

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance  
Knights of Columbus  
Monday, May 17, 2010 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 41

Greg Ahl  
Elizabeth Amato  
Ruth Berg  
Allen Bortnick  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
Ann Falutico  
Michael Festa  
George Fontas  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Ronald Gross  
Stephen Harrison  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Scott Klein  
Stella Kokolis  
Dino Lamia  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Jeannie May  
Rhea McCone  
Mary Nolan  
Eleanor Petty  
Susan Pulaski  
Dean Rasinya  
Husam Rimawi  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Lawrence Stelter  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 8

Thomas Colasuonno  
Charles Elias  
Siti Eschrich  
James O'Dea  
George Prezioso  
Mary Quinones  
Michael Quinones  
Maureen Stramka

Board Members Absent: 1

Salvatore Girgenti

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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**MINUTES**

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. She introduced Andrew Windsor, President, Bay Ridge Community Council, to lead The Honor of the Pledge.

Motion by BM Cassara to adopt the Agenda as amended; second by BM D'Amelio. Agenda adopted as amended.

Motion to adopt the Minutes from the April 19, 2010 Board Meeting by BM Klein; BM Stelter noted that he had a correction to the Environmental Committee Report regarding the DEP siphon project. DM Beckmann confirmed that the District Office did make this correction on the official copy of the Minutes. Minutes adopted as amended.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Councilman Gentile spoke about the tragedy that occurred in Bensonhurst early Sunday morning when Police Officer Olmeda of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Precinct was hit by a motorcycle while pursuing three suspects. PO Olmeda remains in very grave condition with swelling on his brain. He asked that we all keep PO Olmeda in our prayers.

Councilman Gentile announced that the street naming on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue for Walter L. Johnson Corner, Developer of Dyker Heights, was held on Saturday. DM Beckmann and BM Vella-Marrone joined him, and he thanked BM Vella-Marrone for her efforts and hard work.

The Councilman announced that the Green Market will be back from Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Thanksgiving from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parking lot of Walgreens Drug Store at 94<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. There will be artists, farmers, vendors and music at the Green Market, and he invited all to stop by.

Councilman Gentile also announced that tomorrow night, May 18<sup>th</sup>, is the Brooklyn Hearing for the Water Board, which is being held right here in Bay Ridge for the entire Borough. It will take place at PS 102, with the doors opening at 6:00 pm, and testimony starting at 7:00 pm. Anyone is eligible and welcome to testify. The Water Board is considering another 13% hike on top of the 12.9% hike instituted last year, which, the Councilman stated is outrageous. He encouraged everyone to attend the hearing.

Councilman Gentile invited everyone to attend his Town Hall Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Angels, 347 74<sup>th</sup> Street. City and State agencies will be in attendance, and his hope is that the Transit Authority will confirm their attendance shortly. He hopes that we will be able to keep the pressure on the MTA to keep the buses running here in Bay Ridge.

The Councilman also announced that a round table meeting has been scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at the CB 10 District Office for community members, the Community Board Ten Traffic and Transportation Committee and himself to discuss solutions for the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Fort Hamilton Parkway Gowanus Expressway exit problem. The issue will be discussed in more detail by T&T Committee Chair Cruz later in the evening.

Councilman Gentile held a Firehouse Rally that took place recently. BM Collins was one of the over 100 people who attended to protest the closing of up to 62 firehouses should this executive budget go through. He added that this is a very serious situation.

The Councilman gave an update on the DOT Street Survey, which was conducted in late April with 50 volunteers who surveyed close to 40 dangerous intersections. The results of the survey will be going to DOT, who will then come back with recommendations for those intersections. He will keep the Board up to date on the program.

Finally, the Councilman announced that this past Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, was "It's My Park Day." He and his staff worked with Narrows Botanical Gardens and the Shore Road Garden Council to help clean up Shore Road Park. The volunteers who participated from various organizations did a fantastic job.

