



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 10

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REVISED 10/30/24

## Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

October 17, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Riverbay Corporation  
2049 Bartow Avenue, 10465

**PRESENT:** T. Accomando, Y. Alvarez, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, I. Barobhuiya, M. Bufano, M. Caruso, L. Collins, P. Del-Debbio, M. Fludd,, J. Gomez Jr., D. Gonzalez, S. Haywood, S. Hazell, G. Herman, D. Krynicki, MJ. Musano, N. Nunez, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, H. Ruiz, J. Russo, T. Smith, J. Thomas, S. Woods (total # present = 25)

**ABSENT:** S. Ahmed, M. Ali, P. Cantillo, J. Connolly, P. DeAngelo, T. Franklin, J. Grell, M. Hooks, D. Hunt, V. Lowe, J. Marano, S. McMillan, J. Mondello, M. Morris, J. Robert, N. Rosario, A. Salimbene, A. Torres (total # absent = 18)

**Board #10 Staff:** Matt Cruz, District Manager  
Susan Duffy, Community Assistant

Chairman Joseph Russo began the hearing at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. He transferred over the meeting to District Manager Cruz for the District Needs Statement FY 2016.

**Public Hearing:** District Needs Statement FY 2026

District Manager explained the annual District Needs Statement process and encouraged all to submit items to be included which will be submitted to the NYC Department of City Planning at the end of October. There were no submissions to discuss nor public comment. The Resolution below was voted on and the next item on the Public Hearing Agenda began.

Resolution (1)

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the District Needs Statement for FY 2026 be voted on and forwarded to the NYC Department of City Planning.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Popovic, seconded by Mr. Accomando and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

**Public Hearing:** BSA Lobster Box (BSA Cal. No. 2024-36-BZ)

District Manager Cruz discussed the request. The restaurant formerly Lobster Box, 26 City Island Avenue, is filing a City of New York Board of Standards and Appeals (NYCBSA) “use exception.” A portion of the parking lot extends into the residential district. The use extension lapsed in 1975. It is because a portion of the

parking lot is within a resident zoning district that it is needed. This will help to extend the parking lot to up to 20 spaces. The establishment appeared at the June 2024 Housing and Zoning Committee meeting. A very brief discussion among Board members on the application took place followed by a vote.

#### Resolution #2

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Housing and Zoning Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that BSA Cal. No. 2024-36-BZ, Lobster Box Restaurant be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

A motion to close public hearings and continue with the public meeting was unanimous.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:**

1. NYPL – Baychester (Leslie Brown) and Throgs Neck (Leida Velasquez) Branches: All library activities have resume and are active. Libraries will be holding a banned book event; at the Throgs Neck site a reading program with a therapy dog will take place. Flyers with calendars and events were left for the community.
2. Leon Tulton, Riverbay resident: Palmer Avenue express bus station needs a shelter; Baychester Avenue median – wants an installation of a barricade alongside the median to prevent motorists from driving over it.
3. Peter Del-Debbio: American Legion on City Island will have a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. followed by refreshments. Mr. Del-Debbio is a member of the NYC CERT Team 10 on Donizetti Place; the team is in need of recruiting additional members. Members must receive training. He added that the CERT teams assist with local mishaps at the direction of emergency services. Members are not put in the line of danger. A discussion with questions and members asked questions about the training, locations in the Bronx. Location is provided only in Brooklyn.

A motion to close the Public Participation Session was unanimous.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

3. **“Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of **September 19, 2024.”**

A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Ms. Hazell, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

#### 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2025 ELECTION COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10 that an ad hoc 2025 Elections and Nomination Committee be created with nominations to begin in November 2024 and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Accomando, and unanimously approved by all. **The Resolution passed.**

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RENEWALS

“**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, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:”

\*Bases Loaded, 2997 Westchester Ave, 10461, License #1280981-Expiration Date 10/31/2024

A motion to accept the Resolution for renewal licenses was made by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Ms. Woods, and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CMOP LICENSE

“**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, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:”

\*Royal Fusion, 3168 E Tremont Ave, 10461, License #NEW. (Change in Hours, Change from Beer & Wine to Full Liquor, Adding Sidewalk Café)

Indoor Hours	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
From:	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM
To:	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 2AM	11AM to 4AM	11AM to 4AM	11AM to 4AM
Outdoor Hours	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
From:	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM	11AM to 12AM

A motion to accept the Resolution for a new license was made by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Bufano, and approved as follows: 24 in favor, 1 against. **The Resolution passed.**

7. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – STREET ACTIVITY EVENTS

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee that the following events ID 814030 Halloween at the Square and ID 814988 Christmas at the Square be forwarded to the full Board for approval:”

**Event:** 814030 – Halloween @ The Square  
**Date:** Thursday, October 31, 2024  
**Time:** 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Setup:** 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
**Breakdown:** 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Location:** St. Raymond Avenue between East Tremont Avenue and Benson Street  
**Contact:** Yasmin Cruz

