

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance  
Knights of Columbus  
Monday, February 22, 2010 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 36

Greg Ahl  
Liz Amato  
Ruth Berg  
Allen Bortnick  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Thomas Colasuonno  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
Ann Falutico  
Michael Festa  
George Fontas  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Stephen Harrison  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Scott Klein  
Stella Kokolis  
Dino Lamia  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Jeannie May  
Mary Nolan  
James O’Dea  
Eleanor Petty  
Susan Pulaski  
Dean Rasinya  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Larry Stelter  
Fran Vella-Marrone

Board Members Excused: 11

Ida D’Amelio  
Charles Elias  
Siti Eschrich  
Ronald Gross  
Rhea McCone  
George Prezioso  
Mary Quinones  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Maureen Stramka  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Absent: 3

Salvatore Girgenti  
Michael Quinones  
Husam Rimawi

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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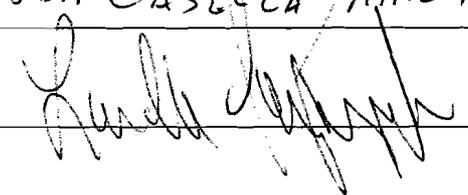
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**MINUTES**

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm and introduced Anthony Santoro, President, Guild for Exceptional Children to lead The Honor of the Pledge.

Motion to adopt the Amended Agenda by BM May, second by BM Klein. Agenda adopted as amended.

Motion to adopt the Minutes from the January 19, 2010 Board Meeting by BM Festa, second by BM Collins. Minutes adopted as written.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Councilman Gentile spoke of two conditions that keep arising month to month, which are odor and traffic. He stated that with regard to the odor issue, working with pressure from Community Board 10 and his office, he was able to convince the Department of Environmental Protection and their new Commissioner Halloway to fund a study by an independent consulting firm on the odor coming from the Fort Hamilton Parkway sewers from 95<sup>th</sup> to 99<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Councilman stated that this has been a recurring issue, with CB 10 receiving numerous complaints. Both the DEP and the DDC looked at the sewers, however neither agency could find the source of the odor. Councilman Gentile maintained that something had to be done about this recurring problem and finally convinced them to fund a study through an independent contractor. He said that this study has already started. He further stated that once we determine what we are dealing with, then we can figure out how to fix it.

The other condition Councilman Gentile spoke about was traffic in Dyker Heights. He stated that with the help of the Dyker Civic Association and Community Board 10, he was able to convince Commissioner Palmieri and the DOT to undertake a comprehensive traffic study for Dyker Heights so we have a better understanding of the traffic situation. Dyker Heights Civic Association, led by President Fran Vella-Marrone, has been insisting on this for a long time, and in January the Commissioner informed the Councilman that the Department of Transportation would be conducting that study in 10 block grids. He mentioned that this was not as extensive as they had hoped, but they would take the 10 block grids, which have already been mapped out for the DOT. Once all the 10 block grids are put together, we will have a comprehensive study. The Councilman thanked Fran Vella-Marrone and CB10 for continued pressure in this matter.

Councilman Gentile went on to speak about the tragic fire that took place on 86<sup>th</sup> Street in Bensonhurst. He stated that this fire was something we all should think about in terms of

illegal conversions, and how the Mayor plans to close fire houses in his budget. In response to the fire, a lot of people have reached out to the families. He thanked the Coney Island Funeral Home which donated all of their services to the five Guatemalan victims who perished in the fire with the caskets, the services, and flying the bodies back to Guatemala, which totals over \$20,000. Council Members Gentile and Recchia will be holding a Fire Safety Awareness seminar on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in response to this fire. Both the FDNY and the Department of Buildings have been invited to this seminar to give presentations. This free seminar will be held in the Auditorium of PS 163 located at 1664 Benson Avenue in Bath Beach. The Councilman invited the community to attend and stated that free smoke detectors and replacement batteries for current smoke detectors will be distributed. Information on fire safety, how to protect oneself from carbon monoxide poisoning, tips on how to make your home safer from the dangers of fire will be discussed, and the Buildings Department will talk about their efforts on inspecting buildings. He reiterated the fact that the tragic fire on 86<sup>th</sup> Street was in a building that was illegally converted and had serious violations. Flyers with details about this seminar were left for those interested.

The Councilman reminded everyone that the MTA hearings on proposed transit cuts were coming up on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM and that petitions were at the back of the room for people to sign. The proposed changes for our area particularly regarding the buses will be the subject of these hearings. Councilman Gentile will be testifying at the hearings in support of our bus service and he will be bringing the 1,200+ names just from his area. He noted that there are many other groups who are also collecting petitions. Anyone was welcome to sign up and testify, and the petitions could be dropped off at his office before next Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Councilman then informed everyone that next Tuesday he will be in Albany for Lobby Day for libraries and as Chair of the City Council Library Committee, he will advocate on behalf of our city services. He stated that the proposed cuts for the three library systems (the Brooklyn system, the Queens system, and the New York system which also covers the Bronx and Staten Island) total almost \$82 million. Staff would be cut and it is estimated that 1,500 library jobs would be cut across the city, 400 of those within the Brooklyn Public Library system. This is the biggest headcount reduction of any aspect of the New York City budget. The Brooklyn Public Library system may have to deal with this crisis by lessening their hours of operation to 21 hours a week, down from the current 44 hours a week, which would be three short days of service instead of the current 6 days. The library expects to see 1.4 million visitors this year. The Councilman stated the importance of lobbying and advocating for our libraries, and would like to see the city really start to lobby the Mayor in support of our libraries.

Councilman Gentile ended by acknowledging that we continue to have increases in noise levels at bars and restaurants, and that he would be working with Chairwoman Seminara, Community Board 10, and the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct to address these issues.

Chairwoman Seminara thanked George DiGrande and the Knights of Columbus for the refreshments and hospitality shown at our Board Meetings when they are held at the Knights. She asked that Board Members hold their comments until the end of the meeting and not speak during Public Session.

Tobias Russo from Governor Paterson's office spoke about the New York City Census and the importance of our community being counted. He urged building owners to insure that people in rental apartments are counted because sometimes they are missed. Census brochures and posters were available at the rear of the room. He shared that presentations about the Census by the Governor's office are available for any organization interested.

Mr. Russo then went on to inform everyone of a new law which went into effect today regarding carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are now mandatory in every apartment. The guidelines, information and press release would be available for those who requested them. He reiterated the importance of smoke detectors and spoke about the fire on 86<sup>th</sup> Street in Bensonhurst. He stated that many did a lot of work during the aftermath of the fire. He and Charles Glover were there many times, and they attended the funeral on Friday for the five victims, which was extremely sad. Mr. Russo then discussed the Crime Victims Board and explained that when someone is a victim of certain crimes, they are eligible for monies from the Board. Most of the victims of the fire were eligible for funds. He stressed the importance of reaching out when you know someone who is a victim of a crime like domestic violence, fire, or catastrophes. He encouraged people to let the Crime Victims Board know since the money is available for these victims. He mentioned that Lutheran Medical was on the forefront of assisting them.

Jonathan Yedin represented Congressman McMahon, who had planed to be at tonight's meeting however he was at a session in Washington which has been cancelled last week due to the snow. He spoke about two pieces of legislation that have recently been signed into law. One is PAGO which the Congressman did vote for and which was signed into law approximately 5 weeks ago and takes effect immediately. This law states that any increase in federal funding has to be accompanied by ways to pay for it as opposed to increasing national debt. Jonathan then gave an update on the Congressman's Mental Health Screening Bill which requires that all soldiers coming back from overseas go through mental health screening before they are officially discharged. They received \$500 million for this year, and this funding started January 1<sup>st</sup>. Another bill the Congressman wrote and will hopefully get passed is called The Assemblywoman Elizabeth Conley Act, which basically will change the words "mental retardation" in federal code to either "intellectually disabled" or "developmentally disabled." He reiterated the February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline for appropriation requests, which should be submitted to the Congressman's office. Also available is [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) which is specifically for helping smaller groups seeking smaller grants, and is constantly updated every one or two hours. He encouraged anyone who applies for a grant on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) to let their office know since they are able to follow up and look into the status

more quickly. Lastly, Jonathan informed everyone that the new credit card laws went into effect today.

Susan Tirota from Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer's office brought copies of the Community Update, which were available at the rear of the room. She asked that everyone please continue to voice their concerns to the Governor regarding gas drilling in the watershed. The Governor has added 3% tax revenue on the gas produced from the drilling in the proposed budget so it appears as though he is going to allow the drilling, although the DEP has not yet released its final report.

Susan stated that Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer met with MTA Chair Walder, NYC Transit Corporation President Thomas Prendergast, and various coordinators and engineers last week regarding the proposed cuts. She has specifically requested that they reconsider the elimination of the B37 line. The ridership is so low that it is unlikely that it will be restored. Regarding the MTA proposal to reroute the B70 from the VA Hospital to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, continue to the R train stop then proceed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue where it will continue to Bay Ridge Avenue and will turn east towards 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer requested that they go back and consider extending the line to continue along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to at least 39<sup>th</sup> Street to allow riders to continue to Lutheran Medical Center, Augustana Home and Costco. They have agreed to try and meet our concerns and try to come up with a viable alternative. She provided Mr. Prendergast a copy of a letter that was mailed to him regarding the bus stop on Bay Ridge Avenue off of Shore Road where there is currently one curb cut and it appears that an additional curb cut will be added at the newer constructed building closer to Shore Road. There are numerous lines at this stop –the X27, X37, B1 and B9. A site visit was done at this location and a recommendation was made to move the bus stop from Bay Ridge Avenue off of Shore Road to the northeast corner of Shore Road before the buses turn onto Bay Ridge Avenue. That portion of Shore Road has adequate space for a bus stop without the dangers posed by multiple active driveways. BM Berg asked if there is a time frame involved when a determination will be made regarding the shale drilling. Susan responded that she inquired prior to tonight's meeting and they have not been told when the determination will be made. BM Bortnick added that there is a tentative deadline of an April vote because of the fact that they are trying to do something in regards to the Budget.