Vincent Sapienza, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, gave an update on the construction at the Owls Head Sewage Treatment Plant. Councilman Gentile, Commissioner Holloway and DM Beckmann inspected the plant several weeks ago to assess what is going on. A few years ago DEP arranged for repairs with a temporary system of plywood covers over the tanks and the installation of a carbon filter to absorb some of the odors. Finally last year DEP awarded a contract for \$800,000 to install sealed aluminum covers on these tanks. This spring they will install two of those covers with better odor scrubbing technologies. They are hoping to get this new system installed by Memorial Day so the odor condition will improve before the summer. BM Petty asked if there would be problems during the transition, because the odor on recent days was worse than ever before. Mr. Sapienza responded that while they are removing the old system and putting the new system in place, the next couple of days would probably be worse than normal. BM Bortnick asked what the timeline is for completion. Mr. Sapienza replied that they hope to have the most odorous part of the plant completed next week. There is another three story building going up, which is another part of the process that is being used to store some odorous containers which will be completed by the end of the year. He stated the date for completion is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Charles Glover of the Mayor's Office spoke about the fact that the city is better off than the state as far as budget issues go. In a meeting last week, the Mayor said they will try to make cuts where possible in areas where there would be less impact. The city is still unsure of how much money they will have when the budget starts because they are still waiting for the money from the state to come back to us. When that number is determined, they will have a better idea of the situation. He went on to report that the number of fatal injuries due to fire continues to go down, as well as response time, which should give us some solace in the fact that things will continue to be safe in our area despite of any cuts. Charles went on to share some good news. In the last version of the Executive Budget, the Mayor decided that it would be prudent to restore the 2011 budget for Community Boards from bringing the 2011 budget from \$160,000 to \$194,000. He reminded all to fill out their Census forms. Lastly, Charles stated that the Mayor's office was able to provide City resources to answer some of the Board's questions on the hookah issue that was recently committed to the Health and Welfare Committee, which we will hear about later in the evening.

Susan Tirotta, representing Assembly Member Janele Hyer-Spencer, apologized for not having any update on the state budget to share this evening. She stated that the Assembly Member wished to thank those Board Members and Councilman Gentile who joined her for the rally on May 8<sup>th</sup> to save our MTA buses. She went on to announce that on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer held a press conference with Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes to present a package of new domestic violence bills she has introduced in the Assembly. Finally, Susan stated that in April, the Department of Environmental Conservation announced it will require a separate permit and environmental review for every natural-gas well drilled near the city's water supply. While this is helpful, Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer would like the DEC to

prevent drilling completely. They encourage anyone who has not signed a petition against gas drilling to please do so. Copies of the Assembly Member's Community Newsletter were available.

Rita Meade from the Brooklyn Public Library informed everyone that the Brooklyn Public Library is facing a \$20.6 million budget cut. She had flyers with information on how to protest these cuts, and encouraged people to speak out from the community as patrons of the library by calling 311, writing letters or sending e-mails. Information and links to protest the cuts are available at [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

Phyllis Bornstein from the Brooklyn Public Library announced that library hours will be cut during the summer and there will be only one branch per Council District open on Saturdays during the summer. They will cut one librarian at each branch. There will only be two branches open on Sunday in the borough of Brooklyn, and there will be layoffs. She asked for everyone's help to oppose these budget cuts.

Ruth Berg announced the "Women Minding Their Own Business" Program will be having an exposition on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cebu. She mentioned that there is an article in the Wall Street Journal today about how women business owners have a great deal of difficulty getting commercial loans to help their businesses. This is one example of the types of issues that will be addressed at the Women Minding Their Own Business Exposition in September. She added that men are invited as well.

Doris Cruz reported that on May 1<sup>st</sup> the corner of Bay Ridge Parkway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue was dedicated in memory of Rosemarie O'Keefe during a spectacular ceremony. On behalf of the community and herself, she thanked Councilman Gentile and his staff for doing an outstanding job at the street naming ceremony. Chair Seminara acknowledged that this week Rosemarie's husband Bill, who was a patriot and a community volunteer, passed away. She added that he will be missed by many. Chair Seminara also added that there are several Board Members who were active in dedicating a garden at Calvary Hospice at the Lutheran Medical Center site. She stated that the event was very successful and added that the garden and the street naming for Rosemarie are testament to our community members who were quite extreme.

