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## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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### MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING January 15, 2015 Villa Barone Manor 737 Throggs Neck Expressway Bronx, NY 10465

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, L. Blascovich, A. Boller, Col. W. Chin, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, L. Goldstein, I. Guanill-Elukowich, B. Heaney, C. Hughes, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, C. McCabe, J. McQuade, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, L. Popovic, E. Primavera, M. Prince, M. Prohaska, J. Roberts, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, M. Velazquez (total # present = 37)

**ABSENT:** L. Burrowes, P. Cantillo, A. Chirico, P. Devine, R. Kurz, K. Lynch, J. Miller, M. Pricoli, J. Russo, A. Santiago (total # absent = 10)

**Community Liaisons:** Richard Fedderman - Office of U.S. Congressman E. Engel  
Daniel Hogel - Office of State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Ariel Alvarez - Office of City Council Member James Vacca  
Norma Diego, Elijah Nwaokocha - Office of City Council Member Andy King  
Tania Ochoteco - Office of Council Member Annabel Palma  
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter  
Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

**Board #10 Staff:** Kenneth Kearns - District Manager  
Susan Duffy

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaison representatives were introduced and thanked for coming. Mr. Prince recognized two new Board members, Elaine Primavera and Carol McCabe.

Public Advocate Letitia James addressed the meeting. Ms. James offered a moment of silence for Police Officers Ramos and Liu and former Gov. M. Cuomo. She highlighted past accomplishments and discussed the duties of the Office of Public Advocate, also touching upon current and future efforts. Ms. James praised and thanked the board members and community for their commitments to CB#10. Board members posed questions about gifted/talented school programs, drug module, Rikers Island and nursing home abuse.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

Leon Tulton – introduced himself as a new member of Assemblyman Benedetto’s staff

Dan Hogel, staff of Senator J. Klein – informed community about upcoming Bingo events sponsored by Senator Klein

The following individuals spoke about Hart Island urging the Board to vote in favor of the NYC Council legislation, Intro 133 and 134:

- Ariel Alvarez, Office of Council Member Vacca
- John Doyle, City Island Civic Association
- Barbara Dolensek, City Island Civic Association
- Steve Swiecki, City Island Resident
- Elaine Joseph, Hart Island Project
- Dr. A. Hartman, Hart Island Project
- Melinda Hunt, Hart Island Project
- Egidio Sememtelli (Mr. Sementelli also discussed his dissatisfaction with local politics/special interests).

The following individuals spoke about Hart Island and the need to have more planning before the Board votes on the Council’s legislation:

- Dorothea Poggi, Friends of FPP
- Joseph Oddo, BPTP

Brian Paoli, LaSalle Avenue – quality of life issues due to Havana Café; asked community for assistance.

Throgs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (TNVAC) – Laurie Leach. Ms. Leach asked the community to assist TNVAC with donations and volunteers and urged the community to call them during their working hours whenever an ambulance is needed.

Motion to close the Public Participation Section was made by Mr. Blascovich, seconded by Mr. Barbarelli and Mrs. Lock, and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mrs. Lock, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Mr. Lucania

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President’s website: [bronxboropres@nyc.gov](mailto:bronxboropres@nyc.gov).

Applications are being accepted until February 6, 2015 for membership on Community Boards. Youth ages 16 and above are encouraged to apply.

Legislative package relating to the creation of a letter grading system for cosmetology businesses throughout the five boroughs was unveiled by Bronx BP Diaz Jr. and Council Member Espinal, chair of the City Council’s Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Borough President Diaz's February 19, 2015 State of the Borough Address will be at the Bay Plaza Mall Food Court. RSVP on the website above.

Upcoming event: Martin Luther King Tribute, 1/19/15, Trinity Baptist Church, 10AM, 808 E.224<sup>th</sup> Street, RSVP: [smalave@bronxbpnyc.gov](mailto:smalave@bronxbpnyc.gov)

Budget hearings for FY 2016 will be on Feb. 9, 2015 at the D.A. Building 198 E. 161<sup>st</sup> Street.

Borough President Diaz supports the legislation concerning Hart Island.

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

Mr. Kearns addressed the outbreak of Legionnaires disease discovered in the heating/cooling towers in Co-op City/Riverbay. The drinking and bathing water is safe and not affected. There are 8 cases scattered throughout five sections; the Department of Health is working with the Riverbay Corporation. The towers require flushing with chlorine for a total of 13 days, 4 flushes have already been done. Samples will be taken at intake valves and NYC Department of Environmental Protection will be consulted about the results. In addition, the Board reached out to the Einstein College of Medicine who contacted their infectious disease department to assist Riverbay, if needed. The Bay Plaza area will also be tested.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Prince

The Committee did not meet in January. Mr. Prince added that at the February Executive Board meeting, a discussion will take place to institute the formal removal of a board member who has been absent from meetings and unresponsive to communications sent.

