

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance  
Norwegian Christian Home  
Monday, November 16, 2009 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 40

Greg Ahl  
Liz Amato  
Ruth Berg  
Allen Bortnick  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Thomas Colasuonno  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Charles Elias  
Khader El-Yateem  
Siti Eschrich  
Ann Falutico  
Michael Festa  
Barbara Germack  
Judie Grimaldi  
Ron Gross  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Scott Klein  
Dino Lamia  
Jeannie May  
Rhea McCone  
Mary Nolan  
Eleanor Petty  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Michael Quinones  
Dean Rasinya  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Larry Stelter  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 7

George Fontas  
Stephen Harrison  
Stella Kokolis  
James O'Dea  
George Prezioso  
Maureen Stramka  
Fran Vella-Marrone

Board Members Absent: 3

Salvatore Girgenti  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Husam Rimawi

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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Charles Elias	347 733-7358			
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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**November 16, 2009, Norwegian Christian Home**  
**MINUTES**

Chair Rasinya called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm and invited Police Officers Joseph Trischetta and Marco Venezia to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Councilman Gentile welcomed our two new Board Members, Charles Elias and Joseph Sokoloski.

He spoke about his never ending quest to return some measure of courtesy in our Parking Enforcement Bureau, which has turned into our Parking Revenue Bureau. The Councilman's bill was passed in the City Council today which would require 30 days notification for any parking meter changes, parking meter rate changes or replacing a parking meter with a different meter, to all affected Community Boards and to the Council Members in the affected area, as well as posting notification on the DOT website. Another bill passed today, one that Councilman Gentile co-sponsored with Councilman Felder, is a bill providing a 5 minute grace period for munimeter violations and for alternate side of the street parking. The enforcement agent will not issue summonses until 5 minutes after the time on the printed out ticket is up. For alternate side of the street parking, there is a 5 minute grace period. For example, if alternate side parking begins at 8:30, summonses cannot be issued until 8:35. The new standard time to be used for summonses will be the munimeter time, since watches and clock times usually vary. The Mayor will veto this bill, but the Council should have enough votes to override the Mayor's veto and make it law without the Mayor's signature.

Another bill passed today, which Councilman Gentile was a co-sponsor of, also requires notification of changes in parking restrictions, so that there could no longer be changes made in the middle of the day. This has happened in our community. You may park in a legal space early in the morning and come back later in the day to find out that you are now parked illegally, due to changes in the parking sign. Under this new bill, any permanent changes to take place, including when the change is to go into effect, must be posted by DOT to their website. The bill also gives you an affirmative defense if a summons is issued within the first 5 days of the new regulation taking effect. Temporary or road repair work notices also require certain postings or notifications to be made. Under this bill, there will be no summons to pay for a violation on a road repair. You may be towed, but you will not be subject to a summons. Clergy parking benefits have also been extended to part time clergy members and parking around funeral homes for clergy members is also part of this bill.

The eco dock planned for the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Pier will be under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, the goal will be recreation. Further approvals are still needed from EDC but the plan is on track. The eco dock can accommodate kayaking, canoeing, sail boating, and day trip boats. The Councilman has allocated \$300,000 for this project and it should be up and running hopefully by summertime. Councilman Gentile feels this can be a big economic boom for Bay Ridge. Commuter

ferries are not yet planned, since this is a Parks Department project. Discussions regarding commuter ferries will continue.

Councilman Gentile announced that the last day for the Bay Ridge Greenmarket for this season will be November 21<sup>st</sup>. He invited all to come and shop for their Thanksgiving celebrations. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded all to keep their community hats on.

Chair Rasinya called for adoption of the Amended Agenda, which was amended to eliminate the Environmental Committee Informational Report, and the Traffic and Transportation Committee will not report on increased summons activity within CB10, since a representative from Enforcement did not attend the meeting. Motion to adopt the amended Agenda by BM Cassara, second by BM Lamia. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Rasinya called for adoption of the Minutes from the October 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Motion to adopt by BM Casale, second by BM Ahl. Minutes adopted as written.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

BM Cassara spoke about Upstate Gas Drilling in the watershed area. His comments are attached. Discussion followed.

Jonathan Yedin, representing Congressman McMahon announced that three pieces of legislation have passed both Houses and have been signed into law. One is the Matthew Shepard Act which expands current federal hate crimes law to include crimes motivated by gender, sexual orientation or disability. The bill also expanded federal hate crimes by eliminating the fact that the perpetrator had to be engaged in some sort of federal act such as voting while committing the hate crime. Regarding the Fort Hood Tragedy, one of the first pieces of legislation Congressman McMahon co-wrote back in March mandates that any member of the military who comes back from Iraq or Afghanistan must go through mental health screening. This was passed and signed into law as part of the defense bill about three weeks ago. Currently there have been 117 suicides by troops that were in Iraq or Afghanistan and have since returned home. There have been no mental health screenings to this day. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> there will be as part of the Defense Appropriation Act, one to one confidential screening done before troops are totally discharged.

HR3962, the Healthcare Bill, passed the House of Representatives by a 5 vote margin. Congressman McMahon voted against this bill, because there were too many negatives that outweighed the positive points. Just this past weekend the possibility of seniors on Medicare having their benefits reduced by the plan was revealed. People on Medicare Advantage, about 40% of the seniors in our district, would see their premiums increased by an average of \$139 at the onset which is 2013. All of the hospitals in the area have expressed their concern over dish funding, which is being cut out of the bill, and would just paralyze these hospitals. Dish funding is a reimbursement to hospitals that take

care of those that do not have insurance, are undocumented, or are underinsured. The Senate has its own version of the Healthcare Bill. Once it is passed in the Senate, there will have to be a joint committee from both Houses to come up with a consensus. There will be a vote once the process is complete. The bill can be viewed in its entirety at [mcmahon.house.gov](http://mcmahon.house.gov). BM Cassara commented that he recently learned that the CHIP program would be eliminated, child support would be gone. Jonathan stated that certain programs would be eliminated and certain programs would be established.

BM Cruz questioned Jonathan about his statement a few Board Meetings ago, where he announced that shovel ready MTA Projects for the R line were in place including handicap access for the R line. Jonathan stated that there is capital money to complete the proposed R line rehab of the 86<sup>th</sup> Street station. The next phase, after this project is done, would be to put in an elevator. BM Cruz requested clarification that the elevator is not part of the shovel ready project, and Jonathan confirmed this fact. BM Cruz then requested which R line subway stations would be made handicap accessible as part of the shovel ready project. Jonathan stated that he had the information about which stations are included in his car and would be happy to retrieve it. She asked if any stations within our district are included, and Jonathan responded that he thinks an R line station further down in the 50's is included. BM Carroll added that he was under the impression that the handicap accessibility would be on the N line, not the R line.

Rita Meade, Children's Librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library, announced that Libraries are once again facing budget cuts across the state. She urged all to reach out to oppose any budget cuts at [NYLA.org](http://NYLA.org) and search for the advocacy center. She also spoke about the limited edition Elmo library card that is available now to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sesame Street. She announced that the Central Branch has a Sesame Street exhibit on display until February.

Danny Kanter spoke in support of the street naming request in memory of his father, Abe Kanter, at the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street. He gave a detailed summary of his father's volunteer activities.

