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**PUBLIC HEARING
and
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING
September 26, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

UFT Building
2500 Halsey Street
Bronx, NY 10461

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, A. Beluso, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, I. Guanill, C. Isales, J. Landi, D. Krynicki, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, L. Popovic, J. Robert, N. Rosario, J. Russo, N. Sala, T. Salimbene, T. Smith, J. Thomas, A. Torres, M. Velazquez (total # present = 30)

ABSENT: R. Barbarelli, L. Council, D Hunt, M. Johnson, S. J. Marano, J. McQuade, S. McMillian, M. Morris, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, P. Sullivan, S.Woods (total # absent = 12)

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

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately thereafter, the Public Hearing commenced.

PUBLIC HEARING - ULURP APPLICATION # N 190385 ECX

IN THE MATTER OF application #4308-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Katsman 1650, Inc., d/b/a Pelham Delite Bakery and, pursuant to Section 20-226© of the NYC Administrative Code for Community Board consideration of an enclosed sidewalk café at 1650 Crosby Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461-5201, 22 tables and 44 chairs.

This matter came before the Housing & Zoning Committee on September 10, 2019. There were no objections to the enclosed sidewalk café request and it passed in Committee.

Mr. Russo opened the discussion to the Board members and then public for questions and comments. Mr. R. Press questioned why plans for the project were not on display at this Hearing. A representative from the Pelham Delite Bakery addressed the Board and noted that plans were available at the Housing & Zoning Committee meeting on September 10.

Mr. Popovic, Chairperson of the Housing and Zoning Committee read the following resolution:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that ULURP # N 190385 ECX, DCA # 4308-2019-ASWC, an application for an enclosed sidewalk café consisting of (22) tables, (44) chairs for Katsman

1650, Inc. d/b/a Pelham Delite Bakery, 1650 Crosby Avenue, 10461 be scheduled for a Public Hearing on September 26, 2019 and the Board's vote be forwarded to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs as well as the City Council."

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Accomando and was approved by majority of Board members, with one abstention by Ms. Guanill. **The Resolution passed.**

A motion to close the Public Hearing and continue with the Housing and Zoning Committee report was made by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Bieder with all in favor.

HOUSING & ZONING: Mr. Popovic

Mr. Popovic went over the minutes of the September 10, Housing and Zoning Committee. A resolution in support of a construction application at 81 Rochelle Street was discussed and the committee drafted the following resolution:

"Resolved...at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the New York City Department of Buildings request for a letter of support for the construction application submitted by the property owner at 81 Rochelle Street, Bronx 10464 be forwarded to the full Board for approval. The support will be conditional barring no objections from residents."

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

Chief Nikunen was invited to attend the full Board meeting to discuss staffing. In his stead, Deputy Chief Pinto NYPD, Bronx Borough Patrol addressed the Board and audience. Discussion began on adequate staffing levels, attrition statistics, crime statistics etc. Captain Frasier, Commanding Officer of the 45th Precinct addressed the crime statistics and noted that the 45th Precinct is down in felonies by 1%, with the exception of grand theft auto crimes, which has risen 68%, everything else remains consistent. DI Pinto noted that the NYPD has a unit at Headquarters that deals primarily with staffing which is based on a combination of population, 911 calls, projected attrition and crime statistics. Based on that formula the 45th Precinct is operating at the necessary level. DI Pinto added that officers are moved throughout the City whenever there is a need and noted the seasonal special detail which reassigns officers every May – September to Orchard Beach. Council Member Gjonaj raised concerns that the 45th Precinct should be entitled to more officers based on the NYPD staffing formula. Captain Fraser said that the current staffing level is 200 officers with approximately 140 officers assigned to the Station. The others are either on reassignment, leaves, vacation, sick etc.

Board members asked if stats are based on arrests or convictions; expressed concern that the NCO officers are stretched too thin for the district and want to see more officers assigned to the NCO program. Even with attrition, it takes a long time for the precinct to maintain its staffing level due to the training of new officers.

