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Public Hearing Meeting of BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 April 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall 116 City Island Avenue, 10464

AGENDA rev.

- 1. Call to Order Joseph Russo, Chairman
- 2. Public Participation 30 Minutes

- **Public speakers are allowed to sign up for the public session until the meeting is called to order.**
- **Representatives of elected officials are allowed to speak 3 minutes or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson for a total of 15 minutes.**
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- 3. Meeting Conduct

- **Any personal attacks against a Board Member, staff member, member of the public, and/or elected official or their representative will result in the individual being asked to leave the meeting or could result in the meeting's closure.**
- **ANY outburst from the public after the Public Speaking Portion of the Meeting has been closed out, will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the meeting. If outbursts or attacks continue, this will be considered disturbing the peace and the authorities shall be summoned.**
- **All Speakers must address and face the Board members with concerns.**
- **No Solicitation OR Electioneering.**

- 4. Resolutions including Acceptance of Minutes of Community Board #10 Meeting of March 17, 2022
- 5. Borough President's Report

During the segments below, ONLY board members can ask questions or address the board or its speakers.

- 6. District Manager's Report Matthew Cruz
- 7. Committee Reports

All Committee Reports are to be NO LONGER than ten minutes, unless the full Board approves an extension in time.

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| a. | Executive Board | Joseph Russo |
| b. | Housing and Zoning | Lou Popovic |
| c. | Economic Development | Thomas Accomando |
| d. | Municipal Services | Robert Bieder |
| e. | Youth & Education Services | Angela Torres |
| f. | Parks and Recreation | Terence Franklin |
| g. | Health and Human Services | Nancy Rosario |

9. Reports from the Offices of Elected Officials
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Meeting Closure



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RESOLUTIONS

1. **“Resolved...to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of March 17, 2022.”**

2. **Economic Development – Renewal Licenses**

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Executive Board Meeting

March 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: J. Russo, B. Bieder, P. Cantillo, R. Bieder, T. Chambers, M. J. Musano, L. Popovic, T. Accomando, N. Rosario, A. Torres, C. Isales

Absent: T. Franklin

Chairperson Russo commenced the Executive Board at 7:33 P.M. Chairperson Russo began the meeting by discussing the district manager’s email regarding the difference between old /new business and public participation. Chairperson Russo also mentioned that the Gov. Hochul extended the directive permitting virtual community board meetings through April. He went on to say that he would leave it up to the committee chairs whether or not to hold the committee meetings virtually or in person, but if they want a meeting in person to please notify Chairperson Russo.

Chairperson Russo then asked committee chairpersons for their reports. Chairperson Russo asked about the upzoning issue, and the District Manager mentioned that there would be a preliminary meeting to discuss upzoning at a later date. B. Bieder asked District Manager Cruz to follow up with the DOT on (?) and asked if there was a new commissioner for the Bronx.

T. Accomando reported that two bars; Dumont and Bridges, served underage minors and both tickets were dismissed. There was a discussion about the most recent incident at Seafood City. T. Accomando spoke with the owner/manager Dennis? Both T. Accomando and B. Bieder said the incident was handled properly. T. Accomando spoke with the owner/manager who said he immediately closed the place down after the fight, threw everyone out and has plans to remove the tables and chairs, replacing both with picnic-style benches. T. Accomando reported that SLA(?) got involved and there were no injuries and no arrests. T. Chambers asked T. Accomando to ask Seafood City’s owner/manager to appear before the committee next month.

B. Bieder suggested that liquor-serving establishments hire paid details. T. Accomando stated that paid details are not allowed in liquor-serving establishments. B. Bieder will ask the 45 community council to ask again that the restriction on paid details be changed. Chairperson Russo requested that both the economic development and municipal services committees discuss drafting a letter requesting a change in the prohibition of paid details providing security to liquor-serving establishments and take a vote on the matter. B. Bieder suggested speaking with the other liquor-serving establishments to see if they will also submit a letter to support the change in the paid detail policy.

L. Popovic briefly discussed the upzoning issue. L. Popovic also expressed concern over the treatment of new board member Valon Lajci, who read a prepared letter about a new overlay in CB#11 during the new business/old business portion of the meeting. First Vice Chair, T. Chambers explained what happened and that she spoke with Board member Lajci after the meeting to explain why his prepared comments were interrupted to wit: the matter had already been addressed during City Councilmember Velasquez' presentation and the issue was a CB#11 issue not CB#10. Chairperson Russo clarified that new/old business is to address things that are actionable and that the public participation portion of the meeting is the appropriate time to express opinions.

