

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Monday, February 23, 2009 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 38

Greg Ahl  
Ruth Berg  
Allen Bortnick  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Robert Cassara  
Judith Collins  
Timothy Cross  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
Michael Festa  
George Fontas  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Ron Gross  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Scott Klein  
Dino Lamia  
Jeannie May  
Rhea McCone  
Heather McCown  
Mary Nolan  
Jim O'Dea  
Eleanor Petty  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Dean Rasinya  
Husam Rimawi  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Helen Sokoloski  
Larry Stelter  
Maureen Stramka  
Fran Vella-Marrone

Board Members Excused: 9

Robert Buonvino  
Michael Casale  
Thomas Colasuonno  
Stephen Harrison  
Stella Kokolis  
Mary Nilsen  
George Prezioso  
Joanne Seminara  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Absent: 3

Salvatore Girgenti  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Shiu Kam Leung

Ex-Officio

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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DENA LEIBNER	718 748.5200			CM GENTILE
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Julia Glasbich	718 999-1460	718 999-2789		FONY LAU
Sia Fryfield	718 238-6600	718 238-6630		Adv. Dep't Home Reporter, Inc.
BRIAN M. ADAMS	718-881- 6302	NONE		RESIDENT OF PELHAM PARKWAY HOUSES
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Kenneth Lazar				NYC DOB
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VINCENT GUARNINI	718-238-6321		VG718@AOL.com	Guest Resident of 76th St 1200 Block

LARRY MORRISH 917  
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D.A. JOE HYNES

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 23, 2009, Knights of Columbus**  
**MINUTES**

Chair Rasinya called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. He introduced Jennifer Ashley, Program Director, ShoreRidge Cares, to lead the Honor of the Pledge, who spoke briefly about the Program. She explained that Bay Ridge is a Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community – NNORC – and the goal of a NNORC is to have aging seniors remain in their homes as they age.

Chair Rasinya called for adoption of the Amended Agenda, which was amended to include an Education Committee Report and Recommendation and an Informational Report from the Subcommittee on Lack of Parking, and an Environmental Committee Report on roll down gates. Motion to adopt the Amended Agenda by BM Germack, second by BM Joudeh. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Rasinya called for adoption of the Minutes from the January 26, 2009 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Lamia, second by BM Quinones. Minutes adopted as written.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Jonathan Yedin, representing Congressman Michael McMahon, spoke about the Stimulus Plan that is now passed. One-third of the money is tax cuts, meaning couples making \$150,000 or less will receive an \$800 tax cut that will directly be put back into your paycheck. An individual making \$75,000 or less will receive a \$400 tax cut. There is an \$8,000 tax cut for new home buyers, which is separate to the mortgage issue. One-third deals with increased spending to the states. The northeast corridor high speed rail service will receive \$3 billion over the next two years, in addition to a transportation bill that might come over the summer. There will be complete oversight by the Administration as well as by the public. A website named [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) will list any money from the stimulus package that is spent. NY State will get \$24.7 billion in state aid to cover Medicaid costs, job creation toward various projects such as infrastructure, 215,000 jobs will be created within New York State, and approximately 9,000 within the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Roughly \$18 million is included in programming education aid for New York City Schools, as well as \$3 billion for school construction. There's \$19 billion included for healthcare IT upgrades which means a secure data base will be created including an individual's basic health care information for doctors and hospitals to utilize. BM May asked how errors will be corrected to an individual's health care records. Jonathan will look into this question and provide the answer to the Board office.

John Heyer, from Borough President Markowitz' staff, announced that Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall from 6 – 8 pm a Public Hearing will be held with the CEC to discuss Mayoral Control of the New York City Public School System. He invited all to attend. He

also requested that any Board Member who has not submitted their reappointment application please do so. Applications can be downloaded from [www.brooklyn-USA.org](http://www.brooklyn-USA.org).

