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**Public Hearing – N210095 ZRY
Citywide Zoning Text Amendment for Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency
and
Bronx Community Board #10**

November 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, M. Bufano, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, I. Guanill, G. Havranek, D. Hunt, C. Isales, D. Krynicki, J. Landi, M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, E. Olton, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, M. Sajous, N. Sala, T. Smith, J. Thomas, A. Torres, B. Vasquez, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # present = 37)

ABSENT: T. Chambers, L. Council, M. Johnson, J. Marano, S. McMillan, J. McQuade, J. Onwu, A. Salimbene, J.P. Santiago, (total # absent = 9)

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

1st Vice Chair Noble opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance, following by the public hearing.

Public Hearing – N210095 ZRY, Citywide Zoning Text Amendment for Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency – Presentation by the NYC Department of City Planning, Christine Camilleri.

Ms. Camilleri went over the amendment text which has been in place as temporary measures when the City of New York introduced the emergency rules in 2013 after Hurricane Sandy. The purpose was to have an updated presentation with the purpose of making the amendment permanent City-wide.

Ms. Camilleri went over the CD10 Flood Risk map and discussed the current risks and projected risks. The goals of the amendment will affect all types of buildings, commercial and residential, in the high-risk flood zones.

There was a brief discussion with Board members followed by public comment. A concern was raised that barrier walls installed on Long Island may make the City more vulnerable for flooding; inquiries about funding; HPD home fix program and a buyback program.

Resolution:

“Resolved... at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that N210095 ZRY a Citywide Zoning Text Amendment for Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency be approved, with notification the New York City Department of City Planning and the Office of the Borough President.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder with the following vote: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr., Landi with all in favor.

There were no public speaker requests for the full Board meeting. Ms. Noble proceeded with Resolutions.

Resolution – October 15, 2020 Minutes

Resolution to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder seconded by Mr. Accomando with a unanimous vote. **The Resolution passed.**

Resolution – Renewal Liquor Licenses

Resolved... at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for a renewal license 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.

- Dallas BBQ, 2160 Bartow Ave, 10475, between Bay Plaza & Co-op City Blvds, License # 1267619, which expires on 11/30/2020.
- Black Whale, 279 City Island Ave, 10464, between Hawkins & Carroll Sts, License #1282255, which expires on 11/30/2020.
- Tequila & Mezcal, 2432 E Tremont Ave, 10461, between Lyvere & Seddon Sts, License #1298019, which expires on 11/30/2020.
- Taqueria Guerrero, 1761 Crosby Ave, 10461, between Roberts & Westchester Aves, License #1298330, which expires on 11/30/2020.
- Artie’s Steak House, 394 City Island Ave, 10464, between Ditmars St & Reville Sts, License # 1004063, which expires on 12/31/2020.
- Vivienne’s, 3044 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Mahan & Westchester Ave, License #1109127, which expires on 11/30/2020.

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Ms. Noble, seconded by Mr. Cantillo with a unanimous vote. **The Resolution for renewal licenses passed.**

Resolution – New Liquor Licenses

Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments applying for a new license 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.

- Mi Casita Pizzeria, 3439 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Otis Ave & Bruckner Blvd, License # NEW. **(Formerly Slice & Co)**

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM	10AM-2AM
MOP:	Recorded Music, Live Music, D J, Karaoke						

- Bayahibe Fusion Corp, 3791 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Schley Aves, License #NEW

Indoor	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Hours:	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM	8AM-8:30PM
MOP:	Recorded Music”						

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Ms. Noble, with a unanimous vote. **The Resolution for new licenses passed.**

Floor Resolution – Economic Development - Karibbean Krave – 50 ft. rule

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter of no objection be issued to the State Liquor Authority application waiving the 500-foot rule for the application of Karibbean Krave LLC at 65 Westchester Square, Bronx NY 10461.”

The Westchester Square BID has no objection. The business was formerly SPRINT Mobile. The three businesses with liquor licenses within 500 feet are *Plush 101, Estrellita Poblana and La Casa de Sabor.*

Motion to accept resolution made by Mr. Landi, seconded by Bishop Rosario with a unanimous vote. **The floor Resolution passed.**

Floor Resolution – Economic Development – Elected Officials/SLA

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee that the Board draft a letter to our to state elected officials and the State Liquor Authority asking that it 1) provide closings and limited reopening as a result of the pandemic, 2) that the fee structure be adjusted in light of

possible forced closures, and 3) that the establishments be given a grace period to recoup losses once the restrictions have been lifted, and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

Motion to accept resolution made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Smith with a unanimous vote. **The Floor Resolution passed.**

Senator Luis Sepulveda offered to speak with the Board on Friday, November 20, 2020 about the Resolution and letter.