Mike DiSanto, a candidate for State Senate in District 22, called attention to the fact that construction has begun on the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue train line in Manhattan while services continue to be cut in Brooklyn. He does not understand how the MTA keeps cutting service while building new train lines. He believes we are not getting the funding we deserve in south Brooklyn, and that our tax dollars are going to other projects when they should be used here. He then went on to say that he has lived here all his life and has seen an increase of violence, graffiti, robberies, burglaries, and more homeless and drug addicts on the streets. He believes we need more funding for police officers and we need to create neighborhood watch programs. He wants to propose funding for neighborhood watch programs so that the community can be a part of protecting our neighborhoods. This can be an extra front against terrorism. He has done research on neighborhood watch groups and has found that they work throughout the country and he does not see why they would not work here in Brooklyn to protect our own neighborhood.

June Johnson asked if our Planning Board from here on in would be a forum for those running for political office. Chair Seminara answered in the negative.

Anita Mazzone represented a group homeowners and residents on 71<sup>st</sup> Street between Ridge Boulevard and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue who were present and discussed quality of life issues at the Water Grill which was formerly a restaurant and now is operating as a rock and heavy metal band venue. The first issue is that the establishment is now operating as a cabaret. The music is so loud Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights that it literally causes vibrations to nearby residences. They have reported this to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct and 311 numerous times. The second point Ms. Mazzone raised is that patrons of this establishment litter the streets

and their stoops with empty alcohol bottles and drug bags. The 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct informed the residents that two summonses for underage drinking have been issued, and the residents hope they will continue to be vigilant on this matter. The third and last issue she wanted to address was that the owner of this establishment blocks access on 71<sup>st</sup> Street with rope lines that hold mobs in the street of 20-30 very juvenile patrons. What she hopes to accomplish by being here tonight is that the proper authorities investigate the legality of this premises, including the fire code conditions on this premises, and hopefully this will result in the owners addressing these issues which have been detrimental to the quality of life of surrounding residents. They fear this problem will only get worse with the summer coming and would appreciate any help and cooperation the Board can provide. Chair Seminara referred this issue to the Police and Public Safety Committee.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Seminara used this time to thank the Community Board Ten staff, officers and Chairs for their hard work especially during her time away over the past month. It was due to the efforts of so many Board Members that we did not skip a beat. Everyone worked as hard as ever, and it is a true pleasure that makes her very grateful to live here and to be part of this extremely supportive community. She added that the spirit of this Board certainly reflects that.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

Regarding a request for a wine/beer license for Brooklyn Little Bites Corp., 7218 Third Avenue;  
Committee Motion and Recommendation: To approve the SLA application for a wine/beer license for Brooklyn Little Bites Corp., 7218 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Motion second by BM Klein. There was no discussion.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the SLA application for a wine/beer license for Brooklyn Little Bites Corp., 7218 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. 40 in favor; 1 abstention – BM Joudeh. Motion carried.**

Regarding the SLA License for Crown KTV, 848 64 Street;  
Committee Motion and Recommendation: To send a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations and asking SLA to revoke/suspend Crown KTV's liquor license. Motion second by BM Joudeh. Discussion followed. BM Harrison moved to amend the motion to remove the words "suspend/revoke" and replace with "revoke". Motion second by BM Carroll. All in favor; motion to amend Committee Recommendation carried unanimously.

**Motion: CB 10 to send a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations for Crown KTV, 848 64<sup>th</sup> Street and request that SLA revoke Crown KTV's liquor license. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Regarding the SLA License at F1, 823 65<sup>th</sup> Street;

Committee Motion and Recommendation: To write to the SLA listing the police record of violations, listing the establishment's historical background and asking them to revoke/suspend F1's liquor license. BM Harrison moved to amend the motion to remove the words "suspend/revoke" and replace with "revoke." Motion second by BM Schack. All in favor; motion to amend Committee Recommendation carried unanimously.