Charles Glover, representing Mayor Bloomberg, stated that the Mayor has put together a program to improve customer service citywide as it relates to traffic agents and enforcement. The training course for agents has been tested and proven to work. Individual agents will participate in the program, and once the agents have completed the program we will begin to see a marked difference in the level of courtesy when issuing tickets and dealing with the public.

BM Seminara commented on a problem in the community – illegal and non compliant curb cuts. She stated that it may not seem like a big deal, but in this community we cannot park. When building owners cut the curb without permission or do something that is non compliant that they say is self certified and legal, it becomes a problem. BM Seminara requested that the Mayor's office be

made aware that we need DOB enforcement on curb cuts. This is a very important issue to us. Charles responded that he will take that information back.

BM Ryan spoke about illegal parking on the sidewalk, in some locations it is allowed to be done all the time. Charles responded that adding more parking agents to Community Board 10 would not be a good solution. BM Ryan stated that we do not need more parking agents, frequently the agents walk right past the cars in violation. Charles offered to speak with BM Ryan to get specific locations, and BM Ryan offered to take him to the locations right now. Chair Rasinya offered his perception on this to Charles. He stated that in 2007 over \$600 million was taken from NYC residents and people parking their cars here. Basically we are taxed. He understands we have to balance a budget. The only area where personnel were increased was traffic enforcement people. This has become a revenue stream for the city, and that is not good. Chair Rasinya explained that it should be about safety, it should be about moving traffic, not about hammering people because they left their cars not 5 minutes, even 15 minutes too long. It's out of balance. That's the message Chair Rasinya would like Charles to take back. There should be less agents giving out tickets for expired meters. Tell me it's double parking, tell me it's safety violations – in crosswalks, double parking, fire hydrants, sidewalks, and you will never hear a complaint from us. It's out of balance and it is due to the need to balance the budget. Chair Rasinya requested that Charles respectfully take that message back.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – See Attached**

BM Falutico questioned whether the Board has taken a stand against shale drilling. Chair Rasinya responded that we have.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached**

BM Romero advised all to remember that when shopping for toys for holiday donations, older kids – pre teens and teens are included. Oftentimes, we purchase for younger children but forget about the older kids. She suggested board games as a great gift for this age group.

BM Cassara questioned why the fall leaf collection was cut by Sanitation this year. DM Beckmann stated that it is a budget decision made by Sanitation, since leaf collection is done on a separate collection, and is very costly. BM Cassara responded that we are paying \$65 or so per ton to cart our garbage out of state. The leaves are adding to that weight and if separated they could be recycled instead.

BM Stelter asked about the date of the December Board Meeting. DM Beckmann replied that it will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BY LAWS COMMITTEE

In the absence of By Laws Chair Fontas, BM Doris Cruz rendered the Committee Report and Recommendation. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Schiano asked if each Article would be discussed separately. BM Cruz agreed and clarified that Article 7.1 relates to the Parliamentary position. Article 8.1 lists the standing Committees of Community Board 10. She read the list of current committees – Budget and Personnel; Communications and Public Relations; Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs; Environmental; Health and Welfare; Housing; Parks; Police and Public Safety; Senior Issues; Traffic and Transportation; Youth Services; Zoning and Land Use. BM Cruz then read the list of proposed committees – Budget and Personnel; Education, Libraries, Cultural Affairs, and Communications; Environmental; Housing, Health and Welfare; Youth Services, Parks and Senior Issues; Police and Public Safety; Traffic and Transportation; Zoning and Land Use. Discussion followed.

BM Stelter suggested that in the Education, Libraries, Cultural Affairs and Communications Committee, Libraries should come first. He also suggested that in the Youth Services, Parks and Senior Issues Committee, Parks should come first. BM Klein made a motion to accept the changes to the standing committees as recommended by the By Laws Committee.

BM Schiano asked about the proposed Education, Libraries, Cultural Affairs and Communications Committee. She inquired if the current Communications and Public Relations Committee was altered, since the proposed Education, Libraries, Cultural Affairs and Communications Committee omits the Public Relations portion of the committee. BM Cruz asked if anyone would like to make an amendment. BM Schiano made a motion to amend the standing committees as follows: Remaining the same with no changes - Budget and Personnel; Environmental; Police and Public Safety; Traffic and Transportation; Zoning and Land Use. Committees to be combined with a more natural fit: Youth Services, Education and Libraries; Senior Issues, Housing, and Health and Welfare; Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations. Motion second by BM Carroll who added that these combinations make more sense. BM Schiano stated that she is very much in favor of combining committees. BM Cassara asked who was present when the proposed combinations were developed and asked what the logic behind the combinations was. BM Schiano read part of the last BY Laws Committee Report included with the Minutes of a previous Board Meeting explaining the reasoning for Senior Issues to be grouped with Parks. She stated that she does not see a connection between these two committees, other than Parks Department runs the senior center. Chair Rasinya explained that the grouping of committees was done for two reasons: 1. To reduce the number of committees to 8, so that we could have Board Members serving on one committee each, yet still have good coverage for each committee; and 2. They were grouped together taking into consideration the workload and trying to keep everything balanced. He

reiterated what has been said before. Regardless of where we put Seniors in any one of these 8, whenever something about seniors comes up, it's going to Seniors, it doesn't matter what the grouping is. Whenever something about Parks comes up, it's going to Parks, regardless of the grouping. Anything that comes up for committee, regardless of the grouping, that's where it goes. BM Cruz reinforced Chair Rasinya's explanation. She shared that at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was discussed that however these committees are grouped, it is the responsibility of those committees to deal with any issue expeditiously and diligently and there will always be crossover issues and they can be dealt with in many different ways.

BM Grimaldi explained that Seniors could go with Parks because Parks Dept. runs one of the best Senior Centers in our community. She feels the proposed combination is a good one because Youth Services, Parks and Senior Issues are all service oriented and recreation oriented, while Housing and Health and Welfare are government based services and regulation based oriented.

BM Cassara added that his question was why it was done this way, and he feels that Chair Rasinya put it in perspective when he spoke about the workload. He feels we should respect the work of the Committee.

BM Carroll commented that while the idea of combining committees is a good one, there needs to be some logic, and he feels that BM Schiano's groupings are more logical. He stated that what we are discussing here today is the formation of our committee structure basically for the next few years, and it needs to be done right. He feels that BM Schiano's proposed groupings are right on the mark.

BM Petty stated that she has been Chair of the Parks Committee for a long time, and would have to go along with BM Schiano's balance. She feels that Parks, Cultural Affairs and Communications go better. She does not see Senior Issues or Youth Services going with Parks. Therefore, BM Petty is in favor of BM Schiano's motion.

BM Germack, who was at the original meeting, commented that regardless of the groupings, all committee members felt a certain inequity in terms of some of these committees. Some committees meet more often than even once a month, while other committees meet rarely.

BM Gross expressed his support and agreement with BM Schiano's proposal.

**Motion: CB 10 to amend its By Laws to list standing committees as follows: Budget and Personnel; Environmental; Police and Public Safety; Traffic and Transportation; Zoning and Land Use; Youth Services, Education and Libraries; Senior Issues, Housing, and Health and Welfare; Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations. 34 in favor; 6 opposed – Chair Rasinya, BM Cruz, BM Germack, BM Grimaldi, BM May, BM Cassara. Motion carried.**

BM Cruz called for a motion to amend the By Laws Committee proposal, Article 7, to allow the Chairperson to appoint and/or remove the Parliamentarian. Motion by BM Petty, second by BM Seminara. There was no discussion.

