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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

December 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

UFT Building
2500 Halsey Street
Bronx, NY 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, T. Franklin, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, D. Krynicki, J. Kuhl, J. Marano, M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, J. Ortiz, C. Papastefanou, A. Ponder, L. Popovic, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, A. Salimbene, T. Smith, J. Thomas-Smith, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez, (total # present = 34)

ABSENT: T. Accomando, L. Council, M. Johnson, B. Martinez, J. McQuade, S. Woods (total # absent = 6)

Community Liaisons:

Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Darden Gjonbalaj - Office of City Council Member Mark Gjonaj
Mirian Torrado – Office of Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda

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.

The November 15, 2018 full Board meeting was postponed due to the snow storm and rescheduled for this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 – Victor Ortiz, Neighborhood Housing Services (North): Mr. Ortiz informed the community about programs for veterans, tenant services, 1st time home buyers. Call NHS at 718-881-1180 for additional information.

- 2 – Egidio Sementilli: Mr. Sementilli attended several committee meetings and addressed overdevelopment issues in Pelham Bay; voiced his objection to the creation of a housing list that might be made available for supportive housing and other social service needs; expressed a concern that staff should not advocate for or recommend the approval of liquor licenses and lastly, added that employees should not serve on non-profit boards and get paid by the City.

On the last issue, Mr. Sullivan told the Board and Mr. Sementilli that the individual was permitted by the previous district manager to accrue time when attending these meetings and was not aware of impropriety.

- 3 – Louis Rocco: Mr. Rocco is strongly opposed to the Covenant House supportive housing for youth to be located on 1550 St. Peter's Avenue/2501 Glebe Avenue. He noted that the community is oversaturated with treatment centers and cannot handle a facility with 40 beds. He is also concerned with an increase in crime and would prefer to see a program for seniors. He urged the Board to vote against this housing.

Mr. Sullivan advised the community and the Board that the District Manager found out about this housing only 2 ½ weeks ago and attended a meeting at Council Member Gjonaj's office along with stakeholders in the Westchester Square community. He added that the Board never receives adequate notification whenever a shelter and/or supportive or transitional housing is planned. In turn, the Board always notifies the community as soon as possible. Board members made suggestions as to sending a letter to the elected officials voicing the Board's concerns.

- 4 – Darden Gjonbalaj, Office of Council Member Gjonaj: Council Member Gjonaj is working on legislation for the Council concerning timely notification to all electeds and the community. A Breakfast with Santa event is being developed, more information to follow. He advised the community to call 718-931-1721 to register for snow shoveling services for seniors and disabled and to sign-up for the Council Member's newsletter. In addition, signs for picking up after your dog and illegal parking stickers are still available. In January, NYC Council discretionary funding will reopen and the community associations will be invited to apply for funding.
- 5 – Leon Tulton, Office of Assemblyman Benedetto: Mr. Tulton noted that there are no announcements and wished the community a happy holiday season on behalf of the Assemblyman .
- 6 – Mirian Torrado, Office of Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda: Ms. Torrado introduced herself to the community and added that she will be attending future CB #10 meetings. On behalf of the Assemblyman she wished the community a happy holiday season. Ms. Torrado can be reached at 718-991-3161.
- 7 – Luz Marin, Westchester Square Library introduced herself to the community. The Library is having the following events and those interested should contact the Library: English classes, literacy classes; 12/10-12 NYC ID van parked in front of the library; arts and crafts, computer classes and story time.

- 8 – Maria Matos, U.S. Census: Ms. Matos advised the community that there will be a new census in April of 2020; on-line responses will be available as opposed to completing a paper questionnaire, but paper questionnaires will still be accepted. Full-time and part-time positions will be available at census.gov, click on the link for field jobs. Salaries will range from \$25-45 per hour plus benefits for full-time. Maria.e.matos@2020census.gov

District Manager Cruz advised the Board and community that several members have resigned: Martin Prince, Kevin Lynch, Brendan McCarrick, and Naita Semaj-Williams. In addition, he noted the passing of Board member Joe Boiko.

Dr. Ponder talked about one board member, Martin Prince, and noted his many years on the Board, his terms as Chairperson and Vice Chair positions and Planning & Budget Committee.

Mr. Bieder memorialized Mr. Boiko.