Senator Jamaal Bailey thanked the Captain for his efforts in the community. The Senator's office is accepting donations for the Bahamas, non-perishable goods can be dropped off at his office. On September 28 at DeWitt Clinton High School a shredding event will be held. Lastly on October 11, there will be a senior walk in Co-op City. Contact his office for additional details on any of the preceding events, (718) 547-8854.

Council Member Mark Gjonaj thanked Senator Bailey for his work in CB #10. He also thanked Assemblyman Carl Heastie for funding the City's tree and sidewalk program. Participatory budgeting outreach will be done in CB #10 on October 4 at the 45th Precinct Council Community meeting and on October 8 at the Villa Barone Manor. There is one million dollars available for capital projects in District 13. Council Member urged the community to report every single crime. If crime stats rise sufficiently, the 45th Precinct should be able to get additional officers.

The Public Participation session of the Bronx Community Board #10 began.

- 1 - E. Gonzalez III: Mr. Gonzalez is concerned about public participation at committee meetings and said discussion should not be suppressed. He is also concerned with influx of drug treatment centers into neighborhoods.
- 2 - J. Sheridan: Mr. Sheridan is the chair of the water safety committee of the City Island Civic Association. He wants to request that a permanent harbor patrol unit be established in the northeast Bronx with full-time staffing and that this request become part of CB 10's District Needs Statement. He discussed the events of the late spring, early summer concerning the numerous quality of life issues affecting Eastchester Bay in Board 10 and read a prepared statement.
- 3- L. Malavolta: Ms. Malavolta echoed the statements of Mr. Sheridan and stressed that a permanent harbor unit is necessary and also complained about the noise coming from Eastchester Bay.
- 4 - M. Sutherland – Ms. Sutherland thanked Cap. Frasier for his efforts with Harbor Patrol and wants to add a permanent Harbor Patrol for the Northeast Bronx as part of CB 10's District Needs Statement.
- 5 - E. Sementilli: Mr. Sementilli objects to the resolution to renew a base license for Koop Cab service, claims they abuse the parking on residential streets and does not want it approved. In addition he objects to discretionary powers of committee chairs to prevent speaking as well as scheduling the Executive Board meeting to the 3rd Monday.

Board Member Acampora noted that Mr. Sementilli's concern about residential street parking by Koop Cab is not limited to that company and said it is done by numerous other companies as well.

- 6 - A. Idehen, Einstein, Bronx Healthy Start: Ms. Idehen invited the community on October 8, 9:30-11 a.m. for an infant mortality awareness walk at Amendola Plaza 9:30 – 11:00. Information flyers are available.
- 7 - R. Press: Mr. Press again brought up his complaint against a Board member adding that it was discussed with the Borough President's office. He reiterated his allegation of interference by the District Manager and said that the District Manager will be gone from his position. Mr. Russo ended Mr. Press's speaking session due to the personal attack.

- 8 – L. Rocco, WSCA: Mr. Rocco implored the community to work together on quality of life issues; he repeated his complaint about double parking on Overing Street which prevented an ambulance from reaching its destination.

Council Member Gjonaj addressed the community about new bills concerning Hart Island and the transfer to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) from the Department of Corrections (DOC). District Manager Cruz added that in 2015 the Board voted in favor of the transfer. At the upcoming October 10 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, this matter will be reviewed with a vote to be taken to either reject or affirm the Board's vote in 2015.

- 9 – T. McMahon: Mr. McMahon talked about Hart Island and wants the Island to remain under the jurisdiction of the DOC.
- 10 - T. Kurtz: Ms. Kurtz is against turning Hart Island into a park; she would like to see a task force for the City Island residents. Ms. Kurtz wants the property to remain with DOC.
- 11 – C. Cepek: Ms. Cepek of the City Island Civic Association said the Association is against the transfer of Hart Island to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The Civic Association has gathered petitions against the transfer. NYC Council Bills voted on in 2015 no longer exist. Recent petitions should be delivered to DPR. Mr. Russo asked for a copy of the petition.

