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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

October 16, 2014

Riverbay Corporation

177 Dreiser Loop

Auditorium C

Bronx, NY 10475

PRESENT: H. Acampora, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, L. Blascovich, A. Boller, L. Burrowes, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, M. Davila, V.M. Gallagher, I. Guanill-Elukowich, M. Johnson, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Marano, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, J. Onwu, C. Papastefanou, B. Pitt, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, M. Prince, R. Rodriguez, N. Rosario, J. Russo, T. Salimbene, R. Sawyer, N. Semaj, R. Talarico, (total # present = 30)

ABSENT: R. Baez, P. Cantillo, P. Devine, L. Goldstein, B. Heaney, C. Hughes, D. Hunt, R. Lifrieri, R. Kurz, J. McQuade, J. Miller, K. Neddermeyer, M. Prohaska, J. Robert, A. Santiago, P. Sullivan, M. Velazquez (total # absent = 17)

Community Liaisons: Daniel Hogel - representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein
Ben Randazzo - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Tania Ochoteco - Office of Council Member Annabel Palma
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Bill Stuttig - Co-op City Times
Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President
Evelyn Turner - Riverbay Board of Directors
Leslie Peterson - Riverbay Board of Directors

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

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:50PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The above Community Liaison representatives were introduced and thanked for coming.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1 - Latoneya Burwell –NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS), provided a recap of Capri Hotel site now called Crystal Family Residence, went over the numbers of homeless people and the collective responsibility of all to assist in the effort of helping the homeless. Acacia is operating the program at the shelter.

A discussion between DHS, Acacia, and Board Members took place. Concerns ranged from conditions at the Residence, transportation issues, schooling, hours of operation by Acacia, length of stay at the shelter and the lack of engagement between DHS, Acacia and the Board. Mrs. Burwell invited her colleagues from Acacia, Mr. Baggett and Mr. Gonzalez, to address some of the concerns. Mr. Gonzalez stated that there was one instance of bed bugs which was eradicated and the entire premise was fumigated. Mr. Baggett added that there is a Department of Education representative available on site to assist children with educational needs; families were given the opportunity to have their children remain at their current school, transfer into one within the community or nearby community; transportation is provided. Students were reassigned to another school if there was overcrowding. The representatives from Acacia said that the ancillary programs, such as social services are in operation six days a week, until 9:00 PM; Acacia is available twenty-four hours with staff at the site. Length of stay at shelters varies, goal is to assist residents with services such as job training/employment to enable them to move on to permanent housing. The Board added that the community is willing to work with the families and wants to see more transparency among DHS and Acacia.

- 2 - Lt. Chris Hogan – FDNY: senior program – fire safety in the home; install free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm; wants to expand program in CB10; contact 718-281-3872 or www.fdneyfoundation.org for additional information.
- 3 - Michael Singer – spoke about male breast cancer; wants assistance in getting NYS to create a proclamation designating the 3rd week of October; Sen. Klein’s office is supportive of effort and is working on the proclamation for the governor’s signature.
- 4 - Leslie Brown NYPL Baychester: free tutoring program – 60 spaces available; M-Th 3-6pm, grades 1-8, 718-379-6700.
- 5 - Marcos Knight, NYS Chaplain: Ambassador for Clean Energy Act, installation of solar systems in the tri state area; additional information on forcesolar.com or call 646 296-9169.
- 6 - Egidio Sementilli: requests a resolution from Board with respect to the community being against the transitional housing program center at 1870 Pelham Parkway South.

Motion to close the Public Participation Section was made by Mrs. Lock, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all.

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Johnson 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.

- Bronx Unemployment Drops to Single Digits: NY Works Program, is an effort between BOEDC and the NYS Dept. of Labor, unemployment in the Bronx has dropped to 9.8%.