Torres reported on the youth and education committee. The superintendent of District 8 was supposed to come to the meeting but was unable to. She is looking to get Dr. Tobias, the executive superintendent, or the superintendent of district 11 to come. A. Torres also informed the executive board that all executive superintendents are being removed by the chancellor. Said executives must reapply for their positions and they must show that they attend community board meetings and show community engagement.

Bieder made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by A. Torres.

The meeting closed at 8:02 p.m. by vote of adjournment.



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Executive Board Meeting

April 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: J. Russo, T. Accomando, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, T. Franklin, C. Isales, M. J. Musano, L. Popovic, N. Rosario, S. Woods

Absent: None

Chairperson Russo commenced the Executive Board at 7:29pm with the pledge of allegiance. T. Accomando discussed "Puff & Paint" complaints and had invited the business to the April Economic Development Committee to learn more about the business. Chairperson Russo discussed his plans for the upcoming, April 19th Housing and Zoning Committee meeting regarding the planned Bruckner up-zoning. Chairperson Russo and M. Musano met with the consultant and the two owners of the project and discussed the procedures for the April 19th meeting which was expected to be a quasi-public hearing but no vote would be taken at this meeting. A vote on the matter will be held at the May 19th Full Board meeting, giving the public four (4) opportunities to be heard prior to the vote.(4/19, 4/21, 5/10 and 5/19) The owners and consultant were invited to speak at the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting. District Manager Cruz anticipates 200-300 attendees.

Chairperson Russo will chair the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting. Housing and Zoning Chair L. Popovic and Co-Chair A. Chirico were asked to recuse themselves. Chairperson Russo explained the order of the meeting. Chairperson Russo would begin with the public comment portion, the sponsor association will make their presentation and then the questions would begin with the Housing and Zoning Committee and Board members followed by the public. R. Bieder asked that the attendees be reminded to treat the presenters/sponsors of the Bruckner project with respect as our invited guests. Chairperson Russo explained that he will begin the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting by announcing the rules of decorum and explaining the order of the meeting, thereby setting the tone of the meeting.

T. Chambers asked which elected officials were expected to attend. Chairperson Russo and District Manager Cruz stated that they expected City Councilmember (CCM) Marjorie Velazquez and State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto were expected. Chairperson Russo was unsure about CCM Velazquez's position on the Bruckner up-zoning issue. Chair L. Popovic stated that CCM Velazquez has publicly said she is opposed. T. Chambers suggested that we have the elected officials "weigh in" between the public portion and the presentation to give them adequate information before addressing the community. Chairperson Russo, T. Accomando, L. Popovic and R. Bieder expressed that the presentation should come before the elected officials speak. A. Chirico expressed a concern that the elected officials may not know the full history of how the City Council and the mayor gave our community these protections. Chairperson Russo explained that former CCM Vacca would be the first speaker in the public comment portion of the meeting and he will give a history on the zoning of the Bruckner area. Former CCM Vacca would be followed by the local civic associations and other local organizations.

R. Bieder stated that Municipal Services committee has decided to move their meetings up to 7:00pm and suggested that all the committees discuss moving their meetings up to 7:00pm as well from the current 7:30pm start times. The Executive Board agreed and decided unanimously to move the monthly executive board meetings to 7:00pm. T. Accomando made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by R. Bieder.

The meeting closed at 8:07 by vote of adjournment.



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Economic Development Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Present: T. Accomando, T. Smith, B. Bieder, A. Chirico, L. Popovic, D. Prioleau, J. Roberts, M. Sajous, T. O'Garro, P. Caruso

Absent: T. Chambers, J. Onwu

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Accomando acknowledged all in attendance and thanked them for attending the first in person Committee meeting since COVID. Everyone in attendance was glad to be back in the office again. Brewski's was the only establishment up for Renewal but was not present. The Committee moved on to the New Licenses.

There were two new establishments applying for a liquor license: Fiorentina Steakhouse and Lena Trattoria. The Committee heard from the representatives for Fiorentina Steakhouse, Mr. Stephen Kaufman, Attorney, and the owners as well.

