

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING**

**Held on September 16, 2010**

**PROVIDENCE REST**

**3304 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10465**

**PRESENT:** H. Acampora; R. Baez; R. Bieder; L. Blascovich; L. Burrowes; P. Cantillo; Col. W. Chin; A.Chirico; P. Devine; R. Dominguez; V. Gallagher; L. Goldstein; C. Hughes; D. Hunt; A. Jack; R. Kurz; P. LaScala;, D. Lock; K. Lynch; S.P. Lynch; J. Marano; J. McQuade; J. Miller; J. Misiurski; M.J. Musano; K. Neddermeyer; Rev. C. Owens; C. Papastefanou; B. Pitt; D. Pouchie; M. Pricoli; M. Prohaska; J. Regina; M. Romano; Rev. A. Rosario; A. Ribustello; J. Russo, A. Santiago (38)

**ABSENT:** R. Foley; B. Heaney; D. Howard; S. Lask; M. Prince; E. Romeo; R. Sawyer; P. Sullivan; R. Talarico; F. Ventola (10)

**Community Liaisons:** Thomas Lucania - representing Bronx Borough President Diaz  
Nicole Pedi - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Ben Randazzo - representing Assemblyman Michael Benedetto  
Weijie Huang - representing Council Member James Vacca

**Board #10 Staff:** Kenneth Kearns – District Manager – Bronx Community Board #10  
Patrick Caruso  
Estelle Marra

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Chairman Marano convened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman thanked the management of Providence Rest for the use of their facility this evening. He explained that this was his first meeting as Chairman, and appreciated all members who were in attendance, and is happy to be able to serve them.

Chairman Marano then announced that Mr. Russo is now Chairman of the Municipal Services Committee. District Manager Kenneth Kearns introduced community liaisons in attendance: Ben Randazzo of Assemblyman Benedetto’s office; Weijie Huang of Council Member Vacca’s office; Nicole Pedi of State Senator Jeffrey Klein’s office, and Thomas Lucania from Bronx Borough President Diaz’s office.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. Weijie Huang – Constituent Liaison – Councilman Vacca’s office – spoke of the Wellness Expo that the Councilman is sponsoring. For information regarding the time and date you can call (718) 931-1721 or e-mail [whuang@council.nyc.gov](mailto:whuang@council.nyc.gov).

2. John Moreschi –  
Spoke of a capital project that he would like to see in his community at Outlook and Griswold Avenues. He submitted a petition to Community Board #10 of 66 names of residents on Outlook and Griswold Avenues. These streets, especially Griswold Avenue, are at different elevation levels and require attention.
3. Stephanie Bromly – resident of Quincy Avenue – spoke of the hazardous conditions caused by Calhoun Avenue having been made one-way some time ago, and the need for it to be reversed back to its original two-way street. The exact location is Calhoun Avenue between Dewey and Sampson Avenues. She cited such problems as excessive traffic volume and speeding.
4. Donna Racsik – resident of Quincy Avenue – reiterated what Ms. Bromley said and added the need for a Sanitation Enforcement and Police presence at the location of Quincy and Sampson Avenues. She cited such conditions as people not picking up after their dogs, speeding cars etc.
5. Col. William T. Chin – Community Board #10 Member gave a history of his military service of 31 years, and the fact that he feels people should be more patriotic and appreciate those who serve and have served their country. He commented on the stance taken by many veteran groups requesting that any veteran render a military hand salute, when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He hoped that all veterans would render this honor, during the Pledge.
6. Kerri Ann Morgan – 3392 E. Tremont Avenue – MVP LOUNGE  
This is the former “Frenchy’s” and is owned by DAJJ, LTD.  
Ms. Morgan is the owner/operator and gave an introduction to her facility. It was opened in May, and many improvements are being made, i.e. safety codes. She will be hosting community and civic events.

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Chairman Marano, seconded by Mr. Chirico. Vote: Unanimous in favor (38)

Motion to accept minutes of June 17, 2010 Community Board #10 meeting made by Chairman Marano, seconded by Mr. Chirico. Vote: Unanimous in favor (38)

**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Thomas Lucania

1. Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx Clergy Task Force will be holding a ‘PEACE IN OUR STREETS’ initiative on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 4214 White Plains Road between the hours of 1:00PM - 4:00PM. This will speak to the recent violence within our communities. Board Member Bishop Rosario

urges all to try to attend and participate.

2. Mr. Lucania then addressed the recent Math and Reading scores in our borough. The low test scores were surprising. For this reason, there will be a Back to School Preparations program offered throughout the months of September and the first week of October. Attorneys from New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and Advocates for Children of New York will be available to answer parents and guardians questions about New York City Schools. Following is the schedule for this program: Location: 851 Grand Concourse – Room 206 Mondays: September 13, 20 and October 4 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Fridays: September 17, 24 and October 1 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Any parent or guardian in need of assistance may contact Mr. Jesse Mojica, Director of Education Policy and Youth Services for the Bronx Borough President at (718) 590-3515 to schedule a session.

**DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT:** Kenneth Kearns

1. The Chairman and District Manager had a meeting with the new Captain of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Russell Green. We were joined by Julian Misiurski and Patrick Caruso of the Board’s staff. We had a very productive meeting, in which a variety of issues were discussed, ranging from street security, to disaster preparedness.
2. All City agencies will be meeting at the Borough President’s Office and Fordham University regarding Capital and Expense Budget Items on September 22, 2010 and September 28, 2010. All the members received notifications of this e-mail.
3. Four new officers were appointed to the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct. The Board will be making an effort to increase this number, as Community Board #10 has the largest geographic area in the Bronx. Our area covers Zerega, Pelham Bay, Country Club, Throggs Neck, Westchester Square, City Island and Co-op City.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** John Marano

Minutes were self-explanatory.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Joseph Russo

1. Dr. Soleye, a resident of DeReimer Avenue near Co-Op City submitted a petition requesting that Bassett and De Reimer Avenues have Alternate Side of the Street cleaning regulations applied to them, along with appropriate signage.
2. Street Activity Permits were discussed. These must be submitted to the Board 60 days prior to the event. The rules and regulations regarding these permits were clarified.

3. St. Paul Avenue – the Committee will be getting information from Department of Transportation (DOT) shortly, and item will be discussed at the October Committee meeting.

Ferry Point Traffic problem – this was submitted to Councilman Vacca’s office for his help.

**HOUSING & ZONING COMMITTEE:** Kenneth Kearns (in Mr. Sullivan’s absence)

1. Discussion took place regarding the Low Density Growth Management Area Text Amendment, which speaks to the frontage of properties and establishes parking regulations for medical and daycare facilities. The Committee would like to include houses of worship and group homes in the Amendment’s language. At the next Housing/Zoning meeting there will be a presentation concerning this Amendment from the Department of City Planning.
3. Last year, an application was submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to erect a T-Mobile Cell Tower atop 454 City Island Avenue. Bronx Community #10 held a public hearing on City Island, where the majority of people opposed the placement of the Tower. The Department of Buildings had denied this variance, however, T-Mobile is still trying to get this approved. The City Island community, as well as Community Board #10 are opposed to this proposal.
4. Planet Fitness no longer operates on a twenty-four hour basis. They still need to tint their windows; close earlier, and adhere to some of our other requests.

**PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Julian Misiurski

This Committee did not meet this month due to the fact that there are Budget Consultations on September 22, 2010 and September 28, 2010. All information will be analyzed and discussed at the Committee’s October meeting.

**ECONOMICS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** James McQuade

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr. McQuade invited all who wished to join this Committee to please do so. Mr. McQuade excused himself when he had to leave his meeting, and thanked Mr. Peter La Scala for taking over.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Deborah Hunt

Mrs. Hunt is the new Chair of this Committee. She asked that we amend the minutes of June 17, 2010 as Mr. Goldstein was marked absent, and he was at that meeting. He did not sign the attendance sheet, and therefore, was marked absent. Vote to amend the June 17<sup>th</sup> Health & Human Services Committee minutes was unanimous (38).

There were no meetings of the Parks & Recreation Committee or the Youth Services Planning Committee this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Blascovich brought out the fact that trucks are still parking near the Bay Plaza shopping mall. Tickets are now being given and they go from \$250 and \$500, depending on how many times the trucks are ticketed. Mr. Marano spoke of recent efforts to have the tractor trailer trucks ticketed and booted.

Mr. Lynch brought up the trucks illegally parked at the Shell Station on Throggs Neck Expressway. Mrs. Lock asked if these regulations also applied to boats on trailers. Mr. Santiago spoke of Correction and Police officers parking in Co-op City illegally around the cul-de-sacs. At this point there was much discussion regarding incidents within the community regarding cars, trucks, and various crimes etc. Mr. Dominguez spoke of possibly getting video cameras posted in various areas which would allow authorities to see why these incidents are occurring and who is responsible.

Mr. Kearns explained the Rand Formula, which is used in allocating police officers, and is based on crime statistics of a given precinct. If the crime rate is high, that Precinct will receive additional officers. If it is low, that Precinct will not. If everyone reported any crime they see, it would help to get our police statistics up, and we could get more officers. Like the MTA says "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING." In calling 311 always get the complaint number.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bieder is now the Vice-President of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council. There will be meetings covering all of our areas each month. Meeting locations will vary throughout the Precinct service area. Elected officials and Captain Green of the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be asked to attend..

Mrs. Hunt asked if we could get cameras in our troubled areas, such as they now have in Westchester Square.

Captain Russell Green will be attending the Throggs Neck Homeowners Association meeting on September 28, 2010.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Bieder.  
Vote: Unanimous (38)

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.  
Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Marra, Clerical Associate