**Motion: CB 10 to amend the By Laws Committee proposal, Article 7, to allow the Chairperson to appoint and/or remove the Parliamentarian. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Traffic and Transportation Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by T&T Chair Kieran. See Attached.

The Motion and Recommendation of the T&T Committee is to support the application for a street naming for Abe Kanter at the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion followed. BM Schiano stated that Abe Kanter was a gentleman and exhibited the true spirit of Bay Ridge volunteerism. BM Seminara acknowledged Mrs. Silvia Kanter who is present. She was always by his side and is much a part of this community as any one of us. T&T Chair Kieran added that Mrs. Kanter gave a very colorful background and the details of Abe Kanter's life at the Committee Meeting. Motion by BM Schiano, second by BM Stelter.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to approve the application to rename the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street "Abe Kanter Way." All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

### **MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Informational Report was rendered by Committee Chair Collins. See Attached.

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

In the matter of Application No. 29209BZ made to the Board of Standards and Appeals for an auto repair shop to continue to operate at 9310-9333 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the ZALUC Report and Recommendation was rendered by ZALUC Chair Seminara. See Attached. ZALUC Chair Seminara stated that the Committee had requested additional information which she was provided with this evening. Mr. Don Weston of Martin and Don Weston Architects, provided a letter stating that the responsible party for the remediation is Exxon Mobil, who was the gas supplier to the previous owner. A letter from a lawyer for the applicant was also submitted, regarding Exxon Mobil's lease and the fact that they are the responsible party under the governmental authority of investigation and remediation required in environmental laws, etc., and that would be NYC DEP. The second thing the Committee asked about, which was parking on the sidewalk, Mr. Orfanos, who is the lessee of the auto repair shop, states in a letter that he denies that he ever parks cars on the sidewalk. If

customers should leave vehicles on the sidewalk, he removes the offending cars as quickly as possible. The Motion and Recommendation of the Zoning and Land Use Committee is to approve the application subject to review of the additional information requested, with the proviso that the applicant agree not to park vehicles on the sidewalk or use the lot after hours for uses not associated with the business.

Mr. Weston, Architect, was introduced and answered questions regarding who the owner of the property is and who Mr. Orfanos' landlord is. ZALUC Chair Seminara inquired as to the status of the remediation and what remains to be done. Mr. Weston explained the ongoing process which began in 2004. Periodically, samples are removed from the ground and chemicals are added that help to change the quality of the ground. When the samples reach a certain point, the remediation stops. Mr. Weston does not know when that will be.

BM Sokoloski stated that he is very familiar with the property. He called it the cleanest corner in Bay Ridge and referred to Mr. Orfanos as a good neighbor. BM Sokoloski has never seen cars parked on the sidewalk. BM Schiano agreed with BM Sokoloski and noted that the owner keeps large planters around the property on the sidewalk, which is always clean. ZALUC Chair Seminara reported that Mr. Orfanos, the business owner, was present earlier, but had to leave for a medical problem.

Motion from BM Lamia to support the application with the proviso that the applicant continue not to park vehicles on the sidewalk and agree not to use the lot after hours for purposes not associated with the business. Motion second by BM Colasuono.

**Motion: CB 10 to support BSA Application No. 292-09-BZ, with the proviso that the applicant continue not to park vehicles on the sidewalk and agree not to use the lot after hours for purposes not associated with the business. 38 in favor; 2 recusals – BM Falutico, BM Stelter. Motion carried.**

Zoning and Land Use Chair Seminara continued the ZALUC Report regarding curb cut issues. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM May added that the illegal curb cuts add value to the property, and the assessments for these properties should be increased accordingly. BM McCone stated that even when a fine is issued for the illegal curb cut, the owner may not ever pay the fine, or even restore the curb cut. BM Cruz suggested that we reach out to those Community Boards that have similar curb cut problems, and suggested that our Councilman work with other Council Members where similar issues exist.

## **POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police and Public Safety Committee Informational Report was rendered by Police and Public Safety Chair Pulaski. See Attached. Discussion followed regarding sound meters and decibel

reading levels. Chair Rasinya clarified that when sound meter levels are taken on the sidewalk the meter has to be adjusted for the ambient sound, such as cars and people going by. Historically, DEP and the Police Department have had problems with sidewalk readings. BM Cruz stated that we request that our 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct get two sound meters, one for inside readings and one for outside readings adjusted for ambient noise.

### **BUCKEYE PIPELINE UPDATE**

An Informational Report on Emergency Responder and Damage Prevention training Program was rendered by BM Judith Collins. See Attached.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee Informational Report was rendered by Education Committee Chair Schack. See Attached. Education Chair Schack announced that the next meeting of the Community Education Council will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm, at PS 69. She stressed the importance of supporting our Community Education Council and urged all to attend.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee Report was rendered by Committee Chair Schack. See Attached. The slate of officers for calendar year 2010 brought forward by the Nominating Committee is:

Treasurer	-	Mary Ann Walsh
Secretary	-	Eleanor Schiano
Vice Chair	-	Brian Kieran
Chair	-	Joanne Seminara

Nominating Committee Chair Schack opened nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary or Vice Chair, and nominations for those positions were closed. Nominating Committee Chair Schack called for any additional nominations for the position of Chair, and BM Carroll nominated BM Gross for position of Chair, second by BM McCone. BM Gross accepted. BM Cruz moved to close nominations, which Committee Chair Schack did. Committee Chair Schack announced that the Board will hold elections at the December Board Meeting. The slate of officers for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair will move forward as presented, and an election for the position of Chair will take place between Joanne Seminara and Ron Gross.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

BM Cassara suggested that the shale drilling information be shared with all Community Boards in New York City. Motion: to notify all Community Boards in New York City of Community Board 10's position regarding drilling in the Marcellus Shale by BM Cassara, second by BM Carroll. No discussion.

**Motion: To notify all Community Boards in New York City of Community Board 10's position regarding drilling in the Marcellus Shale. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

BM Seminara informed all that Ed Hiltbrand, the first District Manager of Community Board 10, passed away. She described him as someone who cared about every facet of life in this community. He was a teacher and gave a lot to our children. She asked that all remember him in their thoughts and prayers and stated that there will be a service on Thursday to honor him. DM Beckmann confirmed that she sent an e-mail to Board Members with the service information.

BM Cruz stated that Community Board 10 has lost two sitting and many former members, including Rosemarie O'Keefe, this past year. A fundraising drive for the Calvary Hospital branch at Lutheran Medical Center to revitalize the community sitting area and garden has begun. Letters will go out from Calvary announcing the fundraising drive. If anyone is interested and does not receive information, they should get in touch with BM Cruz. It is an incredible service to the community to have something so close by because it has so much to offer. BM Ryan spoke about the long trip to the Bronx if any of us had to visit a relative or friend. She feels it is wonderful to have such a facility so close by.

BM Stelter commended the 68th Precinct for their coverage when the Yankees won the World Series.