Next up was Lena Trattoria. The representatives addressed the Committee. Discussions that took place between the representatives and the Committee were well received. At this time the Chairman made a motion to accept the Renewals which was made by Mr. Popovic and seconded by Mr. Bieder. The vote was unanimous.

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The Chairman recalled Brewski's who still wasn't present. Mr. Accomando went over the PO. Report with the Committee. At this time the Chairman made a motion to accept the Renewal which was made by Mr. Bieder and seconded by Mr. Popovic. The vote was unanimous.

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Old Business: Seafood City was asked to attend the Committee meeting to discuss the incident that recently took place in their establishment. The representatives gave an overview of what took place in their establishment and the actions already implemented to avoid further incidents. Their fast action was well received by the committee. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting.

New Business: Puff Paint n Peace and Mello Tymes

Representatives from Puff Paint n Peace gave a very good outline of their business and how they are going to manage their new establishment noting what was allowed and what wasn't. They were asked to attend our meeting due to some concerns that were called into the Board Office by residents. District Manager Matthew Cruz, extended invitations to all those who called the Board office so they could express their concerns with this new establishment that is in our neighborhood. Please note none were in attendance.

Mello Tymes: Representatives gave a very detailed outline of the cannabis business, from conception of product to delivery to the establishments and the strict controls that are in place and the product regulations they must follow. The Committee asked many questions and some concerns that was addressed by the representatives. The representatives added that they were looking for a location to start their business, preferably Co-op City. The Chairman strongly suggested they reach out to Co op city so they can schedule a meeting as well.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr O'Garro.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.



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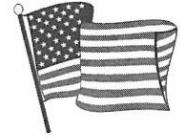
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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

April 13, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

Present: R. Bieder, T. Accomando, J. Mondello, M. Morris, N. Rosario, P. Del-Debbio, M. Caruso

Absent: D. Noble, M. Ali, M. Morris

Guests: K. Kalb (NYCDOT), H. Malone (NYCDOT), T. Nyambose (BIRD), M. Kaess, J. Leon (VEO), C. Antunez (VEO), A. Rosario, R. Smith, N. Yearwood (LIME), K. Daloia, A. Schneider (BXTIMES)

The committee had a presentation on the E-scooter program Phase II. This phase will add 3,000 more scooters and extend the program area into Throggs Neck along East Tremont Ave. The scooters will be placed based on ridership. DOT and the 3 Scooter companies were present to answer all questions and suggestions as to where the corrals would be placed. They will be working with the community and the merchants to place them in suitable locations. They will also provide the community board with a single sheet explaining how to contact the three companies with any issues that may arise as well as a way to access special scooters for handicap access.

DOT acting Commissioner Keith Kalb was able to give us additional answers to questions we asked two months ago. One was in regard to traffic cameras that were thought to be placed in illegitimate locations. The commissioner informed us that they were in appropriate locations. We also asked for an update on the City Island gateway project which the commissioner said he was still investigating. The meeting closed at roughly 9PM by a unanimous vote of adjournment.

All Municipal Service committee meetings will now begin at 7PM starting next month.



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MARCH 28, 2022

Present: D. Hunt, B. Bieder, T. Smith, R. Barbarelli, Col. Chin, M. Musano, M. Bufano,
S. McMillan, M. Sajous, T. Franklin, T. Salimbene

Absent: N. Rosario

Guest: Mr. Orlando Torres, CCHR

We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm. I introduced the guest speaker: Mr. Orlando Torres of the Commission on Human Rights. Mr. Torres gave a power-point presentation about the updated laws regarding human rights of service employees that focuses on preventing discrimination and protecting the rights of employees. The rules apply to individuals who are employed full-time to work in residences and the rules must be displayed in places of business including homes that employ individuals who provide various services. (Do we have a copy?). The annual voting was held with Bishop Rosario and Dr. Hunt being nominated and unanimously voted on for the positions of Chair and Co-Chair. R. Beider inquired about the status of the updates to the Emergency Room at Montefiore Einstein. There have been no updates, but the committee will invite a representative from Montefiore to a future meeting to provide an update. There was a brief discussion about the Health Lifestyle Walk and the committee agreed to hold a walk in May or June at Maritime College.