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2018 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and was unanimously approved by all.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT: November report provided to Board Membership via e-mail.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr.Cruz

- New Committee assignments:
 - Parks & Recreation: Terence Franklin, Chair; Dorothy Krynicki, Co-Chair; Municipal Services: Co-Chair – Raquel Baez; Ad Hoc Co-op City Committee: Stefanie Woods, Co-Chair.
- Mr. Cruz attended a meeting at Council Member Mark Gjonaj’s Office on Covenant House. Funding includes federal and city monies. It will be transitional housing for youth ages 16-24, with approximately 40 beds and is an as-of-right project. More information to be provided as it is received. The Board will hold a community meeting on this in the very near future.
- Demolition filing of existing structure at 3531 Bruckner Boulevard, which a 2-family home adjacent to two apartment buildings. Pelham Bay community was notified.
- The proposed hotel in Co-op City is no longer going forward.
- The NYC Charter revisions go into effect April 2019.
- McDonalds, 3660 East Tremont is scheduled to close soon for renovation.
- Acri Café is not turning in its license; staff has been relieved; new manager hired; currently closed.
- DOT has approved fifty additional street lights to be installed along East Tremont Avenue from Bruckner Boulevard to Miles Avenue.
- Board member sexual harassment training due by December 15; reappointments may be affected if training has not been completed.
- There will be a NYC ID mobile van in front of the NYPL in Westchester Square on Glebe Avenue on December 10 – 12.

- CB 11, 1740 Colden Avenue, 10461, is having a meeting on Monday December 10 at 7:30 p.m. concerning the rezoning on Blondell Avenue called Blondell Commons. The project will be six buildings, over 200 middle income units. This project will severely impact CB 10, much more so that CB 11 and it is strongly urged that community and Board members from CB10 be in attendance.
- Mr. Cruz will contact the owner of the project to see if he will appear before CB 10 at the Housing and Zoning Committee meeting in January or February 2019.
- Riverbay is having its 50th anniversary gala on Monday evening, December 10, which is open to the community. Contact the Board office for details and pricing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee met on November 20, 2018. Mr. Sullivan went over the minutes which are self-explanatory. The document group project will include future ramifications due to the City Charter revisions; it will also affect the nomination /election procedures. Reporting on accrued times for staff members will be done by the Treasurer twice each year.

Two floor resolutions were presented:

“Resolved... at the request of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that the District Manager’s salary be increased by twelve percent from \$70,000 to \$78,400 for the current year and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Please note that this twelve percent increase (\$8,400) will be a cap for the current fiscal year.

Dr. Ponder raised a concern about existing funding to cover the raise. Mr. Sullivan informed Dr. Ponder and the Board that this was presented to the Planning and Budget Committee by CB #10’s Treasurer. A Board member said that Dr. Ponder never attended any Planning and Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Sullivan wants transparency with salaries and disbursement of surplus funds. These matters will be brought forward to the Full Board as per the By-Laws, even though it is not mandated by the City Charter. Mr. Sullivan said that the salary of Bronx Community Board #10’s District Manager is the lowest of any Bronx DM; newer DMs were hired at salaries exceeding \$70,000.

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

“Resolved... at the recommendation of five members of the Executive Board after the resignation of the Planning and Budget Committee chairperson, that the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 be dissolved and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

This was first proposed at the June 21, 2018 Full Board meeting.

A discussion among Board members took place. Dr. Ponder is against the Resolution. Mr. Ponder outlined his objections point-by-point and urged Board members to vote against the dissolution of the Planning and Budget Committee. Dr. Ponder read from the By-Laws to prove his point. Another

Board member also read from the By-Laws to prove that the Planning and Budget Committee is not responsible for salaries and accruals. Those responsibilities belong to the Treasurer.

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Ms. Guanill and approved by thirty-three (33) members with one (1) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on November 8, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory. A walk-through of the Pelham Bay properties will be done by Council Member Mark Gjonaj and District Manager Cruz. Mr. Popovic said that a property located at 414 City Island Avenue may be a nonconforming use of operating a restaurant in a residential unit; if the restaurant has been in hiatus for 2+ years, it cannot act as such. District Manager Cruz will follow-up on this matter and report to the Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mrs. Acampora for Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on November 13, 2018. 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, 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.

