

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10**

**Held on April 15, 2010 at  
Villa Barone Restaurant  
3284 Westchester Avenue  
(at Pelham Bay Station)  
Bronx, New York 10461**

**PRESENT:** R. Baez, L. Blascovich, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, P. Devine, R. Foley,  
L. Goldstein, A. Jack, R. Kurz, P. LaScala, D. F. Lock, J. Marano, J. McQuade,  
J. Miller, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, Rev. C. Owens, B. Pitt,  
D. Pouchie, M. Pricoli, M. Prince, M. Prohaska, J. Regina, J. Russo, A. Santiago,  
R. Sawyer, P. Sullivan, F. Ventola (29)

**ABSENT:** H. Acampora, O. Alvarado, R. Bieder, R. Dominquez, V.M. Gallagher, B. Heaney,  
C. Hughes, D. Hunt, S. Lask, K. Lynch, E. Romeo, Rev. A. Rosario, A. Ribustello,  
R. Tanzi (14)

**Community Liaisons:** Tom Lucania – representing Bronx Borough President Diaz

**Guest:** Aurelia Green – Deputy Bronx Borough President

**Board #10 Staff:** Kenneth Kearns - District Manager – Bronx Community Board #10  
Pat Caruso - Clerical Associate  
Estelle Marra - Clerical Associate

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Chairperson Diane Lock convened the meeting at 7:40PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mrs. Lock thanked the management of Villa Barone for the use of their facility this evening.

Mrs. Lock introduced our guest this evening, Hon. Aurelia Green, Deputy Borough President of Bronx County. Madam Deputy spoke of the needs of the Community Boards, and the valuable contributions provided to the communities that they represent. She cited the contributions of the many volunteers that allow the Community Boards to function, which are at the core of the services rendered to the residents in their communities. Deputy Borough President Green stated that the Borough President's office is working towards restoring the cuts that Community Boards are being asked to sustain.

The Deputy Borough President advised all present of a Bronx Homeowners Forum being held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Fordham University – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor McGinley Center – 557 Fordham Rd. which is being sponsored by Bronx Borough President Reuben Diaz, Jr., State Senator Jeffrey Klein, Legal Aid Society, Bronx Neighborhood Office. For information, call (718) 590-8088.  
Deputy Borough President Green spoke of Public Advocate Bill De Blasio and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. having a Town Hall Meeting on the State of Our Youth in the Rotunda of the Bronx County Courthouse on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. This is the “WALKING THE WALK” program. For more information, or to RSVP you may call Paula Caquias at (212) 669-7200 or [organize@pubadvocate.nyc.gov](mailto:organize@pubadvocate.nyc.gov)

At this time, Chairperson Lock introduced each Board Member to Deputy Borough President Aurelia Green.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. Michael McNerney – Organizer and Representative – Parsifal Place Association  
Spoke of an event planned by this organization and asked that the Board approve their application for a Street Closing on Saturday, June 12, 2010. It will be a low key event with activities for children. There will be no barbecuing or music.
2. Philip Papaelias – Resident of St. Paul Avenue  
Emil Padiawa – Resident of 1874 Pelham Parkway South  
Both these gentlemen spoke of their opposition to the reversal of St. Paul Avenue.
3. John Colarusso – U.S. Census Bureau  
Advised all present that this is the last call for Census Jobs. They are available to young people 18 years and older. The salary is \$18.75 per hour. Testing ends April 25, 2010, and Training starts April 27, 2010. For further information regarding these jobs you may call 1-718-584-9670.
4. Marcia Anne Pavlica – President – Country Club Civic Association  
The MTA is re-routing the following buses – Bx 8, 14, 5 – but they have not had any public meetings regarding these re-routings. She feels that a public meeting should have been held prior to making these changes.  
  
