ernie's Pizza, 1300 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Waterbury & Paine Streets, License #1307548, which expires on 01/31/2020.

\*Estrellita Poblana 1, 2227-2231 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Glebe & Westchester Aves., License #1259128, which expires on 12/31/2019.

\*Tony's Pier Restaurant, 1 City Island Ave, 10464, between Belden St & The Sound, License #1004057, which expires on 02/28/2020.

\*Alfie's Place, 3037 E 177<sup>th</sup> St, 10465, between E Tremont & Dewey Aves, License #1261501, which expires on 05/20/2020.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and approved as follows: the vote was unanimous in favor. **The Resolution for renewal licenses passed.**

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

The Committee will meet on January 27, 2020. At this meeting, the committee will review the applications received from high school seniors that live within CB #10 who have applied for the Yankee Community Award.

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

A motion to separate the two street activity requests was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo which was unanimous.

Annual Feast of St. Theresa was discussed among Board members. Mr. Cruz noted that the applicant has filed for the necessary permits pertaining to insurance and gambling. Board members felt that in previous years, disruptive individuals have caused havoc in the surrounding area as well as causing property damage. Many noted the issues are lack of police presence, violence and negative effect on residents who live within the street closures. It was also noted that no representative from the Church attended the Board meeting. Mr. Cruz said that the Board's vote is only advisory and the event may still be approved by the NYC Street Activity Permit Office.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following multi-day street activity permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

**Event ID 524655:** Annual Feast of St. Theresa, 6/24/20-6/28/20 on St. Theresa Avenue, Hours of Operation: 5 pm-10 pm; 3:00 pm setup on 6/24/20, 11:00 pm breakdown on 6/28/20, Street Closures: St. Theresa Avenue b/t Westchester Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway AND Pilgrim Avenue b/t Wilkinson and Buhre Avenues; Sponsor: Fr. Thomas Derivan

A motion to accept the Resolution for event ID 524655 was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Chirico with the following result: (2) in favor, (14) against, (10) abstentions. **The Resolution did not pass.**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following multi-day street activity permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

**Event ID 520709:** Throggs Neck Little League Spring Festival, 5/14/20-5/17/20 on Throggs Neck Boulevard b/t Harding and Schurz Avenues, Hours of Operation 5 pm – 10 pm, setup 5/14/20 3:00 pm, breakdown 5/17/20 10:30 pm, Sponsor Frank Eisele, Throggs Neck Little League.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Chambers and approved as follows: the vote was unanimous in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

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

The Committee met on January 9, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. Going forward this Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Bishop Rosario

The Committee will meet on January 30, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Effective January 2020, all announcements from representatives of the offices of elected officials and city agencies will be read as part of new business.

Brian Polanco, Bronx Borough Advocate of Public Advocate’s Office: newly established unit; 212-669-7250 [gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov](mailto:gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov); check social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Mr. Polanco discussed projects such as more frequent inspections of catch basins and parking placard abuse.

Ishrael Gonzalez, Office of Bronx Borough Diaz, Jr.: Mr. Gonzalez reminded the Board members that they must complete sexual harassment training. New board applications are available in each community board office as well as on the Borough President’s website. Board member term limits are now in effect. Report on homeownership preservation and development is available at the Borough President’s website. <http://bronxboropres.nyc.gov/>

Naureen Ahkter, Office of Congress Person Ocasio-Cortez: urged the community to contact the office, located at 1973 Westchester Avenue for assistance with any federal issue. Ms. Ahkter added that the selection process for the military service academy has been completed and encourages all resident to complete the Census.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer addressed the audience. He discussed the unspent FEMA monies being held by New York City and concerns for the over 500 ft of shoreline within the NYC. His office prepared a report on the Amazon effect. There is a paid summer internship program for college students; contact <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program>

Ashley Meza, Office of Senator J. Bailey; The Senator is working alongside CB 10 and Assemblyman Benedetto in creating a bill to prevent wind turbines and monopoles within 1500 feet of any building. Contact the Senator's Office for constituent services.

Mirian Torrado, Office of Senator L. Sepulveda: Sentor is drafting legislation for affordable housing and voting reform.

Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman M. Benedetto: Mr. Tulton mentioned the bail reform laws which took effect recently; 16 and 17 year olds can now pre-register to vote at age 18; good Samaritan law to protect those that assist in the administering of medication for opioids; new laws – bail reform, 16-17 can preregister to vote; opioid epidemic – medication for treatment good Samaritan law for those that assist in administering medication for opioid; municipal buyback program through NYS Police

Maribel Martinez, Office of Council Member Andy King: Ms. Martinez introduced herself as a new staff member. She said the Council Membe is very concerned with the collapse of the windturbine at Baychester Avenue. There will be a town meeting on January 29, 2020 at the Bartow Mall with the local elected and NY City agencies concerning the issue.

Board member Mr. Bieder asked Ms. Martinez about funding for the Beacon Program for Truman High School and asked to speak with a representative.

Farrah Rubin, Office of Council Mark Gjonaj: Ms. Rubin announced that the Bronx bus redesign – no changes to the express bus service; tax preparation 2x a week, rsvp; metro card movile van; job fair 1/30 at Bronx house

Miguel Rondon, Office of Senator A. Biaggi: The Senator's office has alternate side parking available; the Office is also at Bronx House every Wednesday 10-3; and at Community Board #10 every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11-4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bronx delegation on budget priorities to be held at Lehman College on January 30, 2020. Call 718-822-2049 for details.

Motion to close the January 16, 2020 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all.

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 January 16, 2020.

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

T. Chambers, Secretary  
Dated: January 27, 2020

Bronx Community Board #10 – January 16, 2020

MEMBER NAME	#2. ED Renewals		#3. MS SAPO	#3. MS SAPO
	1st_B. Bieder	2nd_J. Russo	Event ID 524655	Event ID 520709
			1st_T. Accomando	1st_T. Chamber
			2nd_A. Chirico	2nd_A. Chirico
Acampora, Hannah	√		√	√
Accomando, Thomas	√		√	√
Ali, Mohammed				
Baez, Raquel	√		X	√
Barbarelli, Robert				
Beluso, Angelique				
Bieder, Robert	√		A	√
Cantillo, Peter				
Caruso, Maria				
Chambers, Taisha	√		A	√
Chin, Col. William	√		X	√
Chirico, Andrew	√		A	√
Council, Lauren	√		X	√
Davila, Michele				
Del-Debbio, Peter	√		X	√
Franklin, Terence	√		A	√
Guanill, Irene				
Hunt, Deborah	√		X	√
Isales, Cynthia	√		A	√
Johnson, Monique				
Krynicky, Dorothy	√		X	√
Landi, Jerry	√		X	√
Marano, John				
McMillan, Susan	√		X	√
McQuade, James				
Morris, Martin	√		A	√
Musano, Mary Jane				
Noble, Denise	√		X	√
Onwu, Joseph	√		A	√
Papastefanou, Christos	√		X	√
Popovic, Louis	√		X	√
Robert, John	√		X	√
Rosario, Bishop Nancy	√		A	√
Russo, Joseph	√		X	√
Sala, Nick				
Salimbene, Anthony	√		X	√
Smith, Tom	√		A	√
Thomas, Janine				
Torres, Angela	√		A	√
Velazquez, Marjorie				
Woods, Stephanie				

26 in favor

2 in favor; 14 against,  
10 abstain

26 in favor