June Johnson spoke about Veterans Recognition Day on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Hamilton Army Base. She was present at the ceremony, as well as many Board Members, and said it was very discouraging to see the poor turnout at the ceremony. Soldiers had to be brought in to fill in the audience seats. Chair Rasinya asked if any students from local schools attended, and June answered that there were very few ROTC groups present. She would like all to keep this in mind for next year's ceremony.

Chair Rasinya wished all a Happy Thanksgiving before adjourning the public portion of the meeting at 9:45 pm. He called for all Board Members to remain seated for the Executive Session, which is closed to the public.

Upstate Gas Drilling  
By  
Robert V. Cassara  
November 16, 2009

Good evening fellow board members, elected officials and community residents.

I am here at the public portion of the board meeting to speak to you about the drilling for gas in primarily the water shed Marcellus Shale region of upstate New York but also in all other environmentally sensitive regions of the state.

Last week I attended a public hearing being conducted by New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan on gas drilling in upstate New York. I was taken back by the sheer number, well over 1,000 and the diversity of the attendees. I was also struck by the large numbers of younger people, in the 20 to 30 year age group who were actively engaged in the process. These people get it. They are the future of New York City and State and they want it preserved and they understand the consequences and the magnitude of what will happen if New York State's DEC allows the process of hydraulic fracturing to release the gas that has been trapped in the Marcellus Shale region of this state for millions of years.

Most of us here tonight have heard about this topic before. Allen Bortnick and others including myself have spoken out about this in previous meetings. But if you are new or have not paid too much attention I want to point our and emphasis this topic some more because in about 45 days the comment period on the drilling is scheduled to come to a close.

At issue here is primarily the safety of New York City's drinking water. No small item. Water is our city, state and country's most valuable asset. Yes more valuable than oil, gas, gold or whatever. Without water we do not exist. To emphasis, NASA recently sent a rocket to the Moon and exploded it at one of it poles to see if there was the existence of water. Not oil. Not gas. Not oxygen. Why because with water there can exist life. You can make fuel, food etc. Good news they found lots of water.

Key to the discussion on drilling and what is at stake are the following:

- 90% of NYC's drinking water, to more than 50% of the state's population, sits on top of the Marcellus Shale, a very large mineral reserve deposit that is located 6,000 to 10,000 feet beneath the earth's surface that the oil and gas companies want to drill into, fracture and release the trapped that has existed for millions of years in the shale;
- NYC's water shed supplies unfiltered water to more than 9 million New Yorkers;
- 8% of the Watershed lies in the Marcellus Shale region; but the water supply of the entire state must be protected;
- In Wyoming, rivers were contaminated by hydro fracturing operations 28 miles from the drilling site through underground fractures in the geological formation;
- It was recently reported in the news, that radioactive waste water in the form of radon was discovered in the waste water from drilling operations. This radioactive waste has been trapped for millions of years in the shale and now the drilling companies are releasing it. How and to what extent one goes about removing radio active waste from water is beyond me. But if there is a process, you know it will be very expensive. The half life of radio active waste is tens of thousands of years and it will be around for millions of years;
- If our water supply is contaminated by chemicals and numerous unidentified chemicals are used in the fracturing process, a filtration plant will have to be built at a cost of \$10- 30 billion dollars and cost over \$100 million per year to operate. These costs will not be born by the drillers but by us, the tax payers in the form of higher water utility rates. Our water rates have gone up by over 50% since 2004 and if drilling takes place they will go up by at least another 30 to 50%. And for what? So that some gas companies and upstate land owners can make a buck on our backs.
- Their argument will be that we need the energy and that it will bring down the utility rates because they don't have to transport it from far away states like Texas or Louisiana. Some in state government will argue that it is a source of much needed tax revenue which in view of the economic down turn and loss of 20+% revenues from the financial sector which our state has come to over rely on in recent years. This may all be true and we should get down on our knees and pray that financial wizards get their bonuses this year. Thinking or relying on

taxes from gas drilling is really short sighted and will cost us all much more in the long run.

In short, we need to protect our water supply and we need to do something proactively about it now.

What needs to be done are the following:

1. Get a copy of the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) on the Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulator Program (Marcellus Shale) and read it;
2. Comment on it by sending your comments to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The comment period has been extended to December 31, 2009;
3. Let your elected officials know your concerns about drilling. If they do not hear from you and they only hear from gas lobbyist, guess what may happen;
4. There are bills in both the New York State Senate and Assembly. The Senate bill is number 6244 and the Assembly bill is 8748. Read them and if your state representative is not listed on the bills ask why and then ask them to support the bill.

I will get information to our district manager and have it distributed to all board members and anyone else interested. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Cassen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

Good evening fellow Board Members and Guests:

On Wednesday, October 28, 2009 the New York Times reported that the Chesapeake Energy Corporation will not drill for natural gas within the upstate New York watershed. As you may recall Community Board 10 joined with numerous organizations throughout New York State to oppose drilling for natural gas within the upstate New York watershed. This opposition was based upon the belief that the chemicals such as benzene and potassium chloride pumped into the ground during the drilling process could contaminate the ground water flowing into New York City Reservoirs. While this is, without a doubt, a positive turn of events Chesapeake Energy Corporation and other companies are still expected to drill for gas in areas of the state outside the watershed. Community Board 10 will continue to support efforts to obtain state regulations which would ban drilling for gas using the method called hydraulic fracturing in the New York State watershed.

I would like to thank Assembly Member Janele Hyer-Spencer for cosponsoring legislation in the State Assembly which would ban gas drilling by the hydraulic fracturing method in New York State.

During recent months we have all read and heard about drunk drivers being arrested after being involved in a vehicle accident.

According to the organization Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) during calendar year 2008 drunk driver crashes injured approximately 500,000 people and killed an additional 11,773 people in the United States. They also report there are more than 400,000 drivers nationwide who have been convicted at least 5 times for drunk driving who are still operating motor vehicles.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving currently has a campaign in all 50 states to eliminate drunk driving. As part of this campaign they are urging the passage of legislation which would mandate the installation of alcohol ignition interlocks on vehicles of those convicted of DWI.

I am referring the issue of drunk driving to the Health and Welfare Committee. I specifically request that they research the Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaign to eliminate drunk driving and make appropriate recommendations as to how Community Board 10 can support their efforts to eliminate drunk driving.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Rasinya  
Chair

DR:dg

## District Manager Report

November 16, 2009

Good Evening Board Members,

The autumn season brings an increase in calls to our office regarding leaf collection. I encourage all residents to pitch in and help in leaf collection such as sweeping and raking leaves and bagging them. Residents should sweep 18 inches from the curb and bag them to help the sweepers. The Department of Sanitation sweeper trucks are not vacuum trucks so they merely sweep and pick up as many leaves as they are capable of doing. Just a reminder that due to Budget Cuts there will be no leaf compost collections so leaves can be black bagged and placed out with regular garbage.

**News from the Department of Transportation** – Beginning the week of Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) began reconstruction of three bridges on the Belt Parkway over local streets in the Rockaway Park Canarsie area.

We were also informed that a Speed Hump will be installed on 74<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a new traffic light will be installed on Ovington Avenue at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

I also attended a mandatory meeting held by the Mayor's Street Activity Permit office regarding a new online application process that was designed to streamline the current antiquated system. Residents will still have to meet the guidelines set forth by Community Board Ten. All of our street activity permit applicants will be notified of the change. We received sixty block party applications this year.