Rita Meade of the Brooklyn Public Library spoke about proposed budget cuts which will devastate Library service. She announced that the Library is ramping up support to protest the cuts and stated that she will also attend Library Lobby Day in Albany in protest of the cuts. She spoke about a Department of Education Native Language Information Forum for Chinese speakers this Thursday at 6 pm at the Bay Ridge Library Branch. She also announced a program called Read Across America which will take place on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm for kids. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, and schools and libraries across the country are reading the same book at the same time. She invited all to bring their children and their grandchildren to the event.

Jamie Calacanis of the Bay Ridge Food Co-Op gave an update on progress so far. There are almost 400 members at this point, and they are hoping to get up to 2,500 in order to get the store open. He invited all to attend the Bay Ridge Food Co-Op meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:30 am at the Bay Ridge Library on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ridge Blvd., as well as General Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Bay Ridge Prep at 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridge Blvd. More information can be found at their website which is [bayridgefoodcoop.com](http://bayridgefoodcoop.com). He left informational cards at the back for those interested.

Francesca and Antonia of the Census Bureau spoke about current recruitment for Census positions. Positions within the office as well as in the field are available with salaries of \$14 to \$21 per hour. The hours are flexible. Literature was available for anyone interested. They are also looking for training space sites for training sessions of 8 hours per day. If anyone knows of such a space that is available, they should contact the local Census Bureau.

Charles Glover spoke of Annual School Surveys that are sent to parents and teachers in a green envelope which should arrive at homes soon. He requested that parents take the time to answer the survey, which can result in improvements at individual schools. He mentioned the upcoming Census and encouraged all to fill in the questionnaire, since it's important that everyone gets counted. The result is free money to fund programs locally.

He publicly thanked Governor Paterson's office and the Crime Victims' Board for the assistance they provided to the victims of the recent fire in Bensonhurst. Those victims lost everything, and the Crime Victims Board was there to provide some emergency funding to help get them back on their feet. He noted that these people suffered terribly as a result of the most bizarre of circumstances.

Oren Park spoke about Preferred Health Partners, formally known as HIP Centers. In Brooklyn they are the largest health care provider. The local center is located on 64<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues. He wanted to let all know that they are present in Bay Ridge, which is one of their premier centers in Brooklyn. Brochures were left for anyone interested.

Heather Hamilton, owner of Long's Wines and Liquors, spoke in opposition of wine sales in grocery stores. There is currently a proposal in Governor Paterson's budget to allow the sale of wine in grocery stores, bodegas, convenience stores, etc. There would be a great social impact affecting sales to minors as well as a tremendous economic impact on the mom-and-pop liquor stores. She noted that in Florida where wine is sold in grocery stores, there are more than three times the amount of underage drunk driving incidents and deaths as compared to New York. The Governor has been told by large chain stores that people would buy a lot more wine, which would increase sales tax revenue, but there are not any more purchases per capita in Texas, Florida and California where wine is sold in grocery stores, there are a lot more social problems. Right now NY State spends \$3.2 billion per year in enforcement dealing with underage problems and drunk driving problems. If that goes up by

even 5%, that will wipe out the profits NY State intends to gain from the licenses from the grocery stores. Right now there are 3,700 outlets where you can buy wine and liquor. They plan on increasing that to approximately 27,000. Ms. Hamilton requested the Board's support to help fight this proposal. She left petitions in the back for all to sign.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011, Chair Seminara made a brief presentation. She briefly explained the process and stated that at this point we have the opportunity to reaffirm the priorities that were previously submitted. BM Collins made a motion to reaffirm the Board's Capital and Expense Budget for fiscal year 2011, motion second by BM Cruz. Discussion followed. BM Grimaldi questioned the responses to our requests number 1, 2, and 3. The agency response is "no" and BM Grimaldi is concerned that we are wasting our highest priority choices by continuing to advocate for them. DM Beckmann explained that after we reaffirm our requests, they are sent to our elected officials in the hope that there will be money in their budgets to try to accommodate them. She explained that these capital requests are important to the future of the district and feels we should continue to push on, and continue to fight for funding in future fiscal years. BM Colasuonno questioned whether the order of our priorities could be revised. DM Beckmann responded that we order our priorities in October. BM Harrison stated that our #2 capital priority is not recommended for funding. He asked if that means that it will never be funded, or does it mean just this year. Chair Seminara and DM Beckmann clarified that it means just this fiscal year. Chair Seminara noted that for our #2 capital priority, we have received a request from Tom Greene to meet on this issue. She stated that perhaps we will meet with the DOE and discuss this with Mr. Greene and Councilman Gentile, to consider if we will continue to advocate for the project. BM Grimaldi asked what the response "the agency will try to accommodate" means. DM Beckmann explained that this response refers to existing funds within the agency's budget. When this is submitted we also reach out to those agencies and follow up to determine if they will be funded during this fiscal year utilizing their existing resources. She clarified that there is hope.

**Motion: To reaffirm Community Board Ten's Fiscal Year 2011 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

In the matter of the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012, the Zoning and Land Use Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by ZALUC Chair Harrison. See Attached: Motion made by BM Schack to accept the Zoning and Land Use Committee recommendation stating that there are no projects that are specifically designated for CD10 or that relate to the District. No recommendations will be considered by the Board. Discussion followed. BM Stelter asked if this includes schools, and Chair Seminara stated that it does not.

**Motion: To accept the Zoning and Land Use Committee Recommendation stating that there are no projects that are specifically designated for CD10 or that relate to the District. No recommendations will be considered by the Board. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

**CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – In the absence of Treasurer Walsh, the Treasurer's Report was rendered by Vice Chair Kieran. See Attached**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

BM Cruz noted that if anyone is planning to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade, they should come to her block, 99<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway to see the bagpipe players' staging area first hand.

In the matter of a request to name the southwest corner of Bay Ridge Parkway and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue "Joe 'The Great' Rollino Corner" the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by T&T Chair Cruz. See Attached. The applicant's presentation was made by Rosa Casella of the NIA. Motion from the floor to approve this street naming request by BM May, second by BM Vella-Marrone. Discussion followed including a question about the designation as Way or Corner. T&T Chair Cruz responded that the application was submitted with the word Way, then the applicant requested a change to the word Corner.

**Motion: To approve of a street naming request at the southwest corner of Bay Ridge Parkway and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue "Joe 'The Great' Rollino Corner." All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

In the matter of a request to name the northeast corner of 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road "Auxiliary Captain Linying Gong Way" the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by T&T Chair Cruz. See Attached. The applicant's presentation was made by Brooklyn South Auxiliary Captain Anthony Christo who introduced Auxiliary Captain Gong's husband, Alan Clark. Motion from the floor to approve this street naming request by BM Carroll, second by BM Ahl.

**Motion: To approve of a street naming request at the northeast corner of 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road “Auxiliary Captain Linying Gong Way.” All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Committee Report, which included a brief report regarding aggressive driving and pedestrian safety. See Attached.

T&T Chair Cruz rendered the T&T Committee Report regarding Proposed MTA Service Cuts. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Harrison stated that it seems that the MTA has two options: big bus or no bus. He stated that perhaps using smaller buses throughout the entire city would save fuel and possibly save the bus route. Even though a bus route is less used than other routes, it is still used. It seems that the MTA looks at this with blinders on as there are no other solutions. T&T Chair Cruz answered that the issue was raised at the January T&T meeting when Melissa Farley of the MTA was present. The response was vague, and Ms. Farley stated that they would look into it. T&T Chair Cruz feels that we should ask the MTA and our elected officials about this issue after further discussion takes place. BM Stelter responded that on that point, the biggest cost is the labor and as far as maintenance on the smaller buses, it is problematic.

Discussion turned toward the proposal of extending the B9 bus as opposed to the B70. BM Stelter stated that the MTA does not like the B9 idea, but they will put the B70 on Bay Ridge Avenue (69<sup>th</sup> Street) from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue down to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, so now there will be two bus routes and between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue there will be three bus routes. T&T Chair Cruz drew in the air how the extension of the B9 bus would run, and how the B70 planned extension would run. BM Pulaski stated that the B70 never comes. She asked for a further explanation of BM Stelter’s plan for a B9 extension, which was provided by T&T Chair Cruz. It would turn on 60<sup>th</sup> Street onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue south to Shore Road. It would cover less than 1/3 of the existing B37 route, but it would offer service in Bay Ridge. She stated that it would be a more reliable service for connections to other transit than the B70.

BM Berg asked if the MTA has any idea that Bay Ridge is a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. She asked how the seniors with canes would get down to the R train. She commented that the MTA is looking at numbers, not at people. T&T Chair Cruz stated that the MTA refers to alternative transit, which in Bay Ridge is the R train. They do not recognize that there are not any handicapped accessible subway lines in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Sunset Park and won’t be until 2015.

BM Falutico asked if there could be options for the time of day. As an example, she stated that not many seniors are taking the bus overnight. T&T Chair Cruz responded that in most cases we are referring to day time service. Some bus lines already have no overnight service, which is defined as midnight to 5 or 6 am. Pastor El-Yateem asked if this particular line is losing money or making money. T&T Chair Cruz responded that it is losing money, more

than some lines, but all lines lose money. BM Joudeh suggested that the MTA fat checks be cut. BM Bortnick responded that he tried that when there were hearings at the Marriott and he was booed. His suggestion was that everyone in the US give up one day's pay so that others could continue to survive.