Resolution - Parks and Recreation – Letter of Support

“**Resolved.** . . . at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee that a letter be drafted to Borough Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa of the Bronx Parks Department in support of the seawall repair project at the Pelham Bay Landfill and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for a letter of support was made by Mr. Landi, seconded by Mr. Bieder with a unanimous vote. **The Resolution passed.**

REPORTS

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

- DM Cruz thanked Board members Marjorie Velasquez and Milagros Bufano with the turkey food distribution.
- COVID19 is increasing in parts of Westchester Square, Castle Hill and Zerega Avenue and are very close to being business being shut down if raised to an orange zone.
- Meetings will resume virtually in January 2021.
- Starting in 2021 EMS will respond to 911 calls for mentally ill.
- Schools have been closed by the Mayor with no timetable for reopening.
Note: public schools will reopen as of Monday, Dec. 7; no timetable for middle or public schools.
- Grab and go meals in schools are still available, Monday - Friday from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Contact DM Cruz if you know of a family that needs meals.

Board members discussed demographics, HIPPA guidelines and how to obtain more information on demographics. <https://covidhotspotlookup.health.ny.gov/#/home>

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on November 16, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. Mr. Russo reiterated the need for committees to be proactive. He recognized Ms. Caruso for her work on the Housing and Zoning Committee.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on November 9, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. The NYC Department of Buildings has identified a condition concerning 155 Pilot Street in that cranes are not permitted. The applicant has appealed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on November 4, 2020. The minutes are self-explanatory. There were applications for renewal and new licenses which were favorably voted on in Committee. In addition there were two floor motions, one for a 50 ft. rule and the other for a letter to be sent to the SLA on relaxing the fee required for liquor serving establishment renewals which did not go through Committee and were presented to the full Board. These resolutions are reflected above under Resolutions.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on October 26, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. Checks were finally received and distributed to the high school students for the Yankee Youth Leadership Program. It is hoped that new grant applications be received shortly. Mr. Bieder noted that as a result of the Tech Equity Day of Action, shelters are to receive technology.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Velazquez

The Committee met on November 10, 2020. Ms. Velasquez went over the minutes, which are self-explanatory.

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on November 12, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. A resolution for the Pelham Bay Landfill letter of support was discussed and passed in committee and is reflected in the Resolutions section above.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee met on October 29, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Mr. Sala

Nominations have been closed. The current roster of Executive Board members were all re-nominated, seconded, and accepted. In addition, Mr. Andrew Chirico was nominated, seconded and accepted for the position of 1st Vice Chair. Voting for the Executive Board will take place at the January 21, 2021 meeting.

Chair: Joseph Russo

1st Vice Chair: Denise Noble (incumbent), Andrew Chirico

2nd Vice Chair: Peter Cantillo
Secretary: Taisha Chambers
Treasurer: Mary Jane Musano

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

NYS Sen. Luis Sepulveda: offered his assistance to the Board for any matter; 718-991-3161 for assistance, email sepulveda@nysenate.gov

Farrah Rubin, Office of Council Member Mark Gjonaj: Call the office at 718-931-1721 for assistance.

Marcus Bedinger, Office of U.S. Congressperson Ocasio-Cortez: Call the office for assistance 718-662-6970.

All three representatives listed the numerous endeavors undertaken by the elected officials, most notably food distribution throughout their Districts and wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

NYC Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Chair of NYC Land Use Committee: he discussed outdoor dining, introduced a bill for outdoor heating for medical facility establishments testing for COVID19.

His office is distributing food throughout his district and wants to partner with a pet food giveaway with Bronx Community Board #10 wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

NYC Council Member Mark Gjonaj: listed joint efforts with CM Salamanca; went over the small business issues and the effects due to COVID19; continuing food outreach each week. Offered to assist securing devices for school children that need one; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Miguel Rondon, Bronx Borough Director Mayor's Office: stay home if sick, wear a mask, keep hands clean and get tested. Discussed self-test kits for COVID-19; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Angela Connelly, Office of NYS Senator Biaggi: turkey and produce distribution at CB10 office on 11/18/20; free covid mobile testing site Saturday/Sunday Nov. 21/22 at 3718 east Tremont Avenue; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Leon Tulton, Office of NYS Assemblyman Michael Benedetto: Sunday, December 6, 5 p.m. tree lighting ceremony at DeRosa O'Boyle Triangle in Throggs Neck; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mirian Torrado, Office of Senator Sepulveda: office is working on food distributions to NYCHA and seniors; mask distributions in their district. The office has been very busy with food distributions throughout his district; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving. 718-991-3161

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Del-Debbio commended the FDNY for their heroic efforts in handling the recent fire on Harding Avenue. Bronx Solid Waste Review Program by Office of the Borough President – Mr. Del-Debbio will be the Bronx CB #10 representative.

DM Cruz – the Board collected clothing for the victims of the fire.

The Board collected pots, pans etc. for St. Peters Church on Westchester Avenue.

Board member Velazquez asked that cat food be included in the food drive for animals.

Motion to close the November 19, 2020 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 November 19, 2020.



District Manager

Dated: December 9, 2020