Assistant Commissioner Vincent Sapienza, DEP, gave a brief update on the work at the Owls Head Plant. He stated that as part of the Owls Head 33 contract, the foundation slab has been poured and the columns are going up to support the roof of the residuals building. This work is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2010. The other work taking place is replacement of the wooden covers that were installed a couple of years ago. The wood covers on the primary tanks are being replaced with aluminum covers. The tanks are in close proximity to the residents and have been identified as a major odor source. The new covers should last 25 years, and this work is expected to be completed within three months. The funding for the cover work is \$800,000. The new covers should aid in the odor control. BM Bortnick asked about the issue of global warming and how the rising water levels will affect the water treatment facilities in New York City. Assistant Commissioner Sapienza stated that Mayor Bloomberg inspected the Rockaway Sewage Treatment Plant last week and this was one of the issues discussed. The projections for sea level rise is 1 foot to 4 or 5 feet over the next 100 years, and many of the treatment plants are at sea level now. The next upgrades will include raising much of the electrical equipment. Designs are currently underway.

BM Jean Ryan spoke about cars parking on sidewalks throughout Bay Ridge and how this has become an epidemic in our district. BM Ryan feels this issue is being ignored by Police and Traffic Agents. She spoke specifically about 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 89<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Sunoco Station on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, the Volvo dealership on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the abandoned car wash on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 89<sup>th</sup> Street being used by restaurants for valet parking, and parking on the sidewalk near Xaverian High School. She displayed photos taken the prior week and stated that many of the cars are repeat offenders, parking on the sidewalk on a daily basis. BM McCone stated that on her way to the Board Meeting this evening she saw cars being parked on the sidewalk by the Police on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 82<sup>nd</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street for a fund raising event. BM Nolan stated that to say the Police are doing nothing is not correct. She praised the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their role in having cars towed last year that belonged to the car dealerships. The problem was cleared up following that operation. Chair Rasinya committed this issue to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Councilman Gentile agreed with BM Nolan and stated that the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct had done an aggressive tow which curbed the problem for a time. He has reported some of the cars near the school building at 415 89<sup>th</sup> Street, where children had to walk outside in between the cars on the sidewalk during a fire drill. He stated that in addition to being a quality of life complaint, it becomes a situation that is potentially dangerous. He pledged his support to work with the Board and the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct to get another aggressive tow operation in place. BM Romero asked if there is some type of civil action that can be taken against the restaurants that continue to use the sidewalk for valet parking. She suggested contacting the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project that will work pro bono on any situation that is a viable cause. The Councilman stated that when the 68 Precinct visited all

of the dealerships and restaurants and followed up with a tow program, the situation did improve for a time. He is willing to endorse anything that is reasonable and will get results.

The Councilman announced that he will be hosting an On Line Town Hall. Questions should be submitted to [vgentile@council.nyc.gov](mailto:vgentile@council.nyc.gov) by the end of the day on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The answers to questions will be posted on Councilman Gentile's blog, which is [vincentgentile.blogspot.com](http://vincentgentile.blogspot.com), on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Gentile spoke about the new Keyfood being constructed on 69<sup>th</sup> Street. The project did receive a Stop Work Order because the insurance lapsed when there was a change of contractor. Then there was a second Stop Work Order because the DOB mistakenly thought they were working in an area where they should not be. This was a mistake, nevertheless, there was a second Stop Work Order that has now been cleared up. The second contractor is waiting for new plans to be approved, which should happen by the end of the week. The owner plans for a mid April opening at this point. The building across the street will still be used for parking. As far as the Greenmarket on Saturdays, the Councilman is discussing plans with Walgreens to continue to use the space in the parking lot on Saturdays.

Councilman Gentile has spoken to Peter Vallone, the chief sponsor of the roll down gates bill to include Community Board 10's recommendations including tenancy, to come up with something much closer to what we originally had wanted in the bill. The Councilman was advised that CM Vallone will consider the Board's suggestions. He stated that we will hear more on this issue during the Environmental Committee Report and thanked BM Ahl for his work on this issue.

The bus rescue plan is still being pressed with the MTA. Now that the stimulus package has been passed, there is hope that some of that money may be used by the MTA to save bus lines. The Councilman will keep us informed of any developments.

Councilman Gentile will be holding a Town Hall on Mayoral Control of Schools on April 29<sup>th</sup> at PS 200 in Bath Beach in conjunction with Councilman Recchia. More information will follow. He also stated that Library Week will take place the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be some events which will be announced.

Councilman Gentile congratulated the Board Office on its move tomorrow, and presented a check, which he called his stimulus check, in the amount of \$1,000 to Chair Rasinya, which was quickly snatched by DM Beckmann.