**Motion from the floor from BM Grimaldi requesting that a letter be sent to the MTA outlining the Board's proposal specifically on the extension of the B9 bus onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Shore Road. Motion seconded by BM Stelter. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued the Committee Report regarding the B1 and B64 bus. The MTA proposes flipping the service of the B1 and B64 at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She mentioned that cuts are planned for segments of the B64 line that are not in our Board. Discussion followed. BM Stelter commented that the MTA had made a similar proposal about 20 years ago to make a continuous 86<sup>th</sup> Street bus. BM Vella-Marrone stated that she does not understand the reason for this change. BM Pulaski commented that she always rides the B1 which comes every 7 minutes, as opposed to the B64 which comes every 15 to 20 minutes. BM Festa stated that changing the bus stop signage and education about the change would be costly. T&T Chair Cruz responded that we have to pick our fights. BM Schack added that the only bus that goes from Bay Ridge to Coney Island is the B64. This line helps students from Bay Ridge who attend Dewey High School. The only other option for them is to take the R train to 59<sup>th</sup> Street and take the N train on the other side towards Coney Island. It is very time consuming for students. T&T Chair Cruz clarified that there will still be bus service, even though now you may have to transfer. BM Rasinya commented that any elimination of service, even outside the CB 10 area still affect residents who use that bus.

Motion from the floor by BM Vella-Marrone, second by BM Schack to oppose the rerouting of the B1 and B64 buses. No further discussion.

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the MTA stating that we are opposed the rerouting of the B1 and B64 buses. 34 in favor, 2 opposed – BM Cruz, BM Grimaldi. Motion carried.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Informational Report regarding overnight and weekend service. See Attached.

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Report regarding X27/37 and X28/38 weekday service. See Attached. BM May commented that she takes the X27 every day and there are always people standing. If they are cutting out the 37, she asked if additional 27 service would be added. The answer was no; that would not save money. Motion from the floor by BM May, second by BM Schack to oppose the elimination of the X37 and X38 buses from Bay Ridge into Manhattan. No further discussion.

**Motion: CB to to oppose the elimination of the X37 and X38 buses from Bay Ridge into Manhattan. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Report regarding elimination of weekend service on the X27 and X28. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Pulaski asked why they never eliminate the Staten Island buses. She wonders why the Staten Island buses cannot combine with the X27 and X28 and come off at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and travel on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and then go to the bridge toward Staten Island. T&T Chair Cruz stated that it has been suggested before and we can suggest it again. Suggestion from BM Pulaski for weekend service the X27 and X28 come off 67<sup>th</sup> Street as they normally do, and instead of going to Shore Road as they normally do, they go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and turn onto 92<sup>nd</sup> Street toward the Verrazano Bridge to Staten Island. T&T Chair Cruz suggested that we use the argument that there is no other service in Dyker Heights. Motion from the floor by BM Stelter that we maintain weekend service on the X27 and X28 and if need be, make it every hour and not eliminate the service. BM Grimaldi made a friendly amendment to add that we propose that MTA investigate merging the Staten Island express buses with the Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights service. Chair Seminara asked BM Stelter if he accepted the friendly amendment. BM Stelter explained that we asked that a long time ago and the MTA declined the idea stating that it is not fair to the Staten Island riders because of the amount of time they would have to travel through Brooklyn. There is also the issue of different unions for the drivers. He had suggested that the Staten Island buses make the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street stop in Bay Ridge before continuing on to Staten Island. BM Falutico suggested a combination of the X27 and X28 on the weekend.

Chair Seminara addressed the amendment to BM Stelter's motion which supercedes BM Stelter's motion. The motion right now is to amend BM Stelter's motion and to request the MTA investigate combining service in Bay Ridge with Staten Island service, in addition to opposing service cuts to the 27 and 28 on the weekends.

**Motion: CB 10 to request the MTA investigate combining service in Bay Ridge with Staten Island service, in addition to opposing service cuts to the 27 and 28 on the weekends. All in favor; motion carried.**

Motion: CB 10 to oppose service cuts on the X27 and X28 on the weekends and to ask the MTA to investigate supplementing our service with service coming from Staten Island through Bay Ridge to Manhattan and back. Discussion followed. BM Fontas requested that we suggest not eliminating service, but at least having service every hour. His reasoning is that if we just say not to eliminate our service as every community does, MTA will just go ahead and eliminate it. Perhaps if we offer them an option, they just might consider it. BM Falutico clarified her prior suggestion. She suggested instead of combining with the Staten Island buses, service on the X27 and X28 be combined on weekends. T&T Chair Cruz added that since our motion is to ask the MTA to investigate, we can ask them to investigate two scenarios. We can ask them to investigate rerouting the Staten Island bus to accommodate

Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights. We can ask them to investigate having combined X27/X28 service on weekends in lieu of cutting. BM Bortnick requested that we add in the words “and deliver us a report of any changes in ridership as a result.”

**Motion: To oppose the cuts on the X27 and X28 buses on weekends and to investigate rerouting buses from Staten Island in order to accommodate more service in Bay Ridge if there are any cuts and, if cuts are made, to investigate combining X27 and X28 service on the weekends, and to provide us a report of any changes in ridership as a result of any changes. 34 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Cruz, BM Fontas. Motion carried.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the Committee Report with regard to plans to eliminate the W train. There are also plans to eliminate M line service between Bay Parkway and Metropolitan Avenue. Discussion followed. BM Cassara suggested instead of eliminating the W they should make it into an R and extend it all the way down into Brooklyn. BM Pulaski stated that we hardly have any R trains, she agrees with BM Cassara that R service should be increased. BM Fontas recalled that at the committee meeting there was discussion about requesting to save the W during rush hours only. BM Stelter added that we should request that the M service be continued during rush hours only. Motion from the floor by T&T Chair Cruz: Currently the MTA is proposing elimination of W train service from lower Manhattan to Queens and elimination of the M train service from Bay Parkway to Metropolitan Avenue. Community Board 10 recommends that the service be retained during rush hour only to avoid overcrowding and dangerous conditions on all lines in those corridors. As an alternative, if both lines the W and the M are eliminated, R service should be increased. Motion endorsed by BM Carroll; second by BM Cassara. BM Rasinya suggested that rather than saying to keep those two lines only during rush hour, we should say to keep them at least during rush hour.

**Motion: CB 10 to send a letter to the MTA, our elected officials and to the Chair of the Transportation Committee of the City Council recommending that the service on the W and M lines be retained at least during rush hour to avoid overcrowding and dangerous conditions on all lines in those corridors. As an alternative, if both lines the W and the M are eliminated, R service should be increased. All in favor; motion carried.**

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Committee Report regarding a request to sign on to a traffic flow survey in Dyker Heights. Motion made by BM Vella-Marrone, second by BM May. There was no discussion.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to sign on to and support a DOT traffic flow survey in Dyker Heights. All in favor; motion carried.**

## ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

The Zoning and Land Use Committee Informational Report was rendered by ZALUC Chair Harrison. See Attached. In the matter of BSA Application Cal #121-02-BZ, interior expansion of physical culture establishment at Harbor Fitness, 9215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the issue has been recommitted to the Zoning and Land Use Committee. The application is in the process of being amended to legalize an existing illegal condition.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Chair Ahl rendered the Environmental Committee Report and Recommendation. See Attached. The Committee recommended a test corner for removal of baskets. Motion by BM May to do the test with removal of litter baskets at 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a one month period of time, seconded by BM Cassara. Discussion followed. Chair Seminara stated that there would be no lag time to replace the baskets if we decide the test doesn't work. We could have them back virtually overnight. Environmental Chair Ahl asked that we wait two weeks before having the baskets removed in order to give him time to photograph 69<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and the adjacent corners to see if people just relocate their garbage. BM Harrison asks if the test is broad enough. Environmental Chair Ahl responded that we will start with one test corner. Any more than that would be a lot to look at. BM Cassara does not think people will bring their garbage to the next corner. BM Fontas made a friendly amendment to add Ovington and 68<sup>th</sup> Street for a period of one month as well. BM Joudeh suggested consulting with the Business Improvement District. Environmental Chair Ahl stated that businesses and residents in the area were notified and we have not received any calls for or against the test. There is no BID on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. BM Fontas suggested keeping an eye on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to see if the removal has any affect on those areas. BM Rasinya suggested surveying the adjacent block faces, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the train station. BM Harrison stated that a one month period of time is necessary because for the first few days, when someone takes their morning garbage down and the baskets are missing, they may just throw it on the sidewalk. That is to be anticipated.

**Motion: To initiate a test with elimination of litter baskets at 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the corner of Ovington Avenue and the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> Street on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a one month period of time beginning two weeks from now. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Seminara thanked BM Ahl for his offer to monitor the area.

Environmental Chair Ahl continued to render the Committee's Informational Report regarding enforcement in the 69<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. See Attached.