- Borough President Diaz sent a letter to Deputy Mayor Barrios-Paoli concerning the lack of community notification and community input.
- Borough President Diaz and Queens Council Member R. Espinal have worked on legislation creating a new letter grade and inspection system for cosmetology professionals.
- Upcoming Events: 10/16/14 Italian American Heritage & Culture Month at the Bronx Zoo; DIVA SPA at the Bronx County Courthouse, providing cosmetology services and massages on October 29, 2014, call 718-537-5268 for additional information; Tour de Bronx October 26, 2014, register at www.tourdebronx.org.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Kearns

Chairman Prince, Mr. Marano and Mr. Kearns met with Chief Banks of the NYPD at Police Plaza to discuss staffing levels at the 45th Precinct; this led to a subsequent meeting with the NYPD Bronx Patrol Chief Nikunen and Captain McGeown, 45th Precinct, on the staffing issues. There will be an additional four officers from the Borough Command, assigned for patrol at Bay Plaza permanently and an additional two officers from the Precinct will be assigned temporarily for the holiday season; the Board asked that the Drug Module be returned to the 45th Precinct or have the module shared between the 45th and 49th Precincts, instead of the 43rd Precinct. Chief Ninuken will address this request with his superiors. It was added that the Rand Formula should be readdressed by NYPD, so that more officers could be assigned to the 45th Precinct.

There were meetings on September 17, 2014 with the Riverbay Corporation, NYPD, local electeds and Co-op City residents and Bay Plaza management concerning traffic problems and resolutions, surrounding the Bay Plaza shopping Center in Section #5 of Co-op City, and the cooperative in general. A second meeting on that same day was held with the Bronx Borough Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and included suggestions to improve traffic conditions in Section 5, the shopping center and the larger Co-op City community. DOT will do traffic counts to include the major holiday, light timing and strategies to reduce congestion. The management of the Bay Plaza Mall will look at signage, curb cuts, etc. to try to alleviate some problems.

Marcel Negret, a graduate student at Pratt's School of Architecture, is working with CB#10 on a resiliency project, geared towards measures that could be undertaken to lessen damages from future super storms. It was requested that if there is a shorefront community and properties, which could be surveyed to advise either the Board or Mr. Negret at bronxcd10@gmail.com; an Instagram account has also been created for photos - #cd10shore. Mr. Negret will also work with Mr. Marano on the NYRising Project. Mr. Marano added that New York State is providing three million dollars for this effort, which will cover City Island, Spencer Estates, Edgewater Park, Silver Beach, Locust Point, Westchester Creek, and Harding Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

Internet committee needs to meet to explore social media issues as well as modifications to the website.

Mr. Prince asked that the Board keep Mrs. Hunt and her family in their prayers due to her father's illness.

The Committee met on October 6, 2014. The minutes are self-explanatory.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

The Committee did not meet in September.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Kearns for Mr. McQuade

The Committee met on September 1, 2014. The minutes are self-explanatory. The following resolution regarding renewal liquor licenses was read.

“**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:

- Jimmy Ryan's Restaurant, 3003-05-07 Middletown Road, 10461, between Crosby and Hobart Avenues; License # 1003968, which expires on 11/30/14.
- Spoto's Restaurant, 4005 East Tremont Avenue, 10465, between Sampson Avenue and Gerber Place, License #1004082, which expires on 11/30/14.
- Legacy Bar, 53 Westchester Square, 10461, between Ponton and Roberts Avenues, License #1264005, which expired on 8/1/14.
- Vivienne's, 3044 Westchester Avenue, 10461, between Hobart and Jarvis Avenues, License #1109127, which expires on 12/01/14.”

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Russo

The Committee met on September 22, 2014 and October 14, 2014.

The minutes from the September 22, 2014 meeting are self-explanatory; the meeting was contentious and there was opposition to the placement of a shelter at 555 Hutchinson River Parkway East.

The following resolution from the September 22, 2014 meeting was read:

“Resolved...that the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 is opposed to the installation of a homeless shelter at the location of the Capri Whitestone Motel, due to a lack of nearby services for the proposed tenants, the failure of the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to follow due process and perform due diligence, and the adverse impact that it will have on the socio-economic well-being of the Ferry Point community. The Committee further opposes this siting, because it will have a decided negative affect upon an area slated for future development, depriving the Board’s service area of the benefits associated with its promised economic rejuvenation of the surrounding community, and that this Resolution be placed before the full Board for its consideration.”