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

The Committee did not meet in January.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. McQuade

The Committee did not meet due to weather. However the committee did meet prior to the commencement of the January 15, 2015 Board meeting to review the new and renewal liquor licenses.

The following resolution regarding new and renewal liquor licenses is presented to the full Board for approval:

**“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 and a copy placed in the Board's file:

- Brady's, 3201 Philip Avenue, between Vincent and Wilcox Avenues, License # 1004087, which expires on 1/31/15
- Honey's Thai Pavilion, 3036 Westchester Avenues, 10461, between Jarvis and Mahan Avenues, License # 1196947, which expires on 1/13/15
- Ray's Café & Restaurant, 205 City Island Avenue, 10464, between Centre and Winter Streets, License # NEW
- Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Avenue 10464, between Ditmars and Bowne Streets, License 1003334
- Morris Yacht Club, 25 City Island Avenue, 10464, between Rochelle and Belden Streets, License #1003332
- Mon Ami Salsa Lounge, 2434 E. Tremont Avenue, 10461, between Lyvere and Seddon Streets, License # NEW
- Marina Del Rey, 2894 Schurz Avenue, 10465, between Revere and Calhoun Avenues, license #1003391, which expires on 2/28/15
- Redwood Pleasure Club, 2680 Schurz Avenue, 10465, between Buttrick and Graff Avenues, License #1003341
- Westchester Country Club, 3341 Country Club Road, between Reed and Polo Places, License #1003344
- Outback Steakhouse, 270 Baychester Avenue, 10475, between Bartow Avenue and the Hutchinson River Parkway, License # NEW
- Manhem Club, 658 Clarence Avenue, 10465, between Randall and Schley Avenues, License #1003340, which expires on 2/28/15
- Samuel Young Post #620, 1530 Hutchinson River Parkway, 10461, between Wellman and Zulette Avenues, License #1003323, which expires on 2/28/15.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Barbarelli, seconded by Ms. Baez and approved by a majority of Board members, with one (1) member opposing.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Russo

The Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. The meeting minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolutions will be presented to the full Board for approval as floor motions:

**“Resolved...**at the request of the Municipal Services Committee the following street activity/weekend walks are presented to the full Board for their approval:

- ID 196574 - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair at the Square Block Party, 6/20/2015 9 AM to 7 PM, Lane Avenue between East Tremont and Westchester Avenues, Lisa Sorin, contact: Westchester Sq. BID Representative
- ID 196558 - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair at the Square Single Block Festival, 6/20/15, 10 AM to 7 PM, St. Raymond Avenue, between Williamsbridge Road and E. Tremont Avenue, contact: Lisa Sorin, Westchester Sq. BID Representative
- ID: 197339 - Bangladesh League of America, NY, Block Party, 5/31/15, 9 AM to 9 PM, Waterbury Avenue, between Zerega and Seabury Avenues, contact: Ahdab Chowdhury, Bangladesh League of America.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community #10, that the Committee recommends the project for a new police department building at Rodman’s Neck, presented by the Police Department of the City of New York and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, be accepted. The Committee further recommends that a letter from the Board to the Public Design Commission be sent noting the acceptance of the project by Bronx Community Board #10 and that this information be forwarded to the full Board for its approval.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mrs. Acampora, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee met on Monday, January 12, 2015. Hart Island was the topic of discussion. The Committee lacked a quorum to vote on the following resolutions, which were read to the full presented to the full Board for approval at the January 15, 2015 meeting:

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community #10, that the Board approve City Council Int. No. 133, a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to ferry service to Hart’s Island and that the full Board support this legislation.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved by a majority of members, with one abstention.

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community #10, that the Board approve City Council Int. No. 134, a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to a transfer of jurisdiction over Hart Island from the department of corrections to the department of parks and recreation, and that the full Board support this legislation.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Marano and approved by a majority of members, with one abstention.

**PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mr. Misiurski

The Committee did not meet in January because the NYC Office of Management and Budget did not complete its review of the Community Register for Community Boards. It’s expected that a decision will be completed by the next meeting in February.

**HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Mrs. Hunt

The Committee will meet on January 21, 2015.

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

The Committee will meet on January 26, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Charlie's Inn: land has been sold, building being demolished and new development will be (3) 3-family homes all on the existing foot print.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bieder advised the community about a leak forgiveness program with NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection. Residents need to create an on-line account and should go to the [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep) site for additional information.

At the Crystal Family Residence (Capri Motel) lives a registered sex offender. NYC Department of Homeless Services stated that only husbands or fathers are permitted to reside in these facilities. The Board requested that DHS move the family/individual out of this residence.

Motion to close the January 15, 2015 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.