BM Sokoloski complained about the disturbing discussion in the back of the room, which makes it difficult for those trying to pay attention. Chair Rasinya addressed the problem and requested that those who need to converse please step outside.

BM Berg announced that the Women Minding Their Own Business, being produced by Greenlight Brooklyn will be held Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Green Spa and Home Store. Corporate sponsors are being sought. 7410 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the mailing address for information. Flyers have been left in the back and information will appear in the press shortly. She also announced that the ladies are meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Tomassos at 6:00 pm.

Sal Maraio complained about problems from Dunkin Donuts located at 7602-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. His comments about the quality of life concerns of those who live in the area are attached.

BM Heather McCown gave an update on Sunset Ridge Waterfront Alliance plans. She stated that June 14<sup>th</sup> has been chosen as the Green Day at the Pier. There will be vendors, music and activities for children. The Green Youth Award Program has been unveiled for students in grades K through 8, which encourages students with teacher participation to submit projects that are artistic, scientific or involve activism in the community. The projects will be judged and awarded publicly at the festival on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The top winner will be sponsored for the President's Environmental Youth Award by the Sunset Ridge Waterfront Alliance. BM McCone thanked Councilman Gentile for agreeing to accept the submissions. More information is available on line at [srwalliance.org](http://srwalliance.org). Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 7 – 9 pm will be the first VIP night at Trace. There will be refreshments, followed by a screening of the documentary City of Water. There will also be a Question and Answer period. A \$50 donation is requested to attend.

BM Sokoloski stated that a Dunkin Donuts is opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Street, and she is worried that a similar situation to the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dunkin Donuts will occur.

Heather Hamilton, owner of Long's Wines and Liquors, spoke about a bill currently in the State budget to legalize wine sale in grocery stores. The budget is scheduled to be passed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The bill, if passed, will affect approximately 2,700 mom and pop liquor stores across the state, possibly putting half of them out of business. The Governor's reason for this bill is to increase revenue. The large chains have been pushing this for years. There is also a very serious social issue that this bill would cause. Currently 90% of alcohol sales to minors comes from grocery stores through beer. Right now, people coming into a liquor store are there for one reason only – to buy wine or spirits. Grocery stores are a gray area. Kids are there buying snacks all the time. They could be looking to score some beer. Right now, if liquor stores do not card and control their sales, their license becomes vulnerable. It is in their best interest to control. There would be much less control by grocery stores. Wineries, sales people unions, and distributors have joined their coalition. Ms. Hamilton distributed a hand out with more details. She requested support from the Board against the Governor's bill. Chair Rasinya stated that one of the problems of the local wineries traditionally is that they cannot compete with the mass distributors. So they are pushed off the shelves and the big guys have that part of the market with more shelf space. It is a big issue.

BM Vella-Marrone, President of Dyker Heights Civic Association, stated that they are in support of Ms. Hamilton's request, and have sent a letter in opposition to the proposed bill to the Governor with a copy to the Board office.

BM Carroll also spoke about the proposed bill that would allow grocery stores that sell beer to be permitted to sell wine also. He noted that passing of the bill would cause job loss across the state. Over 1,000 small businesses would be forced to close, equating to 4,000 jobs. Underage drinking may increase if the bill were passed. Our Board has taken a lead role in fighting underage drinking in our community. He urged all to join with him and with Heather Hamilton, the previous speaker, to write, call or e-mail all of our state elected representatives and tell them to take this proposal out of the budget. He stated that he will make a motion during the New Business portion of this evening's meeting, requesting support from Community Board 10 to oppose the Governor's proposal to legalize the sale of wine in grocery stores. Time is of the essence, and he would hope for a vote on this issue tonight. Chair Rasinya stated that based on BM Carroll's and BM Vella-Marrone's comments, he was planning to commit this issue to committee. Our next Board Meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup>, which might be too late. So the issue will be considered during New Business.