Board member Ms. Guanill raised a point of information concerning her grievance against two board members and asked that it be addressed. Mr. Russo responded that the information requested was not presented to him and he has closed the matter. Ms. Guanill objected.

Announcements from the Offices of Elected Officials:

Mirian Torrado, Office of State Senator Sepulveda: there are numerous upcoming events being sponsored. For further information contact the Senator's office at 718-991-3161.

Leon Tulton, Office of State Assemblyman Benedetto: on 9/27/19 the Assemblyman will hold a press conference on City Island at the Gateway to announce funding for the City Island Oyster Project; in 2020 the Assemblyman will introduce a bill to offer a credit for restaurants donating oyster shells.

Naureen Akhter, Office of Congress Member Ocasio-Cortez: The House is opening an impeachment inquiry on the President; nominations have opened for student service academy – check website for additional details. There will be an upcoming town hall on 10/3/19; go to website for additional information. Website: ocasio-cortez.house.gov 718-662-5970

A motion to close the Public Participation session was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Velazquez with all in favor.

A motion to accept the minutes from Public Hearing & CB #10 Meeting of June 20, 2019 and Public Hearing & CB #10 Meeting of August 6, 2019 was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Baez with all in favor.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report for September 2019.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Cruz

Mr. Cruz discussed the following topics:

- Proliferation of abandoned vehicles throughout the community
- Department of Design and Construction projects for a sewer project in Pelham Bay in November; pedestrian ramps throughout CB #10; Throggs Neck Expressway Service Road Watermain project in September
- Baychester Avenue rezoning submitted by the NYC Department of City Planning for a zoning amendment from a C7 to a C8-2 will be discussed on October 2, 2019
- MTA announced the elevator installation project with none to be CB #10
- Going forward, the NYC Department of Transportation will no longer issue sidewalk violations caused by trees; violations will still be issued for sidewalks not damaged by trees. The NYC Tree and Sidewalk Program, managed by the Parks Department, will focus on the more serious raised/cracked sidewalks. Both agencies will be working on procedures for removing violations caused by trees.
- Full Board meeting on October 17 will be preceded by a public hearing on CB #10 District Needs.
- October 5 – Safe Disposal Event in Orchard Beach
- October 8 – Amendola Plaza, 9:30 a.m. Outreach Event sponsored by Einstein College of Medicine on infant mortality

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Russo

The Executive Board met on August 26, 2019 and September 16, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions were discussed:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that the grievances against two board members be closed due to lack of supporting documentation and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Cantillo, seconded by Ms. Noble and voted on in favor by the following vote: Abstentions – D. Noble, L. Council, R. Baez; Against – M. Caruso; In Favor – (25) twenty-five. **The Resolution passed.**

1. “**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that a resolution for the Parks and Recreation Committee reaffirming the 2015 resolution to the transfer control of Hart Island from the NYC Department of Corrections to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to table the matter back to the Parks & Recreation Committee was made by Mr. Popovic and unanimously approved by all members

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on September 4, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. Renewal and new licenses were discussed in Committee.

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments 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:

*Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throgs Neck Blvd, 10465, between Philip & Randall Aves, License #1003392, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Bayview Diner, 134 Pennyfield Ave, 10465, between Tierney & Mitchell Pls, License #1305868, which expires on 10/31/2019.

*Frank’s Pizza/DaFranco & Tony, 2815-19-23 Middletown Rd, between Mulford & Westchester Aves, License #1288029, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Shangerila Restaurant, 3893-95 Buhre Ave, 10461, between Edison & Pilgrim Aves, License #1234404, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Villa Barone Restaurant, 3289 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Burr & Colonial Aves, License #1003970, which expires on 10/31/2019.