In reference to shale drilling in the watershed area, the Committee Report and Recommendation is attached. Motion by BM Bortnick, second by BM Carroll to contact our

Representatives in Washington DC to demand that the law exempting the result of the shale drilling on our water from the Clean Water Act be revoked and request an environmental impact study on the issue before any drilling begins. Discussion followed. BM Bortnick stated that he has spoken with Senator Schumer who told him he is bringing a bill into Washington. He has also spoken with Congressman McMahon who responded that he will see what he could do in Congress. Additionally, BM Bortnick was in Albany several weeks ago. In talking to the Representatives up there at that time, 2/3 of them didn't know or understand the first word about gas drilling. BM Bortnick requests that everyone send an e-mail or a letter to their representatives. He suggests everyone contact NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Pete Grannis because he is the one they are looking to for guidance, he has accepted the word of the gas companies and he and the Governor are only interested in the \$10 billion promised by the gas companies. BM Carroll feels this is a very important issue because it affects our drinking water. If we contact our federal officials only from Community Board 10, that is only 2 Congressmen – Nadler and McMahon and only 2 Senators. He suggests sending a letter to the entire New York City Congressional Delegation and New York State Delegation to really get behind this. Even though they are not our representatives, they still have a vote.

**Motion: CB 10 to write to all of the Congressman within the New York City area, 13 of them, and tell them we support the restoration of the clean water act as it relates to the water being pumped up from this shale drilling and that a real, meaningful environmental study be done with regard to the effects of this shale drilling before it begins. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

### **POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski rendered the Police and Public Safety Committee Report. See Attached.

The Committee Recommendation regarding an SLA renewal application is to deny the application based on community complaints and police activity history. Motion made by BM Klein. BM Kieran stated for clarification that there is some confusion between the new application and the renewal application. He stated that the Committee agreed that there is adverse history, there is a problem with the applicants, there is a problem with those who operate the business, and he suggested that we recommend disapproval of both applications because we don't really know what the relationship is between the new operators and the old operators. Police and Public Safety Committee Chair offered to finish the Committee Report on the Roxbury Lounge and then go on to the new application. She continued to render the Committee Report and Recommendation.

BM Kieran added that the position of the Committee is not to have an inexperienced or unprepared operator come into this spot, or to have the old proprietor remain in the spot. The way the application was presented by the new operator, they might have their license granted

no matter what their relationship is to the old operator. The Board should discuss the matter and provide something simple and consistent to the SLA. He suggested two motions, one to disapprove what the Committee voted on unanimously, and another when we have made our decision. Chair Seminara suggested making it one motion in which we deny the actual application and the prospective application. She referred to the recent Crown KTV application, which we initially denied, and then they Crown KTV back again, but at least we will be on the record as having denied the two applications that are in conflict with one another. BM Kieran added that there may be more applications that we are not aware of yet. BM Fontas stated that they are two separate applications; therefore we should make two separate motions, one to address each application. Motion from the floor by BM Fontas to deny the renewal of the SLA application for Roxbury Lounge, second by BM Joudeh. No further discussion.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to deny the renewal of the SLA application for Roxbury Lounge at 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Motion from the floor to deny approval of the SLA application for 93 Lounge, 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street by BM Vella-Marrone, second by BM Cruz. No further discussion.

**Motion: Community Board 10 to deny approval of the SLA application for 93 Lounge, 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Pulaski continued to render the Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting regarding RJ's Lounge and Trace Restaurant and Lounge. See Attached.

Chair Seminara commented that it is interesting to see the bars that want to cooperate and actually seem to want to do something and those that just don't care and don't bother to show up. She stated that she received a call from Deputy Inspector Rodriguez following the Police and Public Safety Committee meeting, and she and DM Beckmann will be meeting with him on Wednesday morning to talk about these issues.

BM Rasinya noted that when promoters are brought in to an establishment it is telltale to a very serious problem. He thinks we may have reached a point of saturation where there are so many bars and lounges in Bay Ridge that the local community cannot support them. Therefore, whether the owners bring someone else in to run an event, or if there is a stipulation that they can't do it, they do it themselves. This is a warning to us. He stated that he thinks we should make the point with the SLA when we get new applications that maybe there is a certain point of over saturation. We don't want to become Manhattan where you have people coming from the Bronx and Queens and every place else coming to Bay Ridge. These are supposed to be community businesses. Chair Seminara responded that the SLA is also meeting with DM Beckmann and Chair Seminara. BM Berg asked that they whisper in the SLA's ear that it is inappropriate to function without the owner present.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The Budget Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Budget Chair Rasinya. See Attached. The Motion and Recommendation of the Committee is to accept the proposed amendment to Community Board 10's budget and to expend the funds as set forth. Motion affirmed by BM Petty. No further discussion.

**Motion: To accept the proposed amendment to Community Board 10's budget and to expend the funds as set forth. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BM May gave a brief Informational Report regarding a Census meeting she attended. See Attached.

BM Berg recommended that we invited a high ranking official from the MTA to walk on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue during the afternoon and see the age of the people using the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bus service.

Pastor El-Yateem invited all to a fundraiser to save Salam Church on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. He had invitations available for anyone interested.

BM Cassara announced that there will be a meeting sponsored by the Park Slope Civic Council on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Park Slope regarding the future of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue which was upzoned. The meeting topic will be about ideas about what gets built there, how it gets build, etc. He offered to send the information about the meeting in an e-mail to the Board office for forwarding to all Board Members.

BM Joudeh spoke in support of the Salem Church fundraiser and how important it is to do what we can to keep the Church open.

BM Carroll asked about wine sale at grocery stores. He reminded the Board that we discussed this issue last year, and Governor Paterson is now considering permitting wine sales at grocery stores in this year's budget. BM Carroll asked that this issue be discussed at a committee meeting. Chair Seminara stated that she will consider this request.

BM Schack announced that our Community Board 10 team at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is starting out with a \$1,500 donation from her Church.

With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

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Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee

Report Date: February 22, 2010  
ZALUC Meeting Date: February 4, 2010  
Subject: Citywide Statement of Needs

ZALUC met in quorum on February 4, 2010 to consider the Citywide Statement of needs in preparation for tonight's mandatory public hearing on the issue.

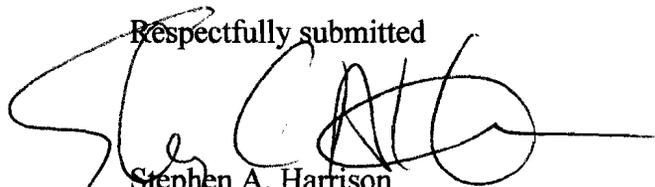
The New York City Charter requires publication of a Citywide Statement of Needs to identify all new facilities the City plans to site, replace, expand or reduce during the next two fiscal years. For each newly planned facility this Statement describes the specific agency in charge of the proposal, the facility type, the area to be served, the public purpose and the proposed size of the facility and the proposed location by community district or, if the site is wider in scope, it indicates if it is borough wide or city wide.

The Statement is submitted to Community Boards for review, and a public hearing on the Statement must be held, as it is held tonight. If the Community Board can identify potential sites for the proposed projects contained in the Statement, we can bring them to the attention of the City Planning Commission.

A review of the Report indicated that there are no projects that are specifically designated for CD10 or that relate to the District.

Accordingly, ZALUC recommends and moves that no recommendations be considered by the Board.

Respectfully submitted



Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

## **Chair's Report**

**February 22, 2010**

Good evening, Board Members, honored guests, members of the public, ladies and gentlemen:

This had been a busy first month for me and our staff members as our new committees got underway and I familiarized myself with the working of the Community Board system from another vantage point. Josephine and Dorothy have been wonderful in showing me the ropes.

I attended the Borough Board meeting at Borough Hall and 4 out of 5 of our committee meetings. It will be my goal to attend as many committee meetings as possible at least at the beginning of my tenure. Regarding last month's zoning report, I am happy to report that the Borough President adopted virtually all of the recommendations we made to the citywide Streetscape Preservation Text Amendment including the extra curb cut prohibition that we asked requested for the CB 10 area. At the Borough Board meeting I enjoyed meeting many of my fellow Brooklyn chairs. I also attended the BP's and Councilman Gentile's inaugural events as well as the Community Council's president's luncheon.

We have many issues to attend to -- as usual. You undoubtedly read about the sad events at Salty Dog restaurant, which made the news. At last week's Police and Public Safety meeting, ably chaired by Susan Pulaski, about 30 residents came to complain about problems at four of our bars and nightspots -- problems that have persisted for months, and in one case, years. We are doing our best to make the appropriate agencies aware of these complaints. In fact, the Executor Director the State Liquor Authority asked to meet with us to discuss these issues as well issue of self-certification of liquor licenses, which this Board took a stand against several months ago. We have invited Council member Gentile to be part of this discussion. I have also asked Inspector Eric Rodriguez to meet with DM Beckmann and me concerning the ongoing noise and conduct complaints we have been receiving in connection with SLA licensed establishments.

As a community and Board we understand that we must accommodate both commercial bars and restaurants as well as residential uses on our commercial strips,

cognizant that our commercial and residential uses need each other for us to remain a vibrant neighborhood. We must look at this in the context of the fact that virtually our entire CB district consists first and foremost of a residential neighborhood and residential zoning districts (R1- R6 primarily) and that commercial districts exist as an “overlay” on both 3rd, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues. We thus must accommodate the needs of people who live “check by jowl” to commercial uses --seniors, working men and woman and children – they, work, live and sleep adjacent to commercial establishments 24 hours a day. It is our tasks to simply make sure that the laws are enforced and, where we can, to bridge communications with city agencies and neighbors and merchants so as to create solutions, avoid misunderstandings and encourage responsible behavior, which is what we will continue to do.

We sadly note the tragic fire at 86<sup>th</sup> street and 20<sup>th</sup> avenue just outside our district that claimed the lives of 5 people. After the tragedy we learned of illegal conditions at that building and violations issued much too late -- too many people crammed into extra apartment illegally created on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors without adequate access fire escapes-- which likely contributed to this tragedy. This is a reminder to us of the dire and critical need for building code inspections and enforcement and the tragic consequences of the failure to enforce the building code, beyond less serious but significant infractions which affect us all, like illegal curb cuts.