### Announcements:

The Brooklyn Borough President's office is promoting the "BE ART SMART" on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 75 art galleries throughout Brooklyn that will participate. A free bus loop will be provided and those interested can hop on and off and visit galleries. Registration is required. I have information on how to register for the Brooklyn Gallery hop. Bay Ridge's Gallery 364 is one of the stops being promoted. Anyone interested can obtain one of the post cards in the rear or contact the District Office.

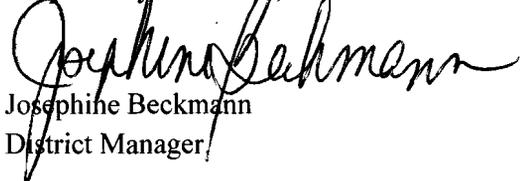
We received information from Kingsborough Community College regarding the "My Turn Program" which is an educational opportunity for individuals 60 years or older to attend college classes tuition free. There is only an \$80 registration fee – for further information we have flyers available or please call us at the office. Registration for Spring Semester will be in February 2010.

Tomorrow, the 68<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct will be meeting at 7:30 PM at the Precinct. On Tuesday the Precinct Community Council will also be kicking off their annual toy drive to help raise toys for the children of our armed forces. Community Board Ten has agreed to be a drop off site. Anyone interested can bring unwrapped toys to our office.

Also, each year we participate and collect toys for children and gifts for moms for victims of domestic violence – a charity that Greg Ahl works with all year round. We will again be collecting items at the December Board Meeting.

The next General Board Meeting will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Shore Hill Community Room 9000 Shore Road – at 7:15PM. We will be serving refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Budget Appropriation for FY 10	\$206,895.00
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	7/31/09	8/31/09	9/30/09	10/31/09	11/30/09	12/31/09	1/31/10	2/28/10	3/31/10	4/30/10	5/31/10	6/30/10	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$6,269.46	\$12,860.90	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06									
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR													
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86									
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT													
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$10,270.32</b>	<b>\$16,861.76</b>	<b>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$48,695.92</b>							

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/09	8/31/09	9/30/09	10/31/09	11/30/09	12/31/09	1/31/10	2/28/10	3/31/10	4/30/10	5/31/10	6/30/10	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	190.00	185.32	187.28	189.19									
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials													
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										
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communicatons													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		18.02	107.41	44.41									
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures													
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70									
612	Office Equip. Maint.													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies													
622	Temporary Services-contractual		500.00		1,000.00									
624	Cleaning Services													
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$211.70</b>	<b>\$860.04</b>	<b>\$451.39</b>	<b>\$1,255.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,778.43</b>							

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,482.02</b>	<b>17,721.80</b>	<b>11,233.31</b>	<b>12,037.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>51,474.35</b>								
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<b>TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$155,420.65</b>												
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Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Brian Kigian, Treasurer

Brooklyn Community Board 10  
Bylaws Committee Report

On October 28<sup>th</sup> the Bylaws Committee met in quorum to discuss how we could go about amending a proposed amendment to the bylaws of Community board 10 during the 3 month notice period. It was determined that Robert's Rules of Order allows for an amendment to the bylaw amendment any time during the 3 month period.

The rule specifically reads in Article XI 68:

*Amending a proposed amendment to the constitution, etc., may be accomplished by a majority vote, without notice, subject to certain restrictions.*

(Restriction) The assembly is not limited to adopting or rejecting the amendment just as it is proposed, but no amendment is in order that increases the modification of the rule to be amended, as otherwise advantage could be taken of this by submitting a very slight change that would not attract attention and then moving the serious modification as an amendment to the amendment.

In other words the committee determined that the amendment to the bylaw still stands and during the course of discussion and debate a board member could offer an amendment.

The Committee also discussed a regrouping of the proposed committees. It was determined by the committee that it would make no new recommendation of regroupings and that during discussion at the full board meeting, a board member sought to offer an amendment to the proposed changes such an amendment would be discussed and debated at that time.

For reference (Proposed)

*Article VIII*

*8.1 Standing Committees*

- (a) Budget and Personnel*
- (b) Education, Libraries, Cultural Affairs, and Communications*
- (c) Environmental*
- (d) Housing, Health and Welfare*
- (e) Youth Services, Parks, Senior Issues*
- (f) Police and Public Safety*
- (g) Traffic and Transportation*
- (h) Zoning and Land Use*

Finally the committee sought to clearly define the power of the Board Chairman to create the post of Parliamentarian. The Committee was under the impression that the Parliamentarian was made possible in other New York City governing texts such as the City Charter. A canvass of these texts indicated that no such position exists. Therefore

the Committee recommended by a voted of *four in the affirmative* and *zero in the negative* that we amend the proposed amendment to the bylaws to read as follows:

**Article VII**

**7.1 The Chairperson:**

**(i) shall appoint and/or remove a parliamentarian; shall appoint and/or remove Chairpersons and members of Standing Committees of the Board and appoint and/or remove Chairpersons and members of such special committees, as appointed by the Board, as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the best performance of the Boards function. Appointments to committees shall be made annually and the members thereof shall serve until the end of the calendar year in which they were appointed.**

*For reference (the amendment currently on the table)*

*Article VII*

*7.1 The Chairperson:*

*(j) shall appoint and/or remove Chairpersons and members of Standing Committees of the Board and appoint and/or remove Chairpersons and members of such special committees, as appointed by the Board, as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the best performance of the Boards function. Appointments to committees shall be made annually and the members thereof shall serve until the end of the calendar year in which they were appointed.*

On the table then is a recommendation of such change to the proposed amendments. And a vote on the final proposed amendments.

*George N. Gf  
for George Fortas*

Good Evening:

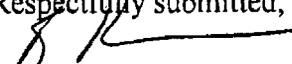
The Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on November 10, 2009 in the district office. Due to the unavailability of a representative from the NYPD Parking Enforcement Bureau the agenda was shortened. The only item discussed was a request for a public street renaming for the SW corner of Fourth Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street (closest to the Towers) as "Abe Kanter Way". The application was submitted by his son Daniel.

Abe Kanter lived in Bay Ridge from 1972 until his death in 2009. He left high school and volunteered to join the Army during World War 2 before receiving his diploma. He earned a living in the Post Office but his life was defined by participation in many civic activities. He was an Assistant Scout Leader in the Boy Scouts, he was Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 11 for seven years, he was an active member of American Legion Post 157, he was an Auxiliary Police Officer in th 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct for ten years, he was honored as Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year in 1995, he was a volunteer who visited local schools speaking about World War 2, he worked in the Fort Hamilton Harbor Defense Museum, and he was instrumental in the formation of AARP Chapter 5055 (the Ovington Chapter). It his involvement in the formation of this important organization that made Abe Kanter well known in the community. He was president of the Ovington Chapter for more than 10 years (1995-2006). The Committee was given testimony from both Abe's wife and son and the application was whole heartedly supported by Steve Harrison. Abe Kanter was described as a memorable, tenacious and active community leader.

The Committee voted unanimously to support the application as one that qualifies for a public geographic renaming for an individual who had made significant contributions to education and who had maintained significant connections to the community over many years. The Committee recommended approval of the application. Discussion. Motion. Vote.

