

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

Held on June 16, 2011

Throggs Neck Senior Center

2705 Schley Avenue

Bronx, New York 10465

PRESENT: H. Acampora; R. Baez; R. Bieder; L. Blascovich; L. Burrowes; P. Cantillo
A. Chirico; V.M. Gallagher; L. Goldstein; B. Heaney; C. Hughes; D. Hunt;
A. Jack; R. Kurz; P. LaScala; S. Lask; D. Lock; J. Marano; J. McQuade;
J. Miller; J. Misiurski; K. Neddermeyer; C. Papastefanou; B. Pitt; D. Pouchie;
M. Pricoli; M. Prince; M. Prohaska; J. Regina; J. Russo; P. Sullivan; R. Sawyer;
R. Talarico (33)
Newly appointed members were also present: Rosemarie Lifieri; Louis Popovic

ABSENT: Col. W. Chin; P. Devine; R. Dominquez; R. Foley; D. Howard; K. Lynch;
S.P. Lynch; M.J. Musano; Rev. C. Owens; M. Romano; Rev. A. Rosario;
A. Ribustello; A. Santiago; F. Ventola (14)

Community Liaisons: Andy Toledo – representing Bronx Borough President’s office
Nicole Pedi - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Megan Hall - representing Councilman James Vacca
Ben Randazzo - representing Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Pat Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Juton Horstmann- Department of City Planning

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

Chairman John Marano convened the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Marano thanked the management of Throggs Neck Senior Center for the use of their facility this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

1. Patrice Johns, Partnership Specialist – U.S. Census Bureau – 1-212-584-3440
Spoke of the Census Bureau sponsoring FREE workshops to allow people to find out how they operate and what they actually do. They also have people ringing doorbells asking if the residents would participate in surveys on such topics as health, demographics, criminal justice and expenditures. Ms. Johns passed literature to all Board members for their perusal. To find out more, their website is: www.census.gov
2. Junior Schuten – resident of Balcom Avenue - Mr. Schuten spoke of the disturbances in his neighborhood; i.e. debris, feces, left on the sidewalks; sewer problems causing water to pool on to the sidewalk. District Manager Kearns suggested that Mr. Schuten give all

these complaints to our office, and we would see if we could have them resolved through our Capital Projects expenditures.

3. Ricardo Melise – resident of Balcom Avenue – reiterated what Mr. Schuten spoke of.
4. Anthony Caroccia – resident of Lafayette Avenue – 1-718-715-0716 – Mr. Caroccia spoke of FRANK BEE’S CARNIVAL BUSINESS – which has a warehouse on Lafayette Avenue run by Wayne Baker. This business causes many problems for the local residents, i.e. truck traffic, loading and unloading from 7:00am to 1:00am – day and night. Lack of safety is one of the most important issues. There are oversized signs which do not allow the trucks to see if someone is in front of them, they cause residents to walk in the street due to the constant loading and unloading. The trucks stay in one place for too many hours. Board member Mr. Sullivan mentioned that he was aware of the problems, and that at 1135 Revere Avenue there are derelict cars. Mr. Caroccia submitted some pictures to the Board showing how big the trucks are and how they cannot even see the STOP signs at the corners.
5. Mr. John Holland – resident of Co-op City - - 1-718-671-0141
Spoke of the Golf Center at 1825 E. Gun Hill Road. He would like to rehabilitate this property and have it used for community activities for the children and young adults in the local areas. At the present time it is a blight on the area as it is used for derelict parked cars, trailers, vans, etc. Mr. Holland attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and brought up this issue and was instructed to start with his local Community Board to get results. However, Mr. Kearns informed him that this property was not in Board #10, but in Board #11 and that he could approach that District Manager, and work with him towards this end.

Motion to close Public Participation Section made by Mr. La Scala, seconded by Mr. Sullivan
Vote: Unanimous in favor (33)

Motion to accept minutes of Community Board #10 meeting of May 18th, 2011 made by Mrs. Lask, seconded by Mr. Bieder. Vote: Unanimous in favor (33)

Board Member Lewis Goldstein distributed literature from the Bronx Provider Consumer Alliance Resource Center, Inc. informing all present that he will be honored with others for their contribution in assisting the disabled.