- Vivienne’s, 3044 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Hobart & Mahan Aves, License # 1109127, which expires on 11/30/2018.
- Dallas BBQ, 2160 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Co-op City Blvd & Bay Plaza Blvd, License#1267619, which expires on 11/30/18.
3rd Degree Assault, Criminal Contempt, Harassment
- Tequila & Mezcal, 2434 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Seddon & Lyvere Streets, License #1298019, which expires on 11/30/2018.
- Fonda Mexico Magico, 1761 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Buhre & Roberts Avenues, License #1298330, which expires on 11/30/2018.
- Black Whale, 279 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Streets, License #1282255, which expires on 11/30/2018.
- Arties Steak & Seafood, 394 City island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars & Reville Streets, License #1004063, which expires on 12/31/2018.

- Crosstown Diner, 2880 Bruckner Blvd., 10465, between East Tremont Avenue and Revere Avenue, License #100040876, which expires on 12/31/18.

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution for Renewal Licenses passed.**

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.”

- Triple Double Cigars, 3102 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Waterbury Ave & Latting St, License #NEW.

Bar Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 12PM-2 AM
 MOP Recorded Music

- Chipotle Mexican Grill, 2100-2120 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza & Co-op City Blvds, License #NEW.

Bar Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM 10AM-11PM
 MOP Recorded Music

- Sapitos, 3168 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Waterbury Ave & Latting St, License #NEW

Bar Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 11AM-4AM 11AM-2AM 11AM-2AM 11AM-4AM 11AM-4AM 11AM-4AM 11AM-4AM
 MOP: Juke Box, Disc Jockey, Recorded Music, Karaoke, Live Music/2 piece non-amplified acoustic, Security Personnel

- Orrico’s, 3019 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Crosby & Hobart Aves, License #NEW. Formerly Lucca’s Restaurant

Hours: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM 11AM-10PM
 MOP Recorded Music, Occasional Live Music

A motion to accept the Resolution for new licenses was made by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Chirico and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution for Renewal Licenses passed.**

Change in Method of Operation:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments who are applying for a change in method of operation, 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:”

- Bayview Diner, 134 Pennyfield Ave, 10465, between Mitchell & Tierney Pls, License #1305868, which expires on October 31, 2019 (**Class Change to Full Liquor**)
- H K Kitchen, 3599 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Scott & Sullivan Pls, License # 312715, which is a new license still pending. (**Adding D J to Recorded & Live Music**)

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Chambers and approved by thirty-three members with one abstention. **The Resolution for a Change in Method of Operation Licenses passed.**

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee did not meet in October but did meet on November 26, 2018. Minutes are self-explanatory. The Committee met with Mr. Ricky Green of East Side Settlement House. East Side Settlement House operates an internship program at Lehman High School and is looking to reach out to businesses in the community.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 7, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory.

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

ID 448156: City Island Spring Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale on City Island Avenue, from Schofield to Bay Streets, Saturday, 6/1/19 – Sunday 6/2/19, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., including setup and breakdown, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., City Island Chamber of Commerce, Paul Klein

ID 448155: City Island Fall Arts Crafts Fair, Sidewalk Sale on City Island Avenue, from Schofield to Bay Streets, Saturday, 9/14/19 - Sunday, 9/15/19, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., including setup and breakdown, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., City Island Chamber of Commerce, Paul Klein”

A motion to accept the street activity applications was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. Chirico and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on October 23, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory. A floor resolution resulted from the meeting:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the plans for the renovation of the Orchard Beach Nature Center be approved by the full Board with notification to the Bronx Borough Commissioner and a letter to the Mayor and City Council Member to include a request for Environmental Education staff to be assigned to the Center.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Bieder and approved by a majority of members with one recusal due to COI. **The Resolution passed.**

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on October 25, 2018. The minutes are self-explanatory. A floor resolution resulted from this meeting which is being tabled pending additional information from the office of Council Member Richie Torres concerning language. He will write the resolution for the Committee and Board.

The Committee met on November 29, 2018. A presentation was made by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Bureau of Maternal, Infant, Reproductive Health and Center for Health Equity concerning Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM).

VETERANS SERVICES: Mr. Salimbene

Mr. Salimbene said the Committee would like to visit other boards. He thanked Brewski’s Bar and Restaurant for its veteran’s event/ladies auxiliary fundraiser which raised 5k.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Ponder outlined the items being funded by Council Member King.
Mr. Kuhl suggested getting a newsletter for the Board using MailChip. He will work with the DM.
Mr. Bieder suggested rotating the order of committee reports at Board meetings.

Motion to close the November 15, 2018 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario 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 **December 3, 2018**.



PETER CANTILLO
Secretary, Bronx Community Board #10

Dated: **December 14, 2018**