The Committee discussed NYS DOT activity, the need to revisit the Gowanus Expressway and 79<sup>th</sup> St. exit ramp reconfiguration and possible strategies to get MTA attention to the need to improve bus service especially in Dyker Heights. The items will appear on our upcoming agendas.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Brian Kieran

**Community Board 10**  
**Military & Veterans Affairs Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**October 28, 2009**

The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee met on October 28, 2009 at the Community Board 10 office. In attendance were Dean Rasinya, Community Board Chair, Josephine Beckmann, District Manager, Judith Collins, Committee Chair, members present were as follows: Greg Ahl, Kevin Peter Carroll, Dino Lamia, Mary Nolan and Maryann Walsh. Invited guests were Team Leaders from the Fort Hamilton Base Lisa Sheehan and Maddy Pastorella.

The meeting began with Chair Rasinya discussing the final draft of the Military Resource Guide that features discount coupons for various local businesses and useful addresses and phone numbers for military families to tap into what our community has to offer. Chair Rasinya stated that a large number of booklets will be distributed at the Fort Hamilton Base. At the same time, a letter will be sent to the merchants expressing the Board's appreciation along with a decal for their window.

As Committee Chair, I wish to express appreciation to the local press for their coverage. An outcome of this publicity was that a local TV station, News 12, featured Coupons For the Military on their program and interviewed John Logue of Hinsch's and Stuart Schardin of Century 21. As a result, Sophia's Restaurant also stated an interest in participating in the program.

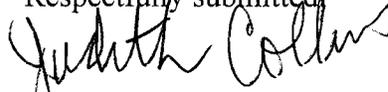
We welcomed Team Leaders Lisa Sheehan and Maddy Pastorella who work with military personnel and their families. They were sent to Community Board 10 by Cathy Santo-Pietro who is on the Community Relations Staff for Fort Hamilton. The Leaders explained there are 400 families and 300 school age children on the base. Team Leaders do an intake with new arrivals and welcome them to the facility, help them adjust to their surroundings on the Fort and provide them with travel training to get around the community. They were pleased with the information the Military Coupon Booklet provides and look forward to sharing these materials. The Team Leaders explained that they coordinate with District 20 school officials to maximize the educational experience of the children and also promote parental involvement. Ms. Sheehan and Ms. Pastorella run a large after-school program on the base and are enthusiastic about recreation outlets the community offers.

After brainstorming on ways to inform the base on ongoing civic, recreational and entertainment events, we decided to ask local organizations to send us flyers and notices and we will make sure Cathy Santo-Pietro gets the information to share with the military and their families. Michael Festa, a Committee member, prepared a listing for Veterans of many websites, e-mail addresses, etc. These contacts will be useful for veterans to access news on benefits and keep up with fellow veterans. We plan to make a separate booklet available to the Veterans

Administration and the Army Base. The Team Leaders said that there are retired veterans living on base now.

The Team leaders said that they would like military families to visit Community Board 10 in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Collins  
Committee Chairperson

Zoning and Land Use Committee Meeting  
Community Board 10  
November 2, 2009

Committee Members present: Ann Falutico, Michael Festa, Barbara Germack, Judie Grimaldi, Stephen Harrison, Scott Klein, Dino Lamia, Susan Pulaski, Fran Vella-Marrone, Mary Ann Walsh, and District Manager Josephine Beckmann.

Guests present: Susan Tirotta from Assembly Member Janele Hyer-Spencer's office

**BSA Variance Application for Auto Repair Shop at 9319-9333 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; BSA Calendar Number 292-09-BZ**

This is an application for a variance to allow an existing auto repair shop which has been in operation since 1954 to continue in operation at the same location. According to the applicant, Martyn and Don Weston, who appeared and made a presentation and answered questions on behalf of the tenant of the premises which operates the auto repair shop, the existing shop was part of a gas company service station that had been permitted to operate at this location since 1954 under a BSA permit. The gas company decided to close the facility in 2004, removed the gas tanks and terminate its lease. The auto mechanic who was operating on the when it was also a gas station, Nick Orfanos, took over the lease and continued to operate the facility solely as an auto repair shop. Once the gas tanks were removed from the facility the use of the site was changed from "gas service station" to an "auto repair shop," which are separate ZR uses. This constitutes a "use" change even though both "uses" fall under the same Use Group Category set forth in the ZR. Notwithstanding this, the gas company (the former tenant) failed to renew the existing variance which had expired on 12/7/99 and a new variance is required to be filed. No complaints have been received by the District Office concerning this establishment.

ZALUC discussed the application and asked about the parking of cars on the sidewalk adjacent to the facility which had been observed members of the committee. There was also concern about the use of the lot after hours by those who were not permitted to park there under the proposed/current use. The Chair also asked the applicant to provide information concerning the environmental remediation of the site following removal of the gas tanks, who was responsible to undertake and complete said remediation, which the applicant agreed to do at the general meeting. The applicant indicated the likelihood of ongoing remediation due to possible gas leakage and also advised of a fire violation against the premises that is being resolved.

Based on the information provided ZALUC voted to approve the application by a vote of 9 to 1 with one recusal subject to review of the additional information requested and the proviso that the applicant agree not to park vehicles on the sidewalk or use the lot after hours for uses not associated with the business.

## Information Report and Recommendation on Curb Cut Issues.

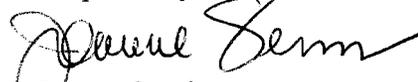
DM Josephine Beckmann has given special recent attention to the ongoing and increasing prevalence of curb cuts problem in the District (and their contribution to the scarcity of on-street parking) by surveying the neighborhood, researching particular curb cuts and compiling a file on a number of curb cut locations through out the neighborhood in an attempt to determine how widespread and faceted the problems are. Special attention was paid to categories of curb cuts, including, those installed without a permit, the number of violations issued for those curb cuts without a permit, the number of permits that were issued after self-certification of applications that may not be zoning compliant and the number of illegal parking pads- those front yards that are used for parking without an actual cut to the curb.

ZALUC has decided to make these curb cut issue a priority, work toward bringing attention to the problem citywide and enacting measures to address it. To this end the committee proposes the following:

1. Follow up with the Borough President's office to review any information, reports and data it may have about the problem and indicate our concern;
2. Find out the status of NYC Council legislation that had been proposed by Councilmember Gentile to deal with the problem, which we understand did not make it out of committee and thus was not addressed by the entire council;
3. From the work of DM Beckmann, create a dossier on some 20 egregious examples of non-compliant and or illegal curb cuts throughout our district to support a campaign to encourage other community board that suffer these problems and provide them with guidance on how to create similar anecdotal files to use in support of citywide action to address these problems. To this end, we will then contact all 59 community board and follow up in order to build support for legislative and possibly other remedies.
4. Making text change suggestions to the proposed law to make it more effective.

Community member and architect Bob HuDock, who frequently attends ZALUC meetings, has agreed to assist us with this ongoing project.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Joanne Seminara  
Chair

## Police and Public Safety Committee Report of November 5, 2009

The Police and Public Safety Committee met on Thursday November 5, 2009 at the Community Board Office on Fifth Avenue at 7:00 PM. We met to discuss an update on noise complaints at nightspots in the Community Board 10 area; community request for alternations to future sound permits issued for Dyker Beach Park on Sundays; and homeless concerns in the Board area.