Our census reporting forms will soon arrive in the mail. With some wistfulness I note that my household it is 2 children smaller this time around- reminding myself that it is actually a good thing for grown children leave and make their owns lives. Of course, you know that many of the vital services and funding that we receive are based on the population reports that the census will reveal and that underreporting is a problem throughout the City of New York. This week I met with one of the supervising civil court judge who acts as a Supreme Court judge and asked him why so many civil court judges are “acting” Supreme Court judges instead of permanent Supreme Court judges when there is such a need for permanent judges. I was reminded that NYS law provides for judges based on the number of people reported in the census. If you have dealt with the courts you will know how long it takes for a case to be tried, the number of adjournment that can result from the inability of overburdened court personnel to handle

dockets. One more reason we need everyone to be counted and urge you to speak with your friends neighbors, and colleagues about the importance of answering the questionnaire that will soon arrive on our mailboxes.

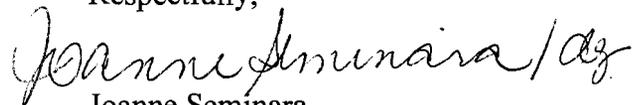
A word about the “fourth estate” –our local newspaper coverage. (Who knows why it is called this?) Thank you to the press for your wonderful coverage of our last meeting. I am talking about Helen Klein of the Courier News, Harold Egeln of the Bay Ridge Eagle and Paula Katinas of the Home Reporter and Spectator newspapers. Paula – special thanks for your reporting on the tragic fire and building code violations. You all provide us with the great (and under-appreciated service) of keeping us informed and helping us to be the eyes and ears of the community.

Finally, I commend to your attention the several food pantries throughout the neighborhood that are in dire need of food to distribute to the needy in our midst. To mention 2 -- St. Andrew the Apostle Church at 67<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridge Blvd. and Reaching Out Community Services at 7709 New Utrecht Avenue -- are in need of food.

Last, but not least, a few simple goals for the year. I am going to try for shorter general meetings and want to stress the goal that most of our detail work and deliberation takes place in our committee meetings, where the rubber really “meets the road” as neighbors come to be heard. I would ask my fellow Board Members to do their best to attend both committee and general meetings, to stay for the entire meeting and call the office if for some reason you cannot attend . Your participation is a requirement of membership on the Board and we need all of you to remain vital and be the best we can be.

One simple procedural matter; if a Board members has a public announcement I would appreciate your holding same until the end of our general meeting so the public session can be used for public comments. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Seminara / ds".

Joanne Seminara,

Chair

## DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

February 22, 2010

Good Evening Board Members:

During the month of February, we were quite busy at the District Office especially during the days following the heavy snowfall. Sanitation did a wonderful job staying on top of the storm. In the days following the storm, I worked closely with our local Sanitation Superintendent Joseph DelFino on all issues and concerns brought to the office. Supt. DelFino was responsive to each and every call and we appreciate it greatly. We pay close attention to making sure that all pedestrian bridges and overpasses are cleared in a timely manner.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> I attended the Borough Presidents Borough Service Cabinet Meeting which included a presentation from National Grid about upcoming work in Brooklyn this Fiscal Year. There was only one project that applied to Community Board Ten and that will take place on Shore Road from 81<sup>st</sup> to 89<sup>th</sup> Street. It is a project related to DEP work that has not yet been scheduled. I will keep you informed as we get more details.

Also, we were updated by New York City Department of Finance about its intent to sell tax and water liens unless debt is resolved by May 7<sup>th</sup>. I have posted this information on the website.

### **Street Closure on 83rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues**

The District Office was notified that on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 7 pm and on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 7 pm 83rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues was to be closed to vehicular traffic due to a crane operation at 8300 4th Avenue. The purpose of the crane operation was to remove telecommunications equipment from the roof of the building.

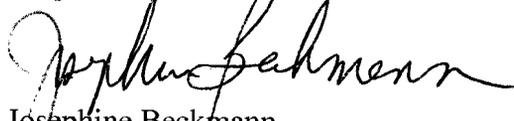
I have also signed Community Board Ten to participate in this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Team

### **Announcements**

Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010. 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 next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010

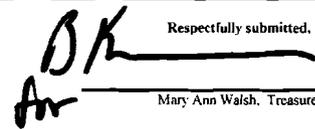
Budget Appropriation for FY 10	\$206,895.00
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$6,269.46	\$12,860.90	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$10,171.59	\$12,934.73						
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR													
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$6,501.29	\$8,655.13						
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>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$16,672.88</b>	<b>\$21,589.86</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$97,740.58</b>

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10B	Telephone	190.00	185.32	187.28	189.19	189.04	189.94	187.80						
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials													
101	Printing Supplies						131.50							
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
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332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		18.02	107.41	44.41	571.66	44.41							
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00	400.00						
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70						
612	Office Equip. Maint.													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies						702.00	287.00						
622	Temporary Services-contractual		500.00		1,000.00		750.00	900.00						
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<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>\$782.40</b>	<b>\$2,374.55</b>	<b>\$1,796.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,731.88</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>11,564.32</b>	<b>19,047.43</b>	<b>23,386.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>105,472.46</b>
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 Respectfully submitted,  
 Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

**REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010 MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met the evening of February 17, 2010 at the district office.

The committee did not meet in quorum. Although the meeting had been rescheduled due to a snowstorm, from Feb. 10, disappointingly, only 5 committee members attended. Thank you to Liz Amato, Anna Demetz, George Fontas and Joe Sokolowski.

The first item on the agenda was a street naming for Joe "The Great" Rollino, a resident of our community who died in a pedestrian accident at the age of 104 at the corner of BR Parkway and 13<sup>th</sup> avenue. The first application was submitted by Rosa Casella and Christina Vadale. A second application was also received. Speaking on behalf of the application were Rosa Casella and Mike Bove. The authors of the second application offered to bring close to 50 people in support.

In his prime, he was the greatest strongman, pound for pound, one expert said. He could lift 635 lbs with his finger. With his back he could raise 3,200 lbs. He was born to an immigrant family on the lower east side. He attributed his health and longevity to healthy eating, never smoking or drinking and daily physical exercise.

He was one of the last links to the old strongman days of Coney Island. Coney Island was the training ground for strongmen. He was one of the best.

But not only was he a legend from a former era, he was an example to kids today. He would talk to neighborhood kids about his accomplishments and offer them advice and instruction on fitness.

Joe "the great" Rollino qualifies for street naming under the CB 10 public naming guidelines, Section C, 4, a. He also qualifies under Section B, 3, a. His death contributes to the need of this community board to address the issues of pedestrian safety.

The board members present voted to name the SW corner of Bay Ridge Parkway and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Joe "The Great" Rollino corner.

I ask for a motion from the floor.

The second item on the agenda was the request for a street naming for Police Auxiliary Captain Linying Gong at the SE corner of 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road. The application was submitted by Anthony Christo, PBBS Auxiliary Chief. Speaking on behalf of the application were Chief Anthony Christo, Police Officer Joseph Di Paolo, her husband, Auxiliary Captain Alan Clark and others including District Manager Beckmann. There were many calls from neighbors supporting the application.

Linying Gong was an Auxiliary Police officer for 37 years. She lived in the community. She was the first female Asian to be named captain. She was assigned to the Brooklyn Central command because of her Chinese language skills, but when on patrol, always chose to work in the 68<sup>th</sup> precinct. For years, she was a well recognized figure at the Third Avenue Festival, the NYC Marathon, the Relay of Life and the NYC Bike Tour. The most recent NYC Bike Tour was her last assignment. She was hospitalized shortly after and died within weeks of the event. She performed her duties after her diagnosis of cancer and continued while receiving chemotherapy. In addition to her volunteer work with the Auxiliary, she visited the sick and other shut ins, even when she was ill.

Auxiliary Officer Linying Gong qualifies for a street naming under the CB 10 Naming guidelines, Section C,2.

The committee members present voted to name the SE Corner of Shore Road and 74<sup>th</sup> Street Auxiliary Captain Linying Gong Way.

I ask for a motion from the floor.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion about aggressive driving/pedestrian safety. This item was prompted by a parent group that attended the January meeting. Because of the postponement of the meeting from Feb. 10, that group could not attend.

Pedestrian safety will be an important focus of the committee for this year. It is an issue raised by the parent group, but it's importance is re-enforced by the death of Joe Rollino, and several board members have personal experience with the issue.

The last item on the agenda was an update and discussion of the proposed MTA service cuts that will affect CB 10.

This will be a long report and I will open it to discussion after each segment.

I will divide the discussion in to three parts

Local Buses

Express Buses

Subway Service.

## **Local Buses**

### **The B37, B8, B70**

The most serious proposed cut is the elimination of the B37/Third Avenue service due to low ridership.

The MTA justifies elimination of the B37 by noting that alternate service is available on the R train.

Elimination of the B37 service will also include a proposed restructuring of the service on the B70 (8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) bus and the B8 bus. The MTA does not include the B37 on its list of eliminated bus routes because it proposes to reroute another bus onto approximately one-third of the B37 route.

Elimination of this service would be a hardship to the residents of CB 10. It is a service used by seniors, students and many others. Elimination would deny residents of CB 10 direct above ground service to downtown Brooklyn, for jobs, jury duty, court appearances, other civic activities in that area and to shopping at the Fulton Street area not to mention schools and churches.