Janet Molloy complained about sanitation issues on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. She likes this community, which she moved into 3 years ago from Chicago. As she walks 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, she finds overflowing baskets, dirty sidewalks. She calls these conditions appalling and embarrassing. She feels there is no sense of community pride. She has heard excuses, but she is looking for solutions such as garbage cans that are not open, getting children involved, banners on signposts, community cleanups, etc. She requested that the Environmental Committee act on this issue.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010, Chair Rasinya briefly explained the process. He stated that we are now at the point where we have finalized our lists.

Capital Budget – a list of 19 items has been presented for review. **Motion by BM Ahl, second by BM Sokoloski to accept the Capital Budget as presented. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Expense Budget – a list of 25 items has been presented for review. **Motion by BM Carroll, second by BM McCone to accept the Expense Budget as presented. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

In the matter of the Citywide Statement of need for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010, the Zoning and Land Use Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Acting Zoning Chair Gross. See attached. **The recommendation of the Zoning and Land Use**

**Committee is to make no recommendations as there are no suitable sites in Community District 10. Motion seconded by BM May.** BM Stelter inquired if schools are included. The answer was no. **All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

In the matter of a renewal application for a pre-existing enclosed sidewalk café for 11 tables and 42 seats at Chianti, Inc., 8530 Third Avenue, Consumer Affairs License No. 0964306, the applicant was present. Acting Chair Gross rendered the Report and Recommendation of the Zoning and Land Use Committee. See attached. **The Motion of the ZALUC is to recommend approval of the application for Chianti, Inc., 8530 Third Avenue, Consumer Affairs License No. 0964306. Motion seconded by BM Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman's Report – See attached**

**District Manager's Report – See attached**

**Treasurer's Report – See attached**

Before rendering the Treasurer's Report, T&T Chair Kieran publicly thanked BM Stelter for acting as Chair for the Traffic and Transportation Committee in his absence.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Environmental Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Environmental Chair Ahl. See attached.

BM Bortnick thanked those who have already signed the on-line petition to stop the planned shale drilling in the Catskill watershed. He stated that the State has admitted its culpability. They have done no tests, no examinations, had no understanding of what was happening. Hearings are now being conducted over the next 60 days, and there will be input from the public. The Environmental Committee Recommendation is to support a permanent ban on all drilling in upstate New York watershed areas, with a copy sent to all of our elected officials.

Motion from the floor by BM Cassara, second by BM Bortnick: Community Board 10 to send a letter to all of our elected officials supporting a permanent ban on all drilling in upstate New York watershed areas. Discussion followed. BM Fontas suggested adding the Chairs of Environmental Committees of all legislative bodies.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to send a letter to all of our elected officials, and to the Chairs of the Environmental Committees of all legislative bodies supporting a permanent ban on all drilling in upstate New York watershed areas. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Environmental Chair Ahl continued with the Environmental Committee Report and Recommendation regarding Intro 599 – The Bioheat Act of 2007. See attached. Motion and Recommendation: Community Board 10 to support Intro No. 599 – The Bioheat Act of 2007. Discussion followed. BM Cruz inquired as to the level of efficiency compared to diesel fuel and ethanol. BM Cassara stated that it is as efficient as regular diesel. He questions the CO2. He states that burning fuel will emit the same BTUs as regular diesel, so there will be the same carbon output. What is true is that you are getting a renewable resource that plants can use. BM Fontas asked if there was any research regarding the cost analysis to the homeowner. Environmental Chair Ahl stated that the cost would be the same, and there is an added incentive to go in that direction with a tax credit. Environmental Chair Ahl asked for a second on the Motion. Motion seconded by BM Cassara.

**Motion and Recommendation: Community Board 10 to support Intro No. 599 – The Bioheat Act of 2007. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Environmental Chair Ahl continued with the Environmental Committee Report and Recommendation regarding a ban on solid roll down gates. See attached. He requested a motion from the floor to ask the City Council to tighten up Intro 138 in order to expedite the conversion of the gates in a more reasonable time frame. Discussion followed. BM Romero stated that the expense of changing one gate to another might not be true in cases with older technology – the pull down gate. Changing to an automated gate would be much more costly. Environmental Chair Ahl stated that he based the price for conversion at \$400 on the standard 20' front by 9' high gate. He still uses the pull down technology at his business, and did not get an estimate on the automated type. BM Joudeh spoke about the gates relating to teenagers and damage caused to store windows in cases where there are no gates. Environmental Chair Ahl stated that he checked with the Precinct and the rate of broken windows is about 1 per year, usually by kids that are drunk. The consensus of the Police and the Fire Department is that solid gates are a safety impediment. The responding agency cannot see what is going on inside the store if there is a solid gate. BM Joudeh stated that the rate of 1 broken window per year is based on solid gates, and if there were more open gates, he feels that the broken window rate would increase. There was discussion about safeguarding medications within a pharmacy, and Environmental Chair Ahl stated that a veterinarian office near his business, which does have medication inside, has no roll down gates at all, only shatterproof windows, and there has not been a single incident. BM Cruz asked how enforcement would be carried out for those locations that have a change of ownership and would be required to change their gates. Environmental Chair Ahl stated that when the City creates laws, the business owner must follow what is required.