Those in attendance were committee members Michael Casale, Judith Collins, Anna DeMetz, George Fontas, Habib Joudeh, Mary Nolan, Mary Ann Walsh, Susan Pulaski, Chair of the committee; and Josephine Beckmann, District Manager. Also in attendance representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct were Police Officers Joe Trischetta and Marco Venezia; Danielle Minelli, Director of the Street Homelessness Unit and Melvyn Romero, Director of Community Relations both from the Department of Homeless Services; Annie Pospisil and Shana Wertheimer of Common Ground; and five concerned community residents.

We first addressed, another neighborhood noise problem, that of the sound permit situation at Dyker Beach Park. A petition to improve the quality-of-life was presented to the Board signed by 21 individuals living across the park on 86<sup>th</sup> Street and as far away as 85<sup>th</sup> Street and from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues asking the Board for help in improving the situation that exists on Sundays from May to October for a group of ethnic dancers who use amplified sound all day up until 8:00 PM in the park adjacent to the playground area. In addition to the names on the petition, Josephine has received an additional 10 complaints regarding this situation. Note that the residents put this petition together because they felt that just by calling 311 has not alleviated the problem. The noise is so loud that it disturbs the residents all day and all evening. Several of the petitioners attended our meeting to voice their concerns in person.

The residents stated that a soccer group applies and receives a permit for sporting activities, but never shows up at the time. Instead, an ethnic dance group comes in their place. Note that the permit is not an amplified sound permit nor is it a dance permit. The dance group uses an amplified sound system with a DJ. The sound is created via the use of large speakers wired from cars parked nearby. The blasted sound is deafening and continuous and is louder than at a club. The vibrations are enormous. Residents, who are all home because this happens only on Sundays, cannot open their windows in the spring and summer. The group attracts up to 800-900 people, which creates an overcrowding situation. Then, after 8:00 PM when the dancing ceases, groups of people start drinking, using drugs and barbequing in the park until 11:00 PM. Some residents, who have lived across from the park for 26 years, stated that in all that time they have lived there, they have never had this noise situation from sporting activities. It was noted by the residents that the group after 8:00 PM may not be the group that dances.

One of the residents that attended, who lives directly across from where the dancing takes place, stated that she is not bothered by the noise and does not feel it was excessively loud. She feels that it is nice that costumed dancers have an activity that they enjoy doing

and have found a place to do it at. It was suggested by our committee that another location could to be found for this group.

The police department has confirmed that the permit does not list dancing or amplified sound. The Parks Department has also been contacted and they do not know who the dance group is. Since the season for permits has ended for 2009 and the new permit season for 2010 has not begun, it was suggested that the Parks Department be contacted concerning this problem. Also, the Board's Parks Committee has also been alerted about this situation and another meeting with that committee and the Parks Department may be held at a future date. Neighbors also want to see a police presence and crowd control in the park. However, as happens in other locations, when the police are called and they come and attend to the situation, the behavior starts up again when they leave.

Josephine sent a communiqué to the Parks Department after our meeting outlining the situation and asking for a follow-up meeting with the Parks Department and the Police Department. Josephine received an answer from Parks stating that the Park Manager was alerted about this soccer group and that they not obtain permits for next year. The manager will meet with those who issue the permits for 2010 and go over permit procedures.

The next item that was addressed is the homeless situation in our neighborhood. Two people from the Department of Homeless Services and two from Common Ground were invited and attended our meeting.

Josephine had also provided a list of 11 homeless areas to our Precinct prior to the meeting. The areas of concentration for the homeless in our area are all along 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues; Brady's Hole; under roadway overpasses; park triangles; mostly small parks, but larger parks as well; some subway entrances and some commercial storefronts.

Our invited guests gave us a presentation of how their agencies work and how they address homeless individuals and relayed personal stories. It should be noted that these two agencies, the Department of the Homeless and Common Ground work together to solve this problem. Common Ground is a pioneer in the development of supportive housing and other research-based practices that end homelessness. They have a network of well designed affordable apartments and are linked to services to help these people maintain their housing, restore their health and regain their economic independence.

They spoke of the Code Blue procedure they use in the winter checking the homeless every two hours when with temperatures goes below 30 degrees or a wind chill of 20 degrees or below; the Vulnerability Index, which are those homeless who have been on the streets the longest, who have the most disabling conditions and those who are the least likely to access housing resources; and the type of outreach they do in the community, namely having a 24 hour presence of staff to interview individuals and give them a list of services that are available to them and also a case management service group that work Mondays through Fridays from 9 to 5 with medical services, psychiatric evaluation, temporary and permanent housing.

The told us that the homeless in our community are from our community. The homeless may access the homeless shelters in the city at any. However, they stated that many homeless do not chose to do this. They want to maintain their autonomy and independence which disappears when they enter a shelter. So, the city has created a new type of place for them called Safe Havens. Safe Havens have no rules, especially no alcohol and drug rules and no curfews. There will be a new Safe Haven opening January 1 in East New York with 55 beds. Homeless still remain on the street while they are being processed through the system. It takes a while to build a report and it takes a while to convince these individuals to accept placement. These agencies work with the DOT, Sanitation, Parks and Police Departments. They also rely on local groups, like the Community Boards, to report locations of the homeless, as well as individuals calling into 311. Through the good work of these groups there has been a 2/3 drop over the last 4 years of homeless in Brooklyn and Queens.

Our Board will continue to update the Department of Homeless on locations in our area and Josephine will share our list with them. They also invited Josephine to come out with them when they make their rounds, so she can identify, first hand, the homeless spots in our neighborhood.

Lastly, we addressed, once again, the noise complaints of nightspots in the area. The soundproofing at Shennigan's has been completed and it has greatly helped in silencing the loud noise that had been a problem there for a long time. However, there has been no improvement with the sound problem at RJ's. RJ's has consistently avoided responding to our invitations to come to our meetings to address the complaints that we have received from neighbors about the excessive loud noise from their place. Remember that there were two SLA complaints filed against Shennigan's. As a result, the SLA closed Shennigan's for 10 days and during that time Shennigan's put in the soundproofing. RJ's has not received any summons for any bad behaviors and has never been closed down.

Our committee feels that this situation has gone on long enough and we are as frustrated as the neighbors who are complaining, in getting this resolved, so we want to take the next step in resolving it. We discussed what has happened since our last meeting.

The DEP did respond to our request and visited two apartments to check on the sound level near RJ's. The meter reading did not reach 47 decibels—the threshold needed to write a summons. (Note: Josephine provided the committee with a pamphlet of NYC's Noise Code given to her from the DEP, where we could all read the law.) We asked again why the DEP can't do an outside (street) reading? Then we addressed having our precinct obtain a sound meter, since other precincts' have one and since the law states that the NYDP is allowed to take sound readings. It was noted that all meters must have an official that is qualified and trained in its use. We have decided as a Board to take steps in having our local precinct obtain a meter and get the proper training.

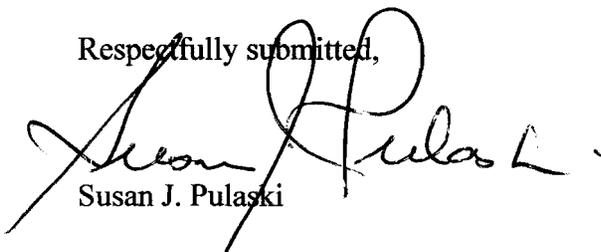
Then we discussed Section 24-244 of the Administration Code on the Unreasonable Noise Summons Rule. It gives police the ability to give a summons for noise without

using a meter. The police department and our Board will look in to this further to see if we can use this code while waiting to obtain a sound meter.