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Andy Toledo

1. The Borough President’s office now has a center for Constituent Services which will be open to help any Bronx resident in need of assistance. They will operate as follows:
Tuesday – Food Stamp service – 10:00am-2:00pm.
Mondays only – starting June 20th, 2011 – Foreclosure assistance – 9:00am-5:00pm
These services are available at : Borough President’s Office
851 Grand Concourse – Room 209
Bronx, New York

2. The Borough President has appointed four new Board Members to Community Board #10; Rosemarie Lifieri; Louis Popovic; Yolanda Castro Arce and Eva Nielda Pellot– Orientation for these new members will be held on Wednesday, July 13th, 2011. They will be notified of this event.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Kenneth Kearns

1. Mr. Kearns explained the 197A Plan that is being proposed by Community Board #10. and the possible partnering with Pratt Institute. The President of Pratt Institute corresponded with Chairman Marano, and expressed interest in the idea and has passed the information along to two of their Professors.
2. Mr. Kearns spoke briefly on the Community Benefits Package, which will be gone over by Chairman Marano.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John Marano

1. Mr. Marano read the Community Benefits Package, as noted below; and thanked the Board members for their assistance in compiling it. It will be reviewed by the Housing and Zoning Committee and will be sent to Simone Development and its partners.
2. Community Benefits Package – several points in this package were agreed to by the Chairs of the Housing/Zoning, Economic Development and Municipal Services Committees. These points include a Traffic Plan (on ramp to I95 North to Bruckner Blvd., to Brush Avenue; trucks entering and exiting at Brush Avenue and the Hutchinson River Parkway service road only, no entrance or exits from any residential streets such as Wenner Place.
3. Career Fairs for entry level positions; Internships for high school and college students interested in career oriented positions in the retail industry, i.e. buyers, marketers, managers, display artists and advertising.
4. Commitment to notify the community as to the number and type of jobs available, and the creation of a community based employment site.
5. Commitment to pay all workers a living wage. Commitment to hire a certain percentage of residents of CB#10 and areas adjacent to CB#10.
6. Commitment to award a minimum of 25% of the project to Bronx Based contractors. Some other commitments were agreed upon, i.e. construction area based away from residential areas; plantings around the project and the erection of sound absorbing panels to minimize the noise near residential housing. The construction of the building(s) should include green technologies, such as green roof and solar panels.

7. A community park to be constructed on Jay Place and be maintained for the benefit of the neighborhood by both Target and Pepsi.
8. Relocation of bus stops on Brush Avenue. A mediation component is to be established to resolve any disputes between labor, management or tenants so that the host community is not disturbed.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Joseph Russo

Mr. Russo read the following Resolution. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following street activity Permit Applications be approved. Glebe Avenue Block Party – 8/13/11 – 12:00 to 9:00PM; Antioquia Church 1st Family Festival -8/27/11 – 10AM-7:00PM – Ponton Avenue between E. Tremont and Blondell Avenues; Hollywood Avenue Block Party -8/27/11 – Noon to 9:00PM; Hollywood Avenue between Lafayette and Barkley Avenues; Bronx Democratic County Committee Barbecue 9/10/11 – 9AM to 6:00PM – Blondell Avenue, Chesborough Avenue and Eastchester Road; Labor Day Block Party – 9/3/11- 10:00AM to 7:00PM- Wilcox Avenue between Randall Avenue and Philip Avenue; Ampere Avenue Block Party – 11:00AM to 8:00PM – Ampere Avenue between Kennelworth Place and Robertson Place; 9/11 Memorial Service and Wreath Laying – afternoon of 9/11 on Bruckner Service Road in front of the fire house.” They will obtain a sound permit. Motion to accept made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Talarico –
Vote: Unanimous in favor: (33)

Mr. Russo read the minutes which were self-explanatory. However, he did mention the following;

1. The reversal of St. Paul Avenue has been accomplished, but DOT still needs to install another speed bump.
2. A proposal to change the “Yield” sign at Exit 7C(Country Club) of I95 to a “Stop” sign. Country Club Civic Association has appealed to Senator Jeffrey Klein to check into this proposal. Board #10 will be coordinating responses with the Civic Association and Senator Klein’s office.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Peter Sullivan