**Motion: To request that City Council tighten up Intro 138 in order to expedite the conversion of the roll down gates in a more reasonable time frame. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

BM Cruz asked for information about odors on Fort Hamilton Parkway. Environmental Chair Ahl responded that there is no new information to report. DDC has sent the as-builts to DEP, and they do not see a problem. They are considering doing a smoke test to put smoke into the sewer and see where it comes out. He asked DEP when this might take place and they do not know. He is requesting that DEP send a representative to our next Environmental Committee meeting to provide further information.

### **HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

There were two Health and Welfare Informational Reports rendered by H&W Chair May. See attached. Chair Rasinya added that 7 schools participate in the Healthy Schools Program within District 20, and 3 of those are within CB 10 – McKinley, Fort Hamilton High School and the Bayview School.

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Traffic and Transportation Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Acting T&T Chair Stelter. See attached.

Regarding KeepNYCFree, a motion from the floor was made by BM Carroll, second by BM Bortnick, to reiterate our opposition to the imposition of tolls on the now free East River bridges, which is a key element of the KeepNYCFree agenda. Discussion followed. BM Cassara disagreed and feels the MTA needs to fund projects. They will get the money from the tolls, they will get it through higher fares, or they will raise our real estate taxes. He feels there should be tolls on the bridges. Whoever uses it should be paying for it.

**Motion: To reiterate our opposition to the imposition of tolls on the now free East River bridges. 35 in favor; 3 opposed – BM Lamia; BM Romero; BM Cassara. Motion carried.**

Acting Chair Stelter continued with the T&T Committee Report regarding 86<sup>th</sup> Street subway station renovations. See attached. BM Bortnick asked if we have received a response to our questions from the MTA. The answer was we have not. BM Cassara suggested that the tiles being replaced should be the original white subway tiles, not white square bathroom tiles.

Acting Chair Stelter continued with the T&T Committee Report regarding Victory Car Service. See attached. A motion from the floor was made by BM Cruz; second by BM Stramka to support the renewal of the base license application for Victory Car Service. There was no discussion.

**Motion: To support the renewal of the base license application for Victory Car Service. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Education Chair Schack. See attached. Education Chair Schack stated that she has her own personal opinion in the matter of Mayoral Control, and her own notes from the Education Committee Meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup> are available at the District Office if anyone is interested in seeing them. Motion from the floor by BM Fontas, second by BM McCone: Community Board 10 support Mayoral control of schools with the following stipulation: the local Community Education Council and the local school superintendent should have the authority and budget to implement appropriate school programs at the local level. There was no discussion.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to support Mayoral control of schools with the following stipulation: the local Community Education Council and the local school superintendent should have the authority and budget to implement appropriate school programs at the local level. 36 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Schack, BM Carroll. Motion carried.**

### **ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE**

The Zoning and Land Use Committee Informational Report regarding 127 87<sup>th</sup> Street was rendered by Acting Zoning Chair Gross. See attached.

### **SOFT SITES SUB COMMITTEE**

Informational report on the Soft Sites Sub Committee was rendered by Sub Committee Chair Festa. See attached.

### **SUB COMMITTEE ON LACK OF PARKING**

Informational report from the Sub Committee on Lack of Parking was rendered by Sub Committee Chair Fontas. See attached.