Board member Stelter has proposed a change to the B9 service that would provide service on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge/CB10. He has proposed that the B9 bus be rerouted at Third and Bay Ridge Avenues. Currently the B9 travels from Third and Bay Ridge Avenues to Shore Road and 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Under BM Stelter's proposal, the B9 would turn on to Third Avenue at Bay Ridge Avenue and continue on Third Avenue to Shore Road and Third Avenue, the current terminus of the B37.

The MTA has a different proposal. They propose rerouting the B70/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus.

The MTA proposal would reroute the B70/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus at Bay Ridge Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The B 70 would then travel on BR Avenue to Third Avenue, then continue on Third Avenue to Marine Avenue, turn and continue on following the route of the B8 bus to the VA hospital. The Rerouted B70 bus would be the only public transportation service from Bay Ridge and Sunset Park to the VA Hospital.

The board members present felt that rerouting of the B 70/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus was problematic. The B70 travels through a heavily congested area of Sunset Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Travel on such a congested route would cause delays in service. Since a change of buses would be required to get passengers to downtown Brooklyn and other areas, reliance on a bus with poor on time performance would be a disservice to the community. It was agreed a by the members present that the rerouting of the B9 Bus would better serve the residents of CB10.

To sum up, the members felt that since there is no handicap access to the R line, service should not be discontinued on the B37 bus. Any restructuring to provide partial service should involve the fewest bus lines and possible.

### **The B1 and B64**

The MTA proposes flipping the routes of these two lines north and west of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The B1 would continue on 86<sup>th</sup> Street from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue making it a continuous 86<sup>th</sup> street bus.

The B 64 would turn onto 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue travelling along the current B1 route to Shore Road and 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

There was limited discussion on this change. It did not seem to have much impact on CB 10 residents.

### **Overnight and Weekend Service**

There is no elimination of weekend service.

There is elimination of overnight service on several lines, mostly between 1:00 AM and 5:30AM.

While New York is a 24 hour city, the overnight ridership on these lines is very low. Some lines already have no service overnight. It is a change in the time that service will not be offered.

The MTA

### **B27/37 and B28/38 EXPRESS BUS WEEKDAY SERVICE**

These two routes are respectively the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> most heavily used routes in the city and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in lowest cost per rider.

The B27/37 has an average daily ridership of 3,470 with a total cost per rider of \$12.20

The B28/38 has an average daily ridership of 3,310 with a total cost per rider of \$13.84

The system wide averages are 1,350 riders per day with a cost of \$16.42 per rider.

With the performance level of these two routes, the MTA currently has a winning formula.

The MTA proposes merging the 27/37 and 28/38 services. Under the proposed plan, the direct service to and from 23<sup>rd</sup> street (the midtown service) would be eliminated.

This will result in long commutes. The MTA estimates 10 more minutes per ride for uptown riders with the combined service. Riders estimate an additional 20 to 30 minutes for the uptown commute, and more crowded buses for both routes with more standees on buses that are not designed for standees..

The committee members present felt that the service should not be changed.

On the page where the MTA reviews the ridership and cost per rider, they have comments on each line.

One line with a ridership of 1300 and cost per rider of \$15.20 is listed as high-ridership and relatively cost effective.

Another line with 970 riders and a cost per rider of \$14.79 is listed as relatively cost effective.

Other lines with low ridership and high costs are not scheduled for change or elimination because they are in neighborhoods far from the subway. Distance from the subway is a serious issue in Dyker Heights that this Board has asked the MTA to address in the past.

Remember all this when we get to weekend service.

It was agreed that the efficiency of the 27/37 and 28/38 should not be compromised.

### **WEEKEND SERVICE**

The weekend service on the B27 and the B28 is scheduled for elimination.

The MTA comments that the two lines are parallel to R line or parallel to D line.

The 27 averages 1,080 riders and the 28 averages 760 riders.

There is no handicap access at any station in Dyker Heights, Bay Ridge or Sunset Park and none scheduled until 2015.

This denies service to the handicapped and many with asthma, heart problems, knee problems, phobias, the list goes on.

Has the MTA considered the cost of increased use of Access-a-Ride which averages about \$49.00 per ride? Have they considered the loss of revenue to the city. People travel on the express bus on weekends to shop, go to the theater, and dine out.

The members present agreed that ridership is low and service could be reduced from every half hour to every hour, but it cannot be eliminated.

### **NOTE**

Brooklyn appears to have the greatest reduction/elimination of service of all the boroughs.

## **Subways**

### **W and N Line Service**

The W service between Manhattan and Queens will be discontinued. N service will run local from north of Canal Street. The MTA estimates the commute will be 1 – 2 minutes longer. Riders estimate closer to 10.

There will be longer waits for R service in Downtown Manhattan according to the MTA.

### **M Line Service**

The M line between Bay Parkway and Metropolitan Avenue in Queens

This will put additional riders on the N train

In addition to longer commutes and more crowded trains, elimination of the M line will make for dangerous crowding at 36<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Streets. 36<sup>th</sup> Street has an especially narrow central platform to accommodate transfers from three lines.

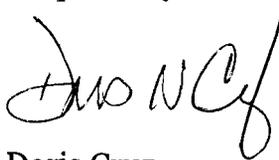
### **ALL LINES - LATE NIGHT AND WEEKENDS**

All lines will have longer lead times/wait time off peak and weekends.  
All lines will have greater crowding off peak and weekend.

It was recommended that all elected officials be contacted, not just our elected, but any chair of a Transportation committee.

We have a request to sign on to a traffic flow survey in Dyker Heights. It was not discussed at the T&T meeting. I will bring it up in old business.

Respectfully submitted,



Doris Cruz  
Traffic and Transportation Committee Chairperson  
February 22, 2010

Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee

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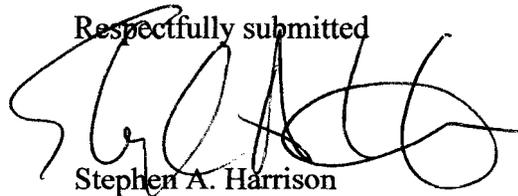
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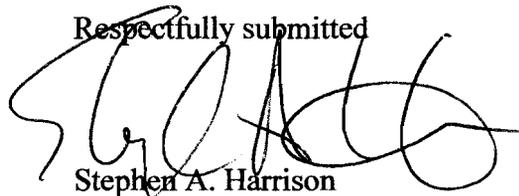
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Report Date: February 22, 2010

ZALUC Meeting Date: February 4, 2010

Subject: Harbor Fitness Center, 9215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Application to BSA for Interior Expansion of Physical Culture Establishment  
BSA Cal # 121-02-BZ

This is an informational report.

ZALUC met in quorum on February 4, 2010 to consider the applicant's request to expand Harbor Fitness, a physical culture establishment or PCE, at 9215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, by approximately 3000 sf. PCE's require special permits under the Zoning Resolution to operate. Present for Harbor Fitness was Todd Dale Esq. of Rothkrug and Rothkrug.

The addition would essentially be an extension of an existing interior mezzanine constructed to add cardio fitness equipment like treadmills and steppers. The construction is entirely interior. The new cardio area would actually be 52 x 41, the balance used for utilities.

Harbor has been operating in our community for many years and enjoys a good name. The current special permit to operate a physical culture establishment was granted in 2002 for 10 years and will expire in 2012. We can expect Harbor back in a few years asking for an extension of their PCE permit. This application is for an expanded use of the building, not bulk.

The Committee voted to approve the application as written with the proviso that Harbor provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice of delivery of major construction elements, like steel beams, or of any expected street obstructions. Notice would be to CB10's offices and to Council Member Gentile. Mr. Dale agreed to that provision.

The Committee intended to recommend and move approval of the application as written, subject to that notice provision. However because of subsequent events, that vote will not occur and this is an informational report only. The Chair has determined to re-commit the issue to ZALUC.

After our committee meeting, ZALUC member Brian Kieran learned that Harbor actually completed this construction before making the application. To be clear, during the meeting we were told that the construction was contemplated, not completed.

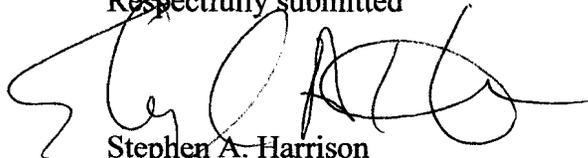
I called Mr. Dale about this. He advised me, today, that his firm was unaware that the work had been completed when he appeared before ZALUC. However, upon checking with Harbor, he now learned that the work is virtually complete at this time.

Mr. Dale intends to amend the application to be a legalization of an existing illegal condition. He has agreed to come back before ZALUC and explain the circumstances. However, the BSA

hearing is scheduled for March 9 and this Board does not have sufficient time before then to reconsider the application.

Both Mr. Dale and District Manager Beckmann have called the BSA asking for an adjournment. The BSA denied the adjournment but it has agreed not to render a decision on this matter until the Board has had an opportunity to file its report after the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen A. Harrison', written over the typed name below.

Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

**Environmental Committee  
Community Board Ten  
February 9, 2010**

Present: Greg Ahl, Chair; Ann Falutico; Nikolaos Leonardos; Jeannie May; Mary Nolan; Eleanor Petty; Larry Stelter; Joanne Seminara, Chair; Josephine Beckmann, District Manager.

Excused: Allen Bortnick; Ron Gross; Dino Lamia; George Prezioso; Dilia Schack

Absent: Siti Eschrich

A quorum was met.

Stephanie Giovinco, a representative from the office of Councilman Vincent Gentile, Susan Tirotta, a representative from the office of Assembly Member Janelle Hyer-Spencer and Bob Cassara were also present.

Meeting Location: Community Board 10 office at 8119 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Meeting commenced at 7:16 p.m.