**Event:** 814988 – Christmas @ The Square  
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2024  
**Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Setup:** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
**Breakdown:** 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**Location:** Lane Avenue between Benson Street and Westchester Avenue  
**Contact:** Yasmin Cruz

A motion to accept the Resolution for street activity permit events was made by Ms. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Accomando, and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

8. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Outdoor Dining Application HK Kitchen and Draft House

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee that the NYC DOT Outdoor Dining Application #20240803020016 for HK Kitchen and Drafthouse be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for NYC DOT Outdoor Dining Application was voted on as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

9. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – Street Overlay

**“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee that the following two street overlay requests for Betty Murray at the corner of Clarence and Randall Avenues and Skip Giacco at the corner of Fordham Street and City Island Avenue be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution for Street Overlays was made by M, seconded by M and approved as follows: unanimous. **The Resolution passed.**

**DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT:** Mr. Cruz

- November 12 - Joint committee YE and HZ – School Construction Authority will present a proposal for a new school the two committees
- 2014 Bartow Avenue – will become a CitiBank
- 2903 Hunter Avenue, 4 story demolition, will affect the flow of traffic

- E-scooter corrals will be placed throughout Co-op City at NO STANDING locations
- October 25, 2024 – 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Women’s Self Defense
- October 26, 2024 – E-Waste Event at Orchard Beach 10-4
- Early voting begins next weekend
- Monday, October 21 at 6 pm Ballys will hold an information meeting at the Golf Course for Board Members only

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Mr. Russo

The Executive Board did not meet in October.

The Nominations/Elections Committee will consist of Ms. Krynicki and Mr. Del-Debbio. Nominations will be accepted at the next Board meeting or by email prior to that time. Elections to take place in January 2025.

### **HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Popovic

The Committee met on October 8, 2024. Minutes are self-explanatory.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Accomando

The Committee met on October 1, 2024. Minutes are self-explanatory. All liquor licenses were voted on and are noted above. Discussed Agua de Coco with owners and the shooting incident. New security measures will be put in place. Establishment is planning to secure the event space next to the establishment.

### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Ms. Baez

The Committee met on, October 9, 2024. Minutes are self-explanatory.

Ms. Baez noted the street co-naming requests were presented by the respective families.

Mr. Jose Saldana of DSNY spoke to the committee about the agency’s new program for compost and the new regulations for trash and receptacles. If a purchased pail is stolen, it was advised to call 311 to report the theft.

### **PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Krynicki for Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on October 10, 2024. Minutes are self-explanatory.

Ms. Krynicki encourage all Board members to attend the Ballys meeting.

Ms. Anderson of Pelham Bay Park requested that the Board to request additional park enforcement staffing.

### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES:** Ms. Hunt

The Committee did not meet this month. The Committee will participate in Breast Cancer Awareness Event on Sunday October 27 in Riverbay. Contact the Board office for details.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Woods for Ms. Torres

The Committee met on September 23, 2024. Ms. Woods went over the minutes which are self-explanatory.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Fatmara Kamara – Community Engagement Coordinator, Bronx District Attorney Office: 5kwalk run/walk 9:30-12:30 next Saturday. Contact information - [kamaraF@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:kamaraF@bronxda.nyc.gov), [ceu@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:ceu@bronxda.nyc.gov), 718-838-7454, 646-988-8307

Crystal Veras, Senator Bailey Office: Breast Cancer Walk 10/27; 10/25 mammogram bus. Contact office for information: 959 East 233rd St., 10466, 718-547-8854, [senatorjbailey@nysenate.gov](mailto:senatorjbailey@nysenate.gov).

Tremaine O'Garro, Assemblyman Benedetto Office: Apprenticeship-Trades Fair on 10/23 at the Dreiser Community Center. Contact information: 718-892-2235, 3602 East Tremont Avenue, #201, 10465, and 177 Dreiser Loop, # 12, 718-320-2220, [benedettom@nyassembly.gov](mailto:benedettom@nyassembly.gov).

Council Member Riley Office: CM Riley introduced a new bill aimed at providing luggage for children in the foster care system; discussed upcoming outreach events including a veterans resource fair at Post 1871, RSVP required 718-320-8165; constituents can submit ideas to the office for the participatory budgeting process. Contact information: [district12@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district12@council.nyc.gov), 135 Einstein Loop, 10475, 347-326-8652.

April Cardena, Council Member Marmorato Office: discussed upcoming events including blood drive, mammogram bus, DV awareness, skate party, street co-naming for Carmine Zeppieri on 10/25/24, 11/10 Veterans Parade in Throgs Neck; encourage community to sign up for the Public Testimony of the City of Yes for Housing on Tuesday, October 22. Office moved to 1925 Williamsbridge Road 718-792-1731, [district13@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district13@council.nyc.gov).

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

A motion to close the October 17, 2024 Public Hearing and Full Board meeting was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Duffy.

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This is to certify that the foregoing minutes reflect the information that was discussed at the Public Hearing and full Board meeting of October 17, 2024.



Matthew Cruz, District Manager

Dated: October 17, 2024