Mrs. Pavlica also stated that she is in favor of the street overlay on Layton Avenue for Steve Zeppieri.
5. Riana Ranieri – Daughter of Alfred J. Ranieri  
Spoke in favor of the street overlay for her father, Alfred J. Ranieri. She told of the many Youth programs he created and the Civic Organizations he worked with.
6. Melissa Cebellaro – Director of Health/Human Services  
Spoke of program being held at Hostos Community College on May 1, 2010 – between hours 9am-5pm. The goal of this program is to challenge Board Members to get local restaurants to make healthy food menus. Information can be found on their website – [www.bronxfood.org](http://www.bronxfood.org)

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Chairperson Lock, seconded by Mr. Blascovich. Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

Motion to accept amended minutes of March 18, 2010 Community Board meeting made by Chairperson Lock, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Lucania**

1. On April 12, 2010 Borough President Diaz testified at the NYC Charter Review Commission at their Bronx Hearing at Hostos Community College. He stressed the need for the powers of the Borough President's office to be expanded to include recommendations on ULURP items, a voice at the Board of Standards and Appeals, and the creation of an independent Conflict of Interest Board. He also told of his support for a baseline budget line for his office, as well as the Public Advocate and community planning boards. The Borough President's full testimony is available on his website – [www.bxpres.nyc.gov](http://www.bxpres.nyc.gov).
2. The Borough President asks everyone to make a strong effort to fill out their Census Forms and mail them in.
3. Borough President Diaz stood with elected officials which included Councilman James Vacca, District Managers, as well as Chairpersons and other members of Bronx Community Boards, at a rally on the steps of Borough Hall to protest proposed cuts to community board budgets. These draconian cuts would cripple the Board's abilities to serve these communities. Councilman Vacca spoke on behalf of the Borough President's office, as well as the Community Boards. Many organizations have written to the Mayor's office requesting that these cuts be reconsidered.

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

1. Mr. Kearns attended the Charter Revision Commission Hearing. This Commission will determine the nature of our government and its institutions. The future of local government is at stake. Proposals exist to centralize all decisions with one or two authorities. Decision making at a centralized level, often fails to reflect local interests. Mr. Kearns further reminded those assembled of the importance of attending future Charter Revision Commission hearings and meetings.
2. Mr. Kearns asked all present to write to the Mayor and let him know how important Community Boards are to the general public.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES- Mr. Marano**

This meeting addressed Street Activity Permits. Mr. Marano read the following Resolutions:

**“Resolved...**at the Recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, to approve street activity permit applications for the following:

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Rezaul Islam, Bangladeshi Block Party, Waterbury Avenue between Zerega and Seabury Avenues on May 30, 2010, 9am - 9pm.

Anthony Grazioli, Randolph Place Block Party, Randolph Place between Stadium and Kennelworth Avenues on July 4, 2010, 9am - 9pm.

Victor Harris, Vincent Avenue Block Party, Vincent Avenue between Philip and Randall Avenues on July 10, 2010, 11am – 9pm.

Pauline Muzyka, Ellsworth Avenue Block Party, Ellsworth Avenue between Baisley and Fairmount Avenues on 7/17/10, 11am – 9pm.

Robert Bieder, Glebe Avenue Block Party, Glebe Avenue between Westchester and Lyon Avenues on 8/7/10 11am – 9pm.

Eddie Malave, Fairfax Avenue Block Party, Fairfax Avenue between Waterbury and Baisley Avenues on June 19, 2010, 10am – 9pm.

From the floor: Michael McNerney, Parsifal Place Block Party, Parsifal Place between Lohengrin Place and Ellis Place (dead end) on June 12, 2010, 9am – 9pm.

Motion to accept these Resolutions was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Misiurski.  
Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

The Board considered a Resolution that was favorably recommended by the Municipal Services Committee of the Board supporting the request of the Ranieri and Zeppieri Families for street overlays. The Resolution reads as follows:

Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the full Board support the request of the Ranieri Family to provide a street overlay for the attorney and community activist, Al Ranieri, at Ampere Avenue, and that the Board further support the request of the Zeppieri Family to provide a street overlay for longtime merchant and community activist Steven Zeppieri at Layton Avenue.