**1. Test Corner For Removal Of Baskets At 69<sup>th</sup> Street And 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Test corner for removal of litter baskets will be 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All merchants and residents have been notified and made aware that it will be voted on tonight. We have not gotten any calls for or against the test.

This location was chosen because it is a very busy intersection with multi bus lines and the subway stop.

There are many commercial streets in NYC with no corner baskets and there is no garbage on the corners. Some Community Boards have tried and done well with test removal of litter baskets.

Due to budget constraint, the city has cut down on pickups of the litter baskets by 60%, it seems unlikely to change anytime soon. Only one pickup weekdays down from two, occasionally on Saturdays down from one pickup, and none on Sunday, down from one pickup. We cannot rely on enforcement since there are not enough agents to constantly keep up enforcement, a key to compliance.

Sanitation says 80% of the garbage in the litter baskets is household trash illegally put there. If you know that someone is dumping, they will go out on it and summons anyone they see violating the law.

This test can be cancelled at anytime if the results are not good. It will likely take a few days for people to adjust, so I would like to wait at least 2 weeks to check the results. I will be taking before and after pictures on the test corner as well as the garbage on the next corner to see if that increases.

The Committee voted unanimously to go forward with the test.

## **2. Enforcement In The 69<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor**

Iggy Terranova from the Department of Sanitation was not available due to snow removal duty. Department of Sanitation has done walk throughs, education and outreach, and issued warnings on 69<sup>th</sup> Street and have yielded no changes.

The issue is small multi-family homes and businesses. Many of these homes do not have an owner or a super living there. So no one takes care of sorting the garbage and properly storing it.

There were suggestions of cancelling a summons if the building owner attends a class on proper storage of refuse. It seems like a good idea because there are many new green ways of handling garbage. However, enforcement will still be an issue since there are not enough agents with the time to constantly monitor progress.

When the building has the garbage on their side of the fence, Sanitation can only issue a ticket for improper recycling. The Department of Building can issue tickets based on cleanliness. We will invite them to our next meeting to discuss this issue with the committee. Maybe a change in the laws governing these types of buildings might make it easier to put an end to this problem.

## **3. Shale Drilling In The Watershed Area – Update On Where The Proposal Currently Stands**

Energy companies want to drill down into the shale to release “Clean Natural Gas”. This will likely cause damage to our water supply. The 600 chemicals and millions of gallons of water needed for this process will cause irreparable damage to our water supply.

In 2004, President Bush used a flawed peer review panel finding to by-pass EPA rules. In 2005 Vice President Chaney pushed thru a law exempting this drilling from the Clean Water Act.

Since then, the energy companies have done major damage in 34 states so far. A film called Gasland won major awards at the Independent Film Festival for exposing the work and damage of the energy companies.

Governor Peterson is in favor of this because of the huge amount of money that it will bring NYS. Land owners upstate are being offered \$100,000.00 signing bonuses and high royalties for leasing their land to the energy companies.

The cost to NYC would be approximately 10 billion dollars to filter our damaged water supply.

Mayor Bloomberg has come out against this, and we have previously voted to notify our city and state representatives of our opposition to this plan, and they are all working to put a stop to the energy company plans.

Now it is time to contact our DC Representatives and demand that the law exempting them from the clean water act be revoked. We need a real environmental impact study on this issue before any drilling starts in New York.

The committee voted unanimously to send letters to our DC Representatives demanding action to protect our water.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ahl  
Chair, Environmental Committee



## Police and Public Safety Committee Report of February 22, 2010

The Police and Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, February 18th at the Community Board Office from at 7-9:30 PM. We met to discuss four items:

Those in attendance were committee members Judith Collins, Michael Festa, George Fontas, Brian Kieran, Nikolaos Leonardos, Mary Nolan, Michael Quinones, Fran Vella-Marrone, Susan Pulaski, Chair of the Committee, Charles Elias, Board Member, Joanne Seminara, Board Chair and Josephine Beckmann, District Manager. Also in attendance representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct were Community Affairs Police Officer Anthony Curran; owner, Mark Libertini from 8305 Third Avenue; future owners of 93 Lounge, Ron Coury Sr. and Jr.; owner Domenic Aiello from JR's; Remounda and Ramy Rezkalla, owners of The Village; two owners of AM Bar; Tobias Russo from Governor Patterson's Office; Susan Tirotta from Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer's Office; and about 30 concerned community residents.

**Item 1: The new SLA application at 8305 Third Avenue.** We heard from owner Mark Libertini about the plans he has for his new establishment in Bay Ridge. He's a graduate of the Culinary School with a specialty in pastry and owner of Little Cupcake; this will be his first venture in the bar business. He is planning on an upscale 19<sup>th</sup> Century Style Spanish restaurant serving dinner featuring tapas (\$7-\$16 range), a full bar with 8 seats at the bar and 24 seats at 11 tables, use of backyard in the good weather; marketing to professionals with men at 23+ age and women at 21+ in age. The place will be open 7 days a week with the following hours: Mon/Tue/Wed 4PM-2AM; Thur/Fri 4PM-4AM; Sat/Sun 9AM-4AM; no live entertainment. He didn't bring with him the floor plans, menu, etc. He plans on opening his place at the end of April a mere 8 weeks away; his lawyer will be processing his application via the proposed SLA self-certification process: a process to speed up the obtaining of liquor licenses that allows applicants' lawyers to legally vouch for important licensing information. This was a surprise to the committee because we have not heard that this process has become law. Mr. Libertini stated his lawyer said that this was a temporary process to clear up the backlog of applications. There's no adverse history from the previous establishment at this address that would impact the granting of a liquor license.

The tabled this item and asked the owner to return to our next committee meeting, so we may review his presentation with updated information.

**Item 2: Roxbury Lounge.** This establishment is located in the same building as the Prince Hotel on the notorious block of 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between Third and Fourth Avenues. I read two recent ads of the Prince Hotel stating that the Lounge is a "nightclub" and a quote from the Prince Hotel website stating that the hotel is located in a "residential neighborhood ... providing a quiet setting..." What we have is just the opposite exhibited by the angry residents attending the meeting, the phone and letter complaints to the Board. Note 1: The attorney was asked to attend to explain why he was extending the hours and days of operation on the renewal, but he didn't attend. Note 2: There are two applications that have come before the Board: a renewal application and a new application for the same premises. Parties of each application share the same attorney.

I read a complaint letter sent to the Board from a 93<sup>rd</sup> Street resident and we heard from three of the 12 residents from the block voicing their complaints. The complaints consist of the following: excessive noise from midnight to 6 AM; sleepless nights; dirty sidewalks; disrespectful patrons; bad language from patrons; screaming; fighting; loitering outside and over the entire block; vomiting; valet giving car keys to inebriated patrons; vandalism of private property on the block; managers and bouncers always changing; underage drinking by teens (The Lounge appealing to a young crowd); urination; drug trafficking; large groups of up to 60 people.

Note: The renewal application for Roxbury Lounge states: it's a tavern; hours/days Thur/Fri/Sat 10 PM - 3 AM; owner will not be on the premises during the hours of operation. Note: Roxbury violations are: underage drinking; a July 2008 SLA violation for serving to a minor that was dismissed; a shooting taking place outside of the lounge in December 2009. Also, there has been adverse history for 20 years at this hotel.

Our committee **unanimously voted** to send a letter to the SLA disapproving the renewal of the application for Roxbury Lounge based on the reaction of the community and police activity taking place there.

We then addressed the new application and its owners, the Coury, Sr./ Jr. They were asked to present their plans for the space that they would be purchasing. They want an upscale lounge like a “piano lounge” playing Frank Sinatra songs marketing to 25+ year old area residents, i.e. firemen. Mr. Coury, Sr., a retired fireman, and his son have no background in the bar business. Mr. Coury, Jr. will be the main presence at the place; his father is providing the financial backing. They were unaware of the complaints and were shocked by what they heard. Mr. Coury, Sr. said that he wants transparency in working with his plans and wants to know his neighbors and they know him.

The Courys’ stated that they are buying the Roxbury Lounge on contingency: if they can get a liquor license the deal goes through. They’ll be taking over the rest of the 10 year lease, which has eight more years. I explained to Mr. Coury, Sr. that past history of an establishment is attached to an address, so he probably will have difficulty in getting a license. Then I read went over the new application: it’s listed as a tavern with the days/hours of operation: Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun 9PM – 4 AM; the owner will not be on the premises during the hours of operation. Then Mr. Coury, Sr. said that the days and times have been changed with an amended application that had yet to be submitted to the Board. The committee told the Courys’ that there were too many variables in their application, so they need to come back at our next meeting with “sharpened up” plans for this place.

**Item 3:** Once again, we are addressing the noise complaints of Third Avenue nightspots, **RJ’s Lounge and Grille** at 8812 and **Trace Restaurant and Lounge**, next door, at 8814. Only Domenic Aiello from RJ’s came to the meeting; owners George Kabbez and Robert Fadel and other principals from Trace were invited, but were unable to attend.

Note: Some of Trace owners also own The Salty Dog.

It was noted that since our last meeting in December there have been no improvements. Both of these establishments are operating differently than what is listed on the SLA applications, RJ’s is listed as serving light fare, playing light jazz, closing at midnight; but it operates as a bar with a live band open until 4 AM. Trace listed no music on their application and they have a disc jockey and have dancing. The Board has yet to receive the acceptance of the appropriate corrections to these changes on their applications that were made to the SLA.