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations for F1, 823 65<sup>th</sup> Street, listing the establishment's historical background and asking SLA to revoke F1's liquor license. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Regarding the SLA License at Panic Room, 9427 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue;

Committee Motion and Recommendation: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations and asking them to revoke/suspend The Panic Room's liquor license. BM Schack moved to amend the motion to remove the words "suspend/revoke" and replace with "revoke." Motion second by BM Joudeh. All in favor; motion to amend the Committee Recommendation carried unanimously.

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations for the Panic Room, 9247 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and asking SLA to revoke the Panic Room's liquor license. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Regarding the SLA License at RJ's, 8812 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue;

Committee Motion and Recommendation: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of noise violations and giving a historical record of complaints from this past year that have been disturbing the quality of life of neighboring residents asking them to revoke/suspend RJ's liquor license. BM Joudeh moved to amend the motion to remove the words "suspend/revoke" and replace with "revoke." Motion second by BM Rimawi. Discussion followed.

BM Harrison stated that in this particular case there is a slight difference than in the other cases where you are talking about drugs and criminal activity. Here BM Harrison would like to leave the option, because if SLA did suspend their license it speaks very seriously and under these circumstances it might achieve the result we are looking for. They are not good neighbors and in this case we need to make a slight distinction. He believes if we move to revoke licenses for everybody we are making a mistake. Chair Seminara suggested we use the wording "SLA take appropriate action including and up to suspension of their liquor license." BM Romero agreed with BM Harrison, but feels if they are threatened with revocation of their license in X amount of time, and if they do not correct their actions, they will get up off their butts and they will get the goal accomplished and address the problem. If you give them wiggle room, they will wiggle. She would like us to offer the option of correcting the problem within X amount of time. BM Gross stated that we are talking to the State Liquor Authority, and it is not our option to give them a certain amount of time. The SLA can do that. BM Romero responded that we could request that option in our letter, and then SLA will do what they want to do. BM Petty stated that she feels we lose credibility if we come down so heavy handed on a place that's just noisy. She understands there is a problem, but we should save our heavy guns for legal actions. BM Vella-Marrone agreed with BM Petty and requested that the wording in the motion be changed. BM Fontas added that RJ's has been a problem. Families complain every week about the noise. RJ's sat in a meeting with the Police and Public Safety Committee and told us what they were doing to correct the problem four months ago – and did nothing. They flat out lied to us. He compared RJ's to another establishment where they installed a stand up bar and then came before the Board for approval. They are stepping on the rules and pushing us around. He feels we need to push back, since they are disrespecting us.

Chair Seminara commented that BM Petty and BM Vella-Marrone's points are well taken. Asking SLA to possibly suspend is a strong action. Whether the noise is loud enough is still discretionary and they haven't gotten violations compared to actual police records of violations. If we say revoke, revoke, revoke, we're just kind of pushing the button. Chair Seminara rephrased the motion: To write a letter to the SLA giving a historic record of complaints that we have heard over the past year about the establishment disturbing the quality of life including excessive noise, and asking them to take appropriate action up to and including suspending their liquor license for a period of time, then revoke it. BM Fontas made a friendly amendment to cc the letter to RJ's. BM Bortnick asked if it would help if we had a decibel reading to go along with this. DM Beckmann responded that there have been two noise violations issued to the establishment that she is aware of. BM Bortnick stated that if the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct took a decibel reading, it could be included as factual evidence. Chair Seminara responded that we already have the complaints, and we don't need to wait two weeks or longer to obtain the results of a decibel reading before sending the letter. BM Joudeh recalled that there have been complaints other than for noise at this location such as people outside, smoking, gathering. BM McCone suggested that we include in our letter that we have already met with the establishment, they said they would cooperate, and they did not. Chair Seminara responded that this information will be included in the historical record.

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the SLA, with a copy to the owner of RJ's Lounge, 8812 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, listing the police record of noise violations, giving the historical record of complaints and the fact that CB 10 has met with RJ's and they made certain promises to us, and asking SLA to take appropriate action up to and including suspension of RJ's liquor license for a period of time, then revoke it. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

#### **PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations Committee Chair Festa rendered the Committee Report. See Attached. Discussion followed.

In reference to the CB 