Motion to accept this Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. McQuade  
Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

The Board also considered a request from the Public Advocate to support a Resolution concerning the Charter Revision Commission. This Resolution reads as follows:

COMMUNITY BOARD RESOLUTION  
CHARTER REVISION

Community Board “X” calls upon the 2010 charter revision commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire charter, meaningfully engage the public in its process, ensure that any question(s) placed on the ballot is clearly and concisely written, and conduct an extensive public education campaign about the ballot questions that voters will be asked to consider on Election Day.

WHEREAS, The last major charter revision commission (commission) which comprehensively examined the function and operation of city government was over twenty years ago with the 1989 commission;

WHEREAS, Mayor Bloomberg’s appointment of a commission presents the City with a unique opportunity to fully examine government operations and to discuss how best to improve our City;

WHEREAS, In order for this commission to be successful, first and foremost it must meaningfully engage New Yorkers by conducting extensive outreach about the charter revision process to ensure they understand what it means and how they can participate;

WHEREAS, Such outreach should use all available modes of communication - social networking media, civic, community and religious organizations, webcasting, video-and teleconferencing and transcribing and posting all testimony and information about commission meetings and hearings online;

WHEREAS, The commission should also conduct frequent public hearings in every corner of the City that encourage New Yorkers to provide their recommendations about their visions for New York and how to make government more responsive to their needs;

WHEREAS, In addition to public hearings, the commission should also conduct open public meetings to allow it to observe the commission’s deliberative process;

WHEREAS, Once the commission completes its deliberative process and decides what Charter changes it would like to put before the voters, it should submit clear and concise ballot question(s) make it easy for voters to know what they are being asked to consider; and

WHEREAS. Finally, the commission with the assistance of elected officials, members of the civic, community and religious community, and the media must then conduct an

extensive public education campaign about what voters will see on the ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Community Board “X” calls upon the 2010 charter revision commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire charter, meaningfully engage the public in its process, ensure that any question(s) placed on the ballot is clearly and concisely written, and conduct an extensive public education campaign about the ballot questions that voters will see on Election Day.

Motion to accept this Resolution made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. LaScala.  
Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Mrs. Lock**

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mrs. Lock then read the following Resolution;

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Executive Board to amend the By-Laws of Bronx Community Board #10, extending the terms of all elected members of the Executive Board from a two year term limit to a four year term limit with elections held each year.”

Motion to accept this Resolution was made by Mrs. Foley, and seconded by Mrs. Jack.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

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

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. Sullivan read the following Resolution;

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the Committee support the application, under ULURP # N100178ECX and DCA1340270, In the Matter of an application from 1650 Crosby Avenue, Inc., doing business as Pelham Delite Bake Shop and Café, for review pursuant to Section 366-a(c) of the New York City Charter, of the grant of a revocable consent to construct and operate an enclosed café with eight tables and thirty-two seats at 1650 Crosby Avenue in the Borough of the Bronx, and that this Resolution be communicated to the full Board for their consideration.”

At this point, the architects for this project showed the drawings to Board members.

Motion to accept this Resolution made by Mr. LaScala, seconded by Mr. Chirico.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

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

The minutes were self-explanatory. However, Mr. Misiurski explained how severe the cuts that have been proposed are, and exactly how they would affect our Board.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. McQuade**

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. McQuade proceeded to speak quite eloquently regarding the need for anyone with knowledge about job openings to let him know. The goal of this Committee is to get businesses to hire local residents and to expand these businesses. Also to possibly have a hotel built within this community, and get the Hospitals to participate in getting this Committee to succeed towards completing their goals.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** did not meet this month.

**OLD BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kearns**

Mr. Kearns spoke of a recent incident which took place on E. Tremont Avenue in front of the Community Board #10 office. There was a shooting, and the building on the corner of La Salle Avenue & E. Tremont Avenue received two shots leaving bullet holes in its facade. There was a gun with spent shells found in front of the Community Board #10 office. Four persons were arrested – three were released, and one is in custody. This incident took place at the night spot on the next block, and the proprietors have been asked to improve their security program.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Misiurski, seconded by Mrs. Miller. Vote: Unanimous in favor (29)

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Marra – Clerical Associate