As to the noise problem, it is aggravating and frustrating because it continues and it doesn’t appear to be able to be solved. I read one of the complaint letters that the Board received and several of the 12 residents spoke. The complaints that continue are: loud music, loud conversation, screaming; disrespectful patrons; doors of bars remaining open to allow the music to spill out on to the street; volume of music too high; double parked cars; cars honking; crowds filling the sidewalks eliminating the pedestrian paths; outside smoking drifting up to residents’ apartments; managers not present in the bars; over crowding in the bars. There were two noise violation summonses issued to RJs, one was on February 5.

It was noted that live bands make more noise than recorded music and when two bars are next door to each other there is a concentration of problems and it is hard to find which place is to blame.

Then we heard from Domenic Aiello. At the December meeting, he said would be putting in sound proofing by Christmas. He delayed starting because the available cash wasn’t present until now. In addition to the sound proofing, he is having the front and back doors padded for sound reduction. He asked that a representative from the Board stop in at the end of the month to see the completion. Also, upon its completion, he wants a sound meter reading done to check how the sound proofing reduces the sound. He will follow though with the police department on arranging this meter reading. He also agreed to place a special ashtray outside his bar that defuses cigarette smoke.

After discussion the committee came up with some solutions: At the suggestion of one of the letters received, requesting that both locations install a sign asking patrons to be courteous to neighbors by keeping the noise down; reducing the volume, adding stipulations to eliminate the situations that are conducive to problems when their SLA application comes up for renewal in August; requesting further sound enforcement efforts including unreasonable noise using the Section 24-244 of the Administration Code that has been used across the city by both the NYPD and DEP.

**Item 4: The Village:** This is a restaurant with a wine/bar license. The new owners took over in October; their past experience is that of local bakery owners. Since they were not experienced, they brought in promoters for two weekends. They were shocked at the results. Large groups of underage people came; they wanted to drink liquor and not beer/wine. They were loud and unruly. The owners were afraid that the patrons might destroy their restaurant, so they videoed the situation and closed early, at midnight. This situation is what caused the rash of complaints that ended after these two weekends. The owners stated there will be no more problems, since they will no longer be inviting promoters. They work with their neighbors by giving out their cell number for people to call if unforeseen problems arise.

**AM Bar:** This place has received the same complaints as The Village. One resident came to complain saying the music picks up at 11 PM and a member of our committee said that the loud music starts well before 11 PM. The owners were not aware that their music was this loud and said they will lower the music. The owners did address the fight/broken window incident that took place when the bar was closed for the evening and was met with a patron trying to "break in" in order to get a drink. They have licensed security on site when the bar is open. The owners who have owned the bar for 10 years want to work with us.

**Our Problems:**

1. Owners choose Bay Ridge to open their place of business knowing they will market to non-residents by using promoters. These patrons are creating the problems of noise and unruly behavior.
2. Proprietors list an intention on their applications, but do not adhere to them, running their establishments with different ones.
3. Enforcement in our Board area is not adequate.

**Solutions from the Committee:**

1. Hold the owners to their original intent on their application, until they get approval from the SLA for their new design.
2. CB 10 is the first community board in Brooklyn that has placed stipulations on an application to the SLA (the Crown KTV case.) Note: Stipulations are law. We need to make this part of our approval procedure in the application process stipulating items, i.e. no promotions, lower volume on music after midnight.
3. Having a six month review on new permits.
4. Developing a CB 10 questionnaire for new applications.
5. Having more police presence and enforcement.

Following our meeting DM Beckmann sent a memo to DI Rodriguez at our Precinct requesting the following information:

- For the Prince Hotel and Roxbury Lounge and neighboring addresses on the 300 Block of 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, all police related calls (911/311) or precinct enforcement radio runs calls for the last 12 months;
  - For RJ's and Trace, all police related calls, summonses issued and their category and arrests made since August 2009;
  - For AM Bar, all police related calls or precinct enforcement radio run calls in the last few months.
- And we asked that all the neighbors attending to continue to call 311 to register noise complaints—so police can see these complaints on the computer screen and post complaintson [www.ABC.State.NY.US](http://www.ABC.State.NY.US).

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan J. Pulaski*  
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Brooklyn Community Board Ten

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee met, in quorum, on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 6:45 P.M., at the Board office with the following people present: Tom Colasuonno, Barbara Germack, MaryAnn Walsh, Chair Dean Rasinya, District Manager Josephine Beckmann and Community Board Ten Chair Joanne Seminara. Excused were committee members Eleanor Schiano and Scott Klein.

The purpose of the meeting was to review a reduction in our budget of \$9,865 which was implemented by the Mayor's office due to the fiscal condition of the City. Due to the reduction in budget, Community Board Ten will not be able to hire a third full time person to replace Carolyn DeLuca as our current budget indicated. The Budget Committee recommends the following allocation of funds for personnel services:

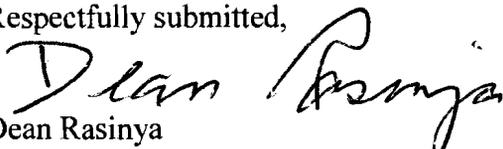
Fiscal Year 2010  
Proposed Modification to the Personnel Services Portion  
of the 2010 Community Board Ten Operating Budget

A. Personnel Services funds available (includes City Council Restoration of \$29,186 and additional funds of \$8,000 for contractual pay raise)	\$189,932
B. Current Personnel Services Budget (includes all raises and \$4,500 for current part time employee)	(\$163,450)
C. Budget Cut	(\$9,865)
D. Personnel Services funds remaining	\$16,617

Proposed Allocation of  
Personnel Services Funds Remaining

I. Temp. office help	\$6,000
II. Office equipment replacement (2 computers, fax machine, 2 digital recorders)	4,517
III. Office supplies and operation (postage, supplies, stationary, cleaning service)	4,900
IV. Refreshments at Board Meetings (June meeting, Relay for Life, meet and greet)	1,200
Total	\$16,617

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dean Rasinya

## **Report on Census 2010 to Community Board #10**

**February 22, 2010**

At the request of Community Board #10 Chair, Joanne Seminara I am pleased to render this report after an initial meeting in January, 2010

On January 23, 2010 I had the opportunity along with others from various community organizations to attend a meeting at the office of Senator Eric Adams here in Brooklyn. A presentation on the results of the 2000 Census and Brooklyn's 2000 limited response. The response for Brooklyn as a whole was around 40% of total residents in 2000. The goal for 2010, Brooklyn response is 80%.

There are a number of reasons that have been identified for this lackluster response in the 2000 Census. These are specifically identified as Hard to Count. Some of the reasons for this Hard to Count status:

- Foreign born parents
- Language isolation
- Income level—lower level income areas trend lower responses
- Education level. Probably due to not understanding how it affects them sometimes directly
- Home owners vs renters

For every person living in Brooklyn that fails to complete the census \$3,000 per person per year is lost. Brooklyn's response was around 40% of around 2.2 million persons—that loss equaled greater than 13 billion dollars (over 10 years) to Brooklyn along in funding from federal and state governments. This type of response

makes NY a “donor state” to states that are far less populous on the federal funding level, and directly impacts state funding as well.

Efforts are being made in the media, in houses of worship, community groups, tenants groups, senior centers, schools to educate everyone about the importance of completing the census when it arrives.

Responses to the offering of temporary jobs have been positive. The next step for many communities is finding space for classes for workers

This was an unfunded portion of this census. The next step is finding Training Sites, which will be needed for 1-2 days, M-F for approximately 30 persons. This will need to be on a donation basis. So if anyone in the audience has office space that may be suitable, please contact me, or the CB#10 staff.

The mailings will go out early March. It is recommended that it be returned immediately as mail that sits around, tends to be discarded if not dealt with quickly. Later in the Spring, Numerators will be setting out to gather more demographic information—this information does not take the place of the mailed information.

The form is 10 questions, that do not ask for SSN, income or immigration status. It is my understanding that it is printed in a number of languages in an effort to gather more information from the Hard to Count groups.

The outcome of the census effects all of us in the form of funding for

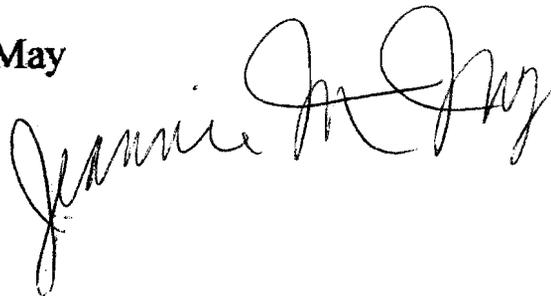
- Representation in Congress and at the State level
- Schools at all levels
- Hospitals, clinics and various health services
- Emergency Services—both Police and Fire Departments
- Mass Transit
- Evidence in land use, voting rights and equal opportunity litigation

To name a few of the ways that census outcome impacts our lives.

In closing, I encourage each of you to complete your census forms when they arrive in the mail. If you belong to other organizations, pass the word about the importance of this census and encourage others to complete the census as well. I look forward to bring you updates on this important-to- our-community issue

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie M May

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannie M May". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and "M".

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

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
LeSajj Restaurant Corp., 8221 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-08-10	Renewal
The Empty Mug, 8910 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-11-10	New Application
Dyker Heights Deli, Inc., 7721 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-18-10	New Application
Zhixin Healthy Grocery Store Inc., 8006 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-18-10	New Application
Pho Hoai Bay Ridge Inc., 8616 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-19-10	Renewal
7525 Wild Rover Corp., d/b/a Bean Post Pub, 7525 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02-19-10	Renewal
R.I.B.S. Inc. The Crimson Lounge, 7712 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	02-25-10	Renewal
Pho Hoai Bay Ridge Inc., 8616 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	03-01-10	Renewal
Splendid Palace, 448 87 <sup>th</sup> Street	03-01-10	New Application