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

At the October 14, 2014 meeting, representatives from the New York Public Library (NYPL) presented plans for a new library will be constructed next to the property at the Huntington Free Library, which is a landmarked building. The structure is very modern in its current rendering. The NYPL has requested a letter of support from the Board to the Public Design Commission.

The following resolution from the October 14, 2014 meeting was read:

“Resolved...At the recommendation of Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 to approve the transmittal of a letter of support to the Public Design Commission, the design of a two story building that will occupy a larger footprint for the new Westchester Square Branch of the New York Public Library at 9 Westchester Square, and that this information be forwarded to the full Board for its approval.”

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Marano with a vote of twenty-seven (27) for and three (3) against sending the letter.

The following resolution from the October 22, 2014 meeting is being pulled for this evening’s meeting. A letter from Ms. Sharen Duke, Executive Director/CEO of ASC/NYC to Chairman Prince responding to a request for information was received in the office today. This response will be reviewed and a resolution will be put back on the table for the November 18, 2014 meeting.

“Resolved...At the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee, that the Board reject the placement of the ASC/NYC program at the Pelham Grand building, located at 1870 Pelham Parkway south because of its disingenuous nature in not answering the Board’s questions regarding its programmatic funding, the nature of its program and its lack of commitment to the establishment of a vibrant Citizens Advisory Committee, and that this information be forwarded to the full board for its consideration.”

A discussion began about the traffic incident on Crosby and Coddington Avenues. Mr. Kearns is hopeful that the NYC Department of Transportation will review the incident and install traffic controls.

A letter was sent ASC/NYC to obtain the funding source(s) for 1870 Pelham Parkway South was made. Mr. Russo said that the above mentioned letter, dated 10/16/14, outlined the sources of funding for ASC/NYC and 1870 Pelham Parkway South, and this information will be part of the minutes (see below) for the October 16, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting. Mr. Russo said that letters will be sent to the funding parties with a request for more detailed information.

ASCNYC Agency-wide Funding Sources

FY July 2014-June2015

as of 10/15/2014

Source of Funds	\$	%
NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH)	\$ 1,960,024	17%
NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH)	\$ 87,413	1%
Ryan White/Health Resource Service Admin. (Ryan White/HRSA)	\$ 2,084,283	19%
NYS Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT Housing Subsidy)	\$ 336,000	3%
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Admin. (SAMHSA)	\$ 787,500	7%
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	\$ 787,264	7%
Medicaid Health Home/Affordable Care Act (Medicaid HH/ACA)	\$ 4,743,600	42%
Private Foundations & Donations	\$ 465,209	4%
Total Funding Sources	\$ 11,251,293	100%

ASCNYC PELHAM GRAND Funding Sources

FY July 2014-June2015

as of 10/15/2014

Source of Funds	\$	%
Ryan White/Health Resource Service Admin. (Ryan White/HRSA--Transitional Housing)	\$ 720,000	50%
Ryan White/Health Resource Service Admin. (Ryan White/HRSA--Food & Nutrition)	\$ 97,778	7%
NYS Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT Housing Subsidy)	\$ 336,000	23%
Medicaid Health Home/Care Management (Medicaid HH)	\$ 237,180	16%
Private Foundations & Donations	\$ 46,521	3%
Total Funding Sources	\$ 1,437,478	100%

PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gallagher

The Committee is meeting on September 27, 2014.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

The Committee did not meet in September.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Kearns for Mrs. Hunt

The Committee did not meet in September.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

The Committee is meeting on September 20, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mande store on East Tremont Avenue and the Cross Bronx Expressway Service Road is closing at year's end. Mr. Kearns spoke with the Bronx Overall Economic Development Council about the potential uses for the site; there is a rumor that it may be turned into an International House of Pancakes.

Motion to close the October 16, 2014 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Bishop Rosario and unanimously approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.