*Acri Café, 1315 Commerce Ave, 10461, between Waterbury Ave & Halsey St, License #1288253, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Sammy’s Shrimp Box, 64 City Island Ave, 10464, between, Horton & Rochelle Sts, License #1004054, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Garage, 2260 Tillotson Ave, 10475, between Delavall & Merritt Aves, License #1251810, which expires on 09/30/2019.

*Chipotle, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, 10465, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #1289465, which expires on 10/31/2019.

*Patricia’s, 3883 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Dewey & Schley Aves, License #1214591, which expires on 10/31/2019.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Ms. Velazquez and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

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*Chipotle Mexican Grill, 35 Westchester Sq, 10461, between Frisby Ave & Benson St, License #NEW.

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

*Ikonic, 3758 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Randall & Roosevelt Aves, License #NEW.
(Formerly Vapor Lounge)

| | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| Hours: | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM | 12 PM-4 AM |
| Music: | D J, Recorded, Karaoke, Live Music | | | | | | |

*Shake Shack, 344 Baychester Ave, 10475, between Bartow Ave & Bay Plaza Blvd, License #NEW.

| | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Indoor Hours: | 10 AM-11 PM |
| Music: | Recorded | | | | | | |
| Outdoor Hours: | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
| | 10 AM-11 PM |

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Russo and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee met on September 23, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Velazquez

The Committee met on September 9, 2019. Minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions were voted on favorably in committee.

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

Throggs Neck Halloween Parade, Block Party, Saturday, October 26, 2019, Noon to 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM including setup and breakdown, Throggs Neck Boulevard between Harding Avenue and Schurz Avenue, contact: John Collazzi”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.:**

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a letter of no objection to be forwarded to the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission concerning the renewal of a base license for KOOP Kars be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Velazquez and voted on as follows: all in favor. **The Resolution passed.**

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Franklin

The Committee did not meet in September.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Bishop Rosario

The Committee did not meet in September.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Col. Chin announced that the American Legion – now accepts all veterans for membership, not just those that had active duty.

A motion to close the September 26, 2019 Community Board #10 meeting made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Velazquez was 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 Public Hearing and full Board meeting of September 26, 2019.



Taisha Chambers
SECRETARY, Bronx Community Board #10
Dated: October 4, 2019



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COMMUNITY BOARD #10 Roll Call Voting

Location: UFT, 2500 Halsey Street, 10461

Date: 9/26/2019

| MEMBER | H12#1 | H2#3 | E#1 | E#2 | ED#1 | ED#2 | MS#1 | MS#2 |
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| Acampora, Hannah | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Accomando, Thomas | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Ali, Mohammed | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Baez, Raquel | Y | Y | Abst | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Barbarelli, Robert | | | | | | | | |
| Beluso, Angelique | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Bieder, Robert | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Cantillo, Peter | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Caruso, Maria | Y | Y | NO | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Chambers, Taisha | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Chin, Col. William | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Chirico, Andrew | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Council, Lauren | Y | Y | Abst | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Davila, Michele | | | | | | | | |
| Del-Debbio, Peter | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Franklin, Terence | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Guanill, Irene | Abst. | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Hunt, Deborah | | | | | | | | |
| Isales, Cynthia | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Johnson, Monique | | | | | | | | |
| Krynicky, Dorothy | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Landi, Jerry | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Marano, John | | | | | | | | |
| McMillian, Susan | | | | | | | | |
| McQuade, James | | | | | | | | |
| Morris, Martin | | | | | | | | |
| Musano, Mary Jane | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Noble, Denise | Y | Y | Abst | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Onwu, Joseph | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Papastefanou, Christos | | | | | | | | |
| Popovic, Louis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Robert, John | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Rosario, Bishop Nancy | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Russo, Joseph | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sala, Nick | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Salimbene, Anthony | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Smith, Tom | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sullivan, Peter | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas, Janine | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Torres, Angela | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Velazquez, Marjorie | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Woods, Stephanie | | | | | | | | |

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