### **OLD BUSINES**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

BM Carroll made a motion from the floor that Community Board Ten send a letter to Governor Paterson and our local and state elected officials opposing the Governor's proposal allowing the sale of wine in liquor stores, second by BM Vella-Marrone. Discussion followed. BM Gross stated that there seems to be a concept that if you allow wine to be sold in grocery stores, liquor stores will go out of business. BM Gross feels that there would be a little bit more specialty items in the wine stores. In other states, there is not a lot of specialty imported wines in the grocery stores. You find the same thing from supermarket to supermarket because their buying power is so large and the specialty wines sources are so small. He thinks you would end up with more specialty wine stores. Ms. Hamilton answered that if you go to California wine country, where you would think there would be many specialty shops, the amount is miniscule. There is so much more choice here.

Chair Rasinya stated that the best thing to do in a situation like this in the future is not to make a motion from the floor, but to call the Board Office in advance and have the issue brought to committee for discussion. Chair Rasinya believes in committee work.

BM Klein stated that he lived in San Francisco and what Ms. Hamilton stated is true. There are no wine stores in California. He feels the motion is critically important. BM Gross stated that Brooklyn does not shop the same as they do in California. We have local business and local stores. We still walk up and down the streets to shop. That's a reason why Walmart has been kept out of here. Our supermarkets in areas like Bay Ridge are so small that they don't have enough shelf space. He doesn't see where they would get the shelf space to put businesses out of business.

BM Gross made a motion to table the issue and send it to committee. Chair Rasinya clarified that if the motion to table passes, the issue gets sent to committee. If it fails, we would then vote on the original motion. BM Carroll asked for a second on the motion to table. Motion seconded by BM Grimaldi. BM Bortnick attempted to speak, but was not recognized.

**Motion: To table the motion and send it to committee. 10 in favor; 27 opposed; 1 abstention – BM Sokoloski. Motion to table defeated.**

**Motion: Community Board Ten send a letter to Governor Paterson and our local and state elected officials opposing the Governor's proposal allowing the sale of wine in liquor stores. 33 in favor; 3 opposed – BM Gross, BM D'Amelio, BM Grimaldi; 1 abstention – BM Sokoloski; 1 recusal – BM Fontas. Motion carried.**

BM El-Yateem made a motion to adjourn. Chair Rasinya adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Comments from Sal Maraiio  
Community Board 10 meeting  
2/23/2009

Good Evening,

Before I begin, I would like to thank the board for giving me the opportunity to speak  
My name is Sal Maraiio and I own & occupy a home at 1271 76<sup>th</sup> st.

I'm here tonight to address a reoccurring problem regarding a Dunkin Donut Store  
located at 7602 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. There is essential 2 big issues.

1. The mass of loitering teenagers that assemble in the front of the store
2. Garbage & Litter

Since its opening more than a year ago, the residents of my block and the surrounding  
area has been besieged by an onslaught of unruly teenagers who congregate & loiter on  
the corner of 76<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> ave. The number of people some nights swell as high as 75 -  
100

They start out on the corner and slowly evolve down 76<sup>th</sup> St. toward 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. In there  
wake they leave a trail of discarded Dunkin Donut coffee cups, bags, wrappers and beer  
bottles etc.

Dunkin Donuts has done nothing to discourage the loitering and the garbage there  
establishment produces. They do not put out one trash receptacle in front of there store  
unlike other food chains like McDonalds & Burger King. There is only one NYC trash  
receptacle in front that is always over flowing with garbage. There sidewalk is always  
has unswept litter that eventually is blown down the block in front of our houses.

This store has become a blight on our block and in our community and is definitely  
having a negative effect on home values....Something we don't need in this time of  
economic crisis.

The litter is the least of our problems

Since its opening the store has become a meeting place for kids from as far away as Mill  
Basin & New Jersey. They have no regard for the residents of our neighborhood because  
they do not live here.

The following are just a few of the incidents that I personally had to deal with:

- My 2 young children being woken up because of the gangs of kids screaming and  
yelling late into the evening
- Public urination ( Young male walking in front of my house fully exposed while  
urinating
- Graffiti & vandalism
- Underage drinking and smoking marijuana
- Fights
- Constant traffic problems ( cars parked off corners, cars taken up multiple parking  
spaces, double parked cars , horn blowing , loud car radios
- Upon confrontation to move away from the front of my house, they mock me and  
use intimidating & obscenity laced language

I along with my neighbors have called the 68<sup>th</sup> pct. numerous times to complain

To there credit, the police have come and disbursed the crowd, but this has only been a temporary solution, since they will come back the next night for more of the same. It seems like they have no respect for our community or law enforcement.