The police also said that they were planning on having another meeting of local bars to go over rules and regulations of running law abiding and good neighbor establishments. Perhaps, RJ's will attend this one. We also discussed that when RJ's license comes up next year that we ask the SLA to place a noise restraints clause on their renewal license. If we do not achieve success with these measures, we will then contact our local elected officials to help us solve the noise problems.

Lastly, the problem of teens congregating outside of Sally's on Third Avenue in the morning before classes begin at Fort Hamilton High School has died down because the weather has gotten cooler.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Pulaski

## **Emergency Responder and Damage Prevention Training Program**

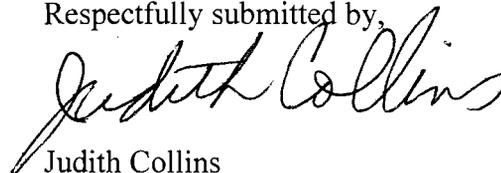
The Buckeye Pipeline Company invited the Community Board 10's Police and Public Safety Committee to attend dinner/workshop at the LeGreci/Staaten on Staten Island. The event took place of Monday, October 26, 2009 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. The Buckeye Pipeline Company has worked very cooperatively with Community Board 10 on public safety issues and pipeline installation in Community Board 10.

Represented at the meeting were New York City Fire Department personnel and New York City Office of Emergency Management employees, as well as, consultants from other utilities. Judith Collins of Community Board 10 Police and Safety Committee, Chair of former Homeland Security Subcommittee, attended the meeting. Paradigm Liaison Services, LLC provided the training for the responders on Leak Recognition and Response, Pipeline Regulations for High Consequence Areas and a Review Emergency Response Basics.

During the meeting, the trainer said that the pipeline serves a critical national infrastructure. Our nation has over 2.4 million miles of pipeline. The pipeline provides 65% of our nation's energy.

According to the trainer and the literature, the number one cause of accidental leaks is excavation with construction equipment. By law, excavator and contractors working in New York City and Long Island must notify DigNet of New York and Long Island, 1-800-272-4480, or call 811. One may also contact them online at [www.DigNetNYCLI.com](http://www.DigNetNYCLI.com). Workshop materials will be on file at the Community Board 10 office.

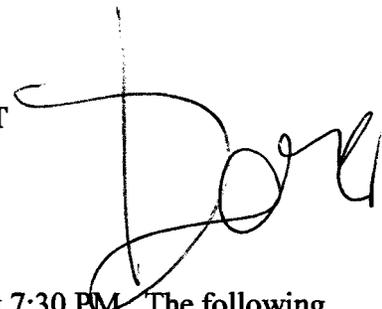
Respectfully submitted by,



Judith Collins

Member of Police and Public Safety Committee

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**  
for the November 16, 2009 Meeting



The Education Committee met November 9, 2009 at the new office at 7:30 PM. The following Board Members were present: Siti Cheng new member, Tom Colasuonno and I. Joining us from the board was Chair Rasinya, Vice Chair Walsh, District Manager Josephine Beckmann. Guest C.E.C. District 20 Laurie Windsor, Fred Maley and Steve Gonzalez NYC Construction Authority. Susan Tirota of Ass. Hyder-Spencer, John Quaglione of Sen. Golden office and Tom Greene community.

Mr. Greens thank the committee for moving him plan forward <sup>from</sup> fifth space to second. He know fund are tight and the budget is bad but the hope is there.

Mr. Steve Gonzalez and Fred Maley spoke to us of all the new schools that open this year and those that will be opening very soon. They gave us a copy of the building and how many new seats per site.

District was one of the largest in growth 6,121 additional seats this year.

The new schools open with only one grade at a time. The lowest grade first. We will not see the changes until three year from now. Six new schools opened and five addition will open soon.

C.E.C. District 20  
PS 69 7:30 P.M

**COMMUNITY BOARD 10  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
For November 17, 2009 CB10 Meeting**

The Nominating Committee met on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 6:30 PM. All members were present: Greg Ahl, Michael Casale, Doris Cruz, Mary Nolan and Dilia Schack, Chairperson.

I reported to the committee the names of all interested in running and the position they seek. Six Board Members informed District Manager Josephine Beckmann of their interest in seeking an officer position and also submitted with a brief summary about themselves.

After reviewing the nominations, they Committee recommends the following slate.

Treasurer - Mary Ann Walsh ✓	5 - 0 by the Committee
Secretary - Eleanor Schiano ✓	5 - 0 by the Committee
Vice-Chairperson - Brian Kiernan ✓	5 - 0 by the Committee
Chairperson - Joanne Seminara ✓	3 - 2 by the Committee

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dilia R. Schack  
Chairperson



**COMMUNITY BOARD 10  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
For November 17, 2009**

The Nominating Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 7:05 PM. The following members were present: Greg Ahl , Doris Cruz, Mary Nolan and Dilia Schack, Chairperson. Rev. Michael Casale was excused officiating service.

The Committee reviewed Articles VI and VII, dealing with: the election of offices; succession, resignation and removal of officers; and terms of officer. Next, the Committee reviewed the guidelines set up by former Chair Robert Buonvino. The Committee Member present unanimously decides that District Manger Josephine Beckman shall send e-mails to all Board Members or a letter to inform then of the current positions that are open due to term limits. We asked that persons interested in serving as officer declare the office they seek, provide the Committee with brief summary of their qualifications, past and present community and civic activities, and what they can bring to the position.

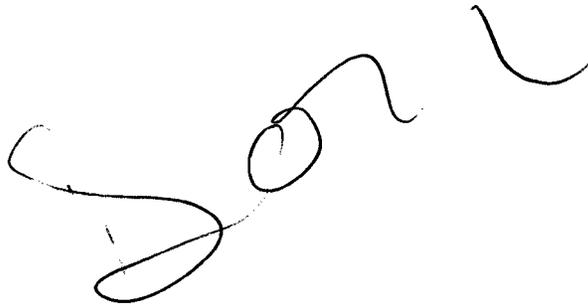
These notices will be sent the next day, October 28, 2009. Board Members will be asked to respond by the close of business on Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dilia R. Schack  
Chairperson



**STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS**

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Knights of Christopher, Inc., 1012 Bay Ridge Ave.	11-9-09	Renewal
Xtreme Billiards & Bar Inc., 823 65 <sup>th</sup> Street	11-10-09	Alteration Application to install an additional stand-up bar
Crown KTV Inc., 848 64 <sup>th</sup> Street	11-13-09	New Application for an On-Premise liquor license
Ten Brothers Team, Inc., d/b/a Bistro Café, 7204 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	11-17-09	Notice of Intent
City 9316 Inc., d/b/a Fushimi Japanese Cuisine & Lounge, 9316 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	11-23-09	New Application
Athena on 77 <sup>th</sup> Street Inc., 484 77 <sup>th</sup> Street	11-24-09	New Application
Rocco's Pizzeria & Restaurant Inc., 7818 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	11-25-09	Renewal