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Joseph Russo  
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### Public Hearing BSA Calendar #: 2019-171-BZ, 1610 Eastchester Road and

#### Bronx Community Board #10

July 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** H. Acampora, T. Accomando, M. Ali, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, T. Chambers, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, P. Del-Debbio, T. Franklin, C. Isales, D. Krynicki, J. Landi, S. McMillan M. Morris, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, J. Onwu, L. Popovic, J. Robert, J. Russo, T. Smith, A. Torres (total # present = 27)

**ABSENT:** M. Davila, I. Guanill, D. Hunt, M. Johnson, J. Marano, J. McQuade, C. Papastefanou, N. Rosario, N. Sala, A. Salimbene, J. Thomas, M. Velazquez, S. Woods (total # absent =15)

**Community Liaisons:** Maryanne Joyce – Office of State Senator Biaggi

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

Chairman Joseph Russo began the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing:** New York City Board of Standards and Appeals application #2019-171-BZ. This application seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution 73-211 to permit the operation of an Automotive Service Station (UG16B) with an accessory convenience store contrary to Zoning Resolution 32-10, C2-2/R6 and M1-1 zoning districts, at 1610 Eastchester Road aka 1490 Williamsbridge Road, Block 4081, Lot 4, Borough of the Bronx.

“**Resolved...** at the recommendation of Bronx Community Board #10 that the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals application #2019-171-BZ for a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution 73-211 to permit the operation of an Automotive Service Station (UG16B) with an accessory convenience store contrary to Zoning Resolution 32-10, C2-2/R6 and M1-1 zoning districts, at 1610 Eastchester Road aka 1490 Williamsbridge Road, Block 4081, Lot 4, Borough of the Bronx, be approved and notification of approval be sent to the Board of Standards and Appeals.”

A public speaker, Mr. R. Press, read a statement requesting an economic impact statement in addition to requesting that the Board not vote in favor of the project. Mr. Eric Palatnic, representing the project answered questions from the Board members. This project was approved in the Housing and Zoning Committee in 2019 and was originally scheduled to come before the Board in a public hearing which was postponed during the height of the pandemic. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder and agreed upon unanimously.

A motion was made to close the hearing and open the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting with the public participation section. Mr. K. Daloia spoke during the public participation section about safety concerns and fatalities on the East Tremont Avenue corridor. A motion made to close the public participation section was unanimous.

A presentation was made by the New York City Economic Development Corporation on the status of the ferry expansion to Ferry Point Park. The pathways to the Ferry landing will be developed with new lighting, benches along the pathway will be installed. Fare will be \$2.75. Project anticipated to begin late 2020-2012. There will be a “tram” to transport those passengers not wishing to walk to the ferry from the parking lot. The parking lot will be repaired. Another presentation will be made to the Municipal Services Committee in September.

Maryanne Joyce of Senator Biaggi’s office informed the community that requests for assistance can be emailed to her at [mjoyce@nysenate.gov](mailto:mjoyce@nysenate.gov) or call the office at 718-822-2049.

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2020 Bronx Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Ms. Guanill, and unanimously approved by all.

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

- Municipal Services Committee, Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.: East Tremont Avenue Road Diet and Harding Avenue Road Diet will be discussed as well as the project along Westchester Avenue on bus bulbs. Email the Board with comments or concerns
- Free meals are still available at certain schools – PS 160 in Co-op City and PS 72 in Throggs Neck from 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- The City is providing free air-conditioners to income eligible seniors – call 311.
- NYC Parks basketball courts are open
- NYC Open Restaurants: public should file complaints with 311. Enforcement to be coordinated between the Mayor’s Enforcement Unit and NYPD.
- Everyone should continue to wear masks and social distancing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Mr. Russo

The Committee met on July 13, 2020. The District Needs Statement was discussed as well as the closing of Our Lady of Assumption School in Pelham Bay. The Board is recommending that a committee be created to work with the Archdiocese and Church for the building’s future use.

**PARKS/RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Franklin

The Committee met on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Minutes are self-explanatory. A presentation by NYC Department of Parks and Recreation concerning the exhibit of statues at the Bartow Pell Mansion was given, which did not require the Committee's vote. Also, a discussion on the use of pesticides in Pelham Bay Park resulted in the following resolution:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Parks Committee of Bronx Community Board that a letter of support be drafted in favor of Intro 1524-2019 which bans the use pesticides by city agencies, that the resolution be also sent to Speaker Corey Johnson, and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder and voted on as follows: (15) in favor, (13) opposed. **The Resolution passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Russo reminded the Board members to be very careful when posting on social media accounts; members represent the community and comments can be used against them. A grievance is being investigated on a Board member.

Mr. Russo also noted that there have been social distancing complaints about Silver Beach. DM Cruz will contact the Associations management office to discuss.

Motion to close the July 16, 2020 Community Board #10 meeting was made by Mr. Accomando, seconded by Mr. Bieder and unanimously approved by all.

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 full Board meeting of, 20.



J. Russo, Chairperson

Dated: July 22, 2020

<b>DATE:</b>  <b>BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 10</b>	<b>A T T E N D</b>	<b>1. Public Hearing 1<sup>st</sup> Bob B. 2nd Tom A.</b>	<b>2. P&amp; R Pesticides Ltr 1<sup>st</sup> Bob B. 2nd Tom A.</b>					<b>NOTES: A abstain X against √ in favor R recuse</b>
<b>Board Member Name</b>								
<b>Acampora, Hannah</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Accomando, Thomas</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Ali, Mohammed</b>	A							
<b>Baez, Raquel</b>	A							
<b>Barbarelli, Robert</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Bieder, Robert</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Cantillo, Peter</b>	A							
<b>Caruso, Maria</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Chambers, Taisha</b>	A							
<b>Chin, Col. William</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Chirico, Andrew</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Council, Lauren</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Davila, Michele</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Del-Debbio, Peter</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Franklin, Terence</b>	P		√					
<b>Guanill, Irene</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Hunt, Deborah</b>	A							
<b>Isales, Cynthia</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Johnson, Monique</b>	A							
<b>Krynicky, Dorothy</b>	A							
<b>Landi, Jerry</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Marano, John</b>	A							
<b>McMillan, Susan</b>	P	√	√					
<b>McQuade, James</b>	A							
<b>Morris, Martin</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Musano, Mary Jane</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Noble, Denise</b>	A							
<b>Onwu, Joseph</b>	A							
<b>Papastefanou, Christos</b>	A							
<b>Popovic, Louis</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Robert, John</b>	A							
<b>Rosario, Bishop Nancy</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Russo, Joseph</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Sala, Nick</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Salimbene, Anthony</b>	P		X					
<b>Smith, Tom</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Thomas, Janine</b>	P	√	X					
<b>Torres, Angela</b>	P	√	√					
<b>Velazquez, Marjorie</b>	A							
<b>Woods, Stephanie</b>	P	√	√					
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