My biggest concern is the upcoming spring/summer season. If we do not act now and discourage these individuals from congregating, I'm afraid we are going to be facing explosive and perhaps tragic confrontations this summer.

I'm here tonight to ask for your help to preempt such scenarios from happening.

Thank you for your time

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Good Evening Board Members and Guests.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2009 a joint meeting of Community Board 10 and Community Board 11 was held at the Community Board 11 office with officials of Lutheran Medical Center and Maimonides Medical Center. In attendance were the following individuals:

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| Representing Community Board 11        | – Bill Guarinello, Chair<br>– Marnee Elias-Pavia, District Manager  |
| Representing Community Board 10        | – Dean Rasinya, Chair<br>– Josephine Beckmann, District Manager   |
| Representing Lutheran Medical Center   | – Wendy Goldstein, President and Chief Executive Officer<br>– Claudia Caine, Executive Vice President and<br>Chief Operating Officer<br>– Mary Quinones, Vice President for Strategic<br>Community Partnerships |
| Representing Maimonides Medical Center | – Pamela Brier, President and Chief Executive Officer<br>– Douglas Jablon, Special Assistant to the President and<br>Vice President for Patient Relations   |

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any impact the closing of Victory Memorial Hospital has had upon Lutheran Medical Center and Maimonides Medical Center.

Upon the conclusion of an open discussion, the following points were agreed upon:

1. In order to move people out of the emergency room more expeditiously, both institutions are exploring ways to increase the number of beds in the hospital.
2. The reimbursement given to the hospital for child birthing barely covers the costs incurred. The reimbursement formula used by the New York State Department of Health needs to improve.

As one might expect both hospitals have plans and aspirations which addressed all of the questions posed during the meeting and as is the usual case, Ms. Goldstein and Ms. Brier were receptive to all questions and were frank and open in the responses they gave. As a community we are blessed to have such capable and caring individuals at the helm of our local hospitals.

Bill Guarinello and myself agreed to pursue whatever means are available to assist our local hospitals.

The continuing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have stretched our military forces to a point which was not anticipated ten years ago. This has placed increased stress and demand upon the families of our active Reserve and National Guard military units.

I am pleased to announce the formation of a Military and Veterans Affairs Committee which will be chaired by Judith Collins. The purpose of the committee will be to work with our local Veteran's

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Administration Hospital and Fort Hamilton Army Base in an effort to assist our veterans who are attending programs at the VA Hospital and to assist military families stationed at Fort Hamilton Army Base.

I would like to acknowledge one of our Board Members, Reverend Pastor Khader El-Yateem who has just recently celebrated his tenth as an ordained minister. Pastor El-Yateem is well known throughout our community for his dedication and hard work. The members of his congregation, The Salam Arabic Lutheran Church, honored Pastor El-Yateem on February 14<sup>th</sup> at their annual dinner dance. It was quite obvious that Pastor El-Yateem has inspired his congregation to work diligently in service to the community, their church, and to the glory of God. Most especially, you could see the love the children of the church have for him. Congratulations Pastor El-Yateem.

In closing, I want to thank Mary Ann Walsh, Barbara Germack and Kevin Peter Carroll for helping Josephine and Dorothy pack boxes in anticipation of our moving to the new office. As usual, whenever we ask for the help of Board Members, someone always steps up. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Rasinya", written in a cursive style.

Dean Rasinya  
Chair

DR:dg

Thank you, CM Gentile. - \$87.00 in award

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**February 23, 2009**

Good Evening Board Members:

Amc Street

I have signed up Community Board Ten's Team for this year's/Relay for Life.. You will be getting an email from me in the upcoming week about Board Member participation. We look forward to the Relay which will take place on Saturday, June 13th at Fort Hamilton High School field.

