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Full Board Tentative Agenda

Thursday, May 21 at 7 P.M. via WEBEX

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1. Introduction

2. Public Speaking

**Requests are to be in writing only; send to bx10@cb.nyc.gov by 5/18/2020.*

3. Resolutions

Executive Board

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Executive Board to send a letter of No Objection to the Parks Department for the installation of lighting along the Trump Golf Links course and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

Youth and Education

- **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Youth and Education Committee that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of Phipps Neighborhood Beacon Programming and be sent to City Council Member Gjonaj, State Biaggi and State Assembly Member Benedetto and forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

District Manager’s Report

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Executive Board Meeting

May 18, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: J. Russo, M. Velazquez, D. Noble, P. Cantillo, R. Bieder, T. Chambers, M. J. Musano, L. Popovic, T. Accomando

Absent: T. Franklin, N. Rosario

Guests: Maria Matos (US Census), Joseph Roediger (Trump Golf Links)

The Executive Board was held virtually through CISCO Webex Applications with the following information: Call: (646) 992-2010 and Access Key: 712441946.

Chairperson Russo commenced the Executive Board with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment silence for those lost and are sick during the pandemic at 7:30 p.m.

J. Roediger, from Trump Golf Links, led off the first agenda item. The Parks Department and Public Design Commission are having TGL appear before the Full Board regarding repairing lights on the driving range of the golf course. It was previously there but has now been destroyed. Coyotes often frequent the golf course and were eating the wiring of the lights. Parks to remedy but parks failed to do it. TGL sought out lighting professionals. Parks finally gave approval. It is a driving range of 200. Lighting does not point in any direction but up, and there are no homes located. T. Accomando, in his capacity as Vice-President of Ferry Point Civic, confirmed that there are no homes that would be affected. D. Noble asked questions whether if the lighting could prove problematic for residents and if the lighting is too tall. J. Roediger articulated that TGL is only replacing what was broken and that the lighting on the maps given to the Executive Board disclose its direct location.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Executive Board to send a letter of No Objection to the Parks Department for the installation of lighting along the Trump Golf Links course and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

The motion was proposed by R. Bieder and seconded by T. Accomando. There was one abstention (MV) but it was approved by rest of Executive Board.

Committee work is to continue next month. Municipal services will meet on June 10. Economic Development is on June 2. Youth and Education was able to send letter of support on behalf of Phipps Beacon.

The last agenda item was Maria Matos who spoke on the importance of the US Census. Ms. Matos encouraged the Board to continue to remind constituents of the importance of its completion. If the Board and/or elected officials deliver groceries to those in need, she can send completion forms along with groceries to anyone who needs. There is an extension of self-response to October 31.

There were old and new business items. D. Noble spoke on how NY Rising lost will not be funding projects in CB #10 and that, to date, no Bronx community has received any resources from Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Chairperson Russo asked that the District Manager review further and do all that is necessary to bring to the attention of the elected leaders.

The meeting ended roughly at 8:30PM by a vote of adjournment first proposed by R. Bieder and seconded by P. Cantillo and unanimously approved by all.



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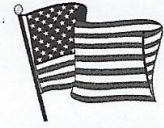
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Health and Human Services

May 14, 2020 via WEBEX

Present: N. Rosario, R. Bieder, H. Acampora, M. J. Musano, L. Council, J. Russo, T. Smith, R. Barbarelli, D. Hunt

Absent: W. Chin, I. Guanill, T. Salimbene, T. Franklin

Guests: M. Matos (US Census), M. Salazar (Montefiore), L. Perez (Montefiore)

The meeting commenced just after 7:15 P.M. by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Rosario thanked everyone in attendance and announced the debut of Bravery and Hope airing on CBS on Friday, May 15 at 9PM. It details Montefiore Hospital and its patients with coronavirus.

Lilliam Perez of Montefiore Hospital conveyed to us the following facts from her presentation and questions from Committee Members:

- Discharged 5,383 COVID + cases -
- 545 cases being treated
- 84 cases in Einstein Hospital
- More than 50% who have past had chronic diseases - diabetes, heart failure, cancer
- At least 50% of patients who died had diabetes - Volume down 70% of COVID patients -
- 2 cases of suspected Kawasaki disease. Children are doing well currently.
- 20% expected cut if State of New York does not receive federal funding which could exacerbate Montefiore's response to treating coronavirus-stricken patients during the expected second wave this fall season.
- Testing sites are at all Montefiore hospitals as well
- Bravery and Hope documentary on CBS at 9pm May 15, 2020.

Maria Matos conveyed to the committee that in August census surveys will be given to each residential building. The Census has been extended to October 2020. Unfortunately, such as Throggs Neck and Country Club, have not completed the census. Co-op City has one of the highest rates of Census completion. The District Manager and Chairperson Rosario will follow-up with pamphlets and digital advertising for the Census in conjunction with Ms. Matos and how to continue to spread the word. The meeting adjourned at roughly 8:30 P.M.



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Dear Elected Officials:

It is my hope that you and your loved ones are well. These are unprecedented times for all of us and we thank you for all your collective efforts on behalf of our community. As always, please feel free to contact myself or our District Manager for event coordination or volunteers.

With that said, I write to you today on behalf of Bronx Community Board #10 about Phipps Neighborhoods' Beacon Program, or Phipps Beacon. The Phipps Beacon program has operated out of the Intermediate School 192 campus in our Throggs Neck community for many years. It has provided more than just after school programming. The program teaches life skills through remote learning, promotes education through mentorship, events and seminars, exposes young people to arts, crafts and sport, and most importantly, teaches our young people character, leadership and responsibility even while not physically in school – this along with providing unconditional emotional support that, at the moment, is more important than ever. Phipps Beacon, under the leadership of its Director, Ed Scott, is a fixture.

Unfortunately, budget cuts have damaged Phipps Beacon programming. And as of right now, it is being forced to not offer any summer programming this summer. We understand that for the foreseeable future we are in uncertain budgetary times. However, we should not balance the budget on the backs of our young people. If anything, the future of our young people should remain protected by offering programming from Phipps Beacon as it remains unclear the emotional and mental harm the pandemic will cause them.

In short, kindly do everything you can to ensure Phipps Beacon is spared when discussing the city and state expense budget. Restoring Phipps Beacon's budget will not only give our young people something to do during their hard-earned summer, but it will give hope in a time where it is difficult to believe.

Please stay well. If you have any further questions, please contact our District Manager, Matthew Cruz, at (718) 892-1161.

Sincerely,

Joseph Russo
CB #10 Chairperson

C: Robert Bieder, CB #10 Youth and Education Chairperson
Ed Scott, Phipps Beacon Director