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Peter J. Sullivan
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
District Manager

Executive Board Minutes

October 15, 2018

Present: P. Sullivan, I. Guanill, J. Marano, P. Cantillo, M. Vazquez, T. Accomando, L. Popovic, N. Rosario, R. Bieder, J. Russo, M. Prince, T. Franklin (for K. Lynch)

Absent: A. Salimbene

Guests: E. Sementilli, L. Rocco, E. Gonzalez III, A. Rosario

Chairperson Sullivan promptly began the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Executive Board led off with the first agenda item: changes to By-Laws. Chairperson Sullivan and the Executive Board felt it was best to do any By-Law changes as part of one package. The Planning and Budget Committee and ad-hoc Co-op City Committee are to remain as is while a committee is established to combine the grievance policy and the nominations and elections procedures into one document. Chairperson Sullivan reiterated that there will be ample time to discuss all items and that By-Law changes are merely introduced one month before the General Board, as per the By-Laws. A discussion ensued on the relevancy of Planning and Budget and if it is a committee that can produce its own results. The members that submitted a By-Law change agreed to holding back changes to ensure every By-Law change is voted upon during one meeting.

The District Manager introduced guidelines to public hearings and clarified that all public hearings are to be presided over by the relevant committee chairperson. A public hearing topic should be heard in the neighborhood of where it is taking place.

Chairperson Sullivan reminded fellow Executive Board Members that on the November ballot is term-limits for Community Board Members. Four 2-year terms are being proposed. Executive Board Members were in agreement that the “institutional knowledge” of Community Boards, should the resolution pass, may harm Community Boards.

Chairperson Sullivan thanked the Executive Board Members for their responses with regard to the District Manager’s evaluation. Chairperson Sullivan reported that the District Manager received no negative reviews and will ask for a vote of confidence at the October 18, 2018 Full Board meeting as follows:

“**Resolved**...at the request of the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board #10 that a vote of confidence in our District Manager be forwarded to the full Board for a vote. This request is the result of an employee evaluation in which not one negative review was received from the thirteen members of the Executive Board.”

Chairperson Sullivan disclosed the annual leave and sick leave balances of CB #10 staff. Youth and Education Chairperson Bieder inquired with the District Manager to contact the Borough President on what, if anything, community boards can do to protect the Board's budget from large leave balances. The District Manager will schedule a meeting with the Borough President's office with Treasurer Velazquez and/or Secretary Cantillo.

There was not any old business. Secretary Cantillo contacted Chairperson Sullivan via e-mail with regard to new business. Secretary Cantillo inquired about other District Managers' salaries and the possibility of giving the current District Manager a merit increase in salary. Chairperson Sullivan disclosed that the District Manager at present time is the lowest paid in the borough.

Youth and Education Chair Bieder inquired if the Full Board can vote to approve at Full Board on October 18. However, as per the By-Laws, the Planning and Budget has to ensure that such monies is available at which point the committee refers it to the Executive Board.

Chairperson Sullivan then opened the floor to members of the public. E. Sementilli asked that the Board make public or that the Chairperson at least discuss the District Manager's evaluation. E. Sementilli inquired on the union contracts and if it were accessible to the public. L. Rocco voiced his concerns about Westchester Square with regard to the Community Board not assisting him. L. Rocco also voiced his concerns about the street permit process and took exception that documents he requested "blacked out" the contact information of the permit holder. District Manager Cruz mentioned that any request made to the Board Office has to delete contact information to ensure privacy.

The meeting closed at roughly 8:30 P.M. by a motion to close by Chairperson Sullivan and seconded by R. Bieder.