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mr Sullivan mentioned the Lower Growth Density Text Amendment, and if the conditions that were amended for Doctor’s office and day-care centers could be applied to churches and group homes. City Planning informed our Board that these restrictions could be applied to group homes, but not to churches, as they were protected by Federal law.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Joseph Regina (for James McQuade)

Minutes were self-explanatory. The following Resolution was read;

“**Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, the following establishments: Game Day Grill, 3168 E. Tremont Avenue-Omar Sayeh-expires 07/31/2011; National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans, 2434 E. Tremont Avenue-Hector Cruz-expires 07/31/2011;Alfie’s Place, 3037 E. 177th Street-Susan Shadwick-expires 07/31/2011; Crab Shanty-361 City Island Ave-Joseph Valenti-expires 06/30/2011;Giovanni’s Restaurant, 3209 Westchester Avenue-Luigi Scarogni-expires 06/30/2011-Portofino’s Restaurant, 555 City Island Avenue-Mirsad Rugova –expires 06/30/2011; and Caridad Restaurant, 1436 Williamsbridge Road-Elpidio Nunez-expires 06/30/2011; submitted signed stipulations concerning best management practices for entities engaged in the sale of alcoholic Beverages, and that these stipulations be placed in the Community Board’s files. This Resolution received the unanimous support of the Committee and will be reported to the full Board.”

Motion to accept made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. McQuade. Vote:Unanimous in favor (33)

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Virginia M. Gallagher

Minutes were self-explanatory. Mrs. Gallagher explained that the speaker, Ms. Hope Kaufman, of the New York City Parks & Recreation Department was unable to attend their meeting due to an error in her scheduling.

Regarding the Ferry Point Park East Golf Course – please see attached memo.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Julian Misiurski

This Committee did not meet this month. However, their meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd, 2011. Accrual monies must be identified for a variety of office expenses, i.e. office cleaning, carpet cleaning, computer upgrade, office furniture; and the hiring of a part-timer Susan.

YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE: Robert Bieder

This month’s meeting was canceled. The Committee is still working on the Ladders for Leaders program. They will have a breakfast meeting with DYCD and Lenny Caro, as well as ADAPP over the summer. The Skate Park is doing well, and the TIPS training has been successful.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Deborah Hunt

This Committee had a guest speaker at their meeting last night and discussion took place regarding Urban Gardens, Farmer’s Markets, Cooking Classes for Seniors. Ms. Hunt introduced a new Board Member Rosemarie Lifieri who is a nurse and will join this Committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Rocco Talarico

The following submissions were made for Officer Positions:

Peter Sullivan submitted the following names for Officer Positions:

Chairperson - John Marano
1st Vice-Chair - Martin Prince
2nd Vice-Chair - Peter Sullivan
Treasurer - Joseph Russo
Secretary - James McQuade

Joseph Regina submitted the following names for Officer Positions

Chairperson - John Marano
1st Vice-Chair - Martin Prince
2nd Vice-Chair - Diane Lock
Treasurer - Michael Prohaska
Secretary - Peter Cantillo

This is the voted Executive Committee as of now.

Deborah Hunt submitted a name in nomination for the following position:

Chairperson - John Marano

Peter Sullivan withdrew his name from position of Treasurer

Joseph Russo withdrew his name from position of Treasurer

James McQuade withdrew his name from position of Secretary

Peter Cantillo was nominated and voted in as Secretary.

The new Executive Board for Bronx Community Board #10 is as follows:

John Marano-Chairman
Martin Prince -1st Vice Chairperson
Diane Lock - 2nd Vice Chairperson
Peter Cantillo - Secretary
Michael Prohaska -Treasurer

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Prince motioned that the Board send a letter of Commendation to Mr. Ira Schulman Acting Principal of P. S. 14, seconded by Mr. Talarico. Vote: 26 in favor – 4 opposed (Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Burrows, Ms. Baez, Mr. Misiurski) -3 Abstentions – (Mrs. Lask, Mr. Regina, Mr. Goldstein

NEW BUSINESS

Dorothy Poggi made a Community Board #10 Banner, and the Board thanked her for the wonderful job she did, as the Banner is beautiful.

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Mrs. Lask informed all present that there will be a 9/11 Memorial Service held this coming September. It will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 8:30AM in Building 4 on Pelham Parkway.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. LaScala. Vote: Unanimous in favor (33)
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM. Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Marra, Clerical Associate