Sgt. Shaun Delpritti of the NYPD Van Unit – CB 10 had requested additional support and enforcement of illegal commuter vans. For the months of November and December 35 summonses were issued within the confines of the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct and there were 7 seizures. This supplemental unit of the NYPD will continue to assist our precinct with enforcement of illegal commuter vans – and we have asked for focused attention along 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

After growing concerns and complaints filed by residents at the Bay Ridge Towers regarding accidents at Shore Road Drive – Exit 1 off the Belt Parkway – during inclement weather, I have asked for a meeting with the DOT Brooklyn Borough engineer and we will be meeting to discuss problems. I have obtained accident reports from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct so hopefully together we will be able to make improvements at this location. We received over 25 calls in the past eighteen months. On September 28, 2008 there was a fatality and this past February 7, 2009 a very serious accident – driver was severely injured – three passengers also hospitalized.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Street Project began again. Work is currently being done on 86<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway. The contractor is working at the Shore Road end of 86<sup>th</sup> Street cleaning catch basin hoods at various locations. The work near Fort Hamilton Parkway is National Grid work that is being supervised by the contractor. We are awaiting a schedule from DDC and will post updates on the website.

Avenue V Pumping Installation of sheeting and 42" pipe along north side of Belt Parkway in the vicinity of exit ramp to Verrazano Bridge - Microtunneling – The project is moving along according to schedule. There remains storage of piping materials in the area along the Belt Parkway in the vicinity of the VZ Bridge.

The owner of Kim Chee Restaurant – in response to our conditional approval of his sidewalk café application has filled and restored the holes on both street sides and has submitted an amended plan drawing which satisfies the 8' sidewalk clearance.

NYPD - in response to homeless complaints  
cleaning up underpasses @ Hwy BQE  
this week.

## **Announcements**

Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2008. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 12:00 noon. At 1:00 the Parade will kick-off and travel North on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Marine Avenue to 94<sup>th</sup> Street and right onto 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

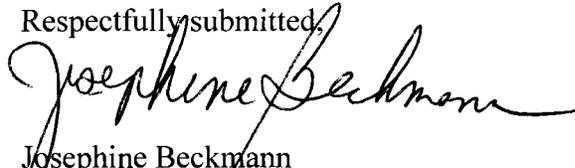
## **THE MOVE**

Tomorrow is moving day for CB10. While we are very excited.. we must all realize that we will be moving almost three decades worth of archives. We spent a lot of time this Summer going through our archives and were able to consolidate many boxes. I echo Dean's appreciation to those who helped us pack and we thank all those who have volunteered to help us unpack.

Logistically – all future meetings will be held at the new District Office 8119 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There is a short window from today until our next Board Meeting and we have four Committee Meetings set up already for the month of March. Dorothy and I will be very busy and we will appreciate your patience – as the minutes may not be ready for our March Board Meeting. We will work hard to get through this, but as with any move we expect it to take some time to organize.

Then next General Board Meeting for Community Board Ten will take place on Monday, March 16th 7:15PM at the Norwegian Christian Home 1250 67<sup>th</sup> Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

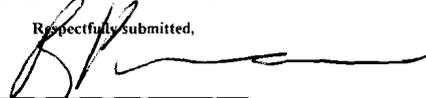
Budget Appropriation for FY 09	\$180,404.00
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	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,887.39	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$9,404.19	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46						
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$8,475.40	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$7,333.29	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86						
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$6,370.78	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$5,244.95	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30						
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT													
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$25,733.57</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$21,982.43</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>						<b>\$119,324.10</b>

OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES														
ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	196.82	194.83	186.40	195.58	189.43	185.95	180.52						
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials							85.00						
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00			135.00							
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	286.75	286.75	175.75	175.75	175.75	346.75							
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00							
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70			21.70	21.70	21.70						
612	Office Equip. Maint													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies													
622	Temporary Services-contractual							1,000.00						
624	Cleaning Services													
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$640.27</b>	<b>\$503.28</b>	<b>\$497.15</b>	<b>\$371.33</b>	<b>\$386.88</b>	<b>\$1,089.40</b>	<b>\$1,287.22</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,775.53</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,373.84</b>	<b>14,824.90</b>	<b>14,818.77</b>	<b>14,692.95</b>	<b>22,369.31</b>	<b>15,411.02</b>	<b>15,608.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>124,099.63</b>
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<b>AL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$56,304.37</b>											
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Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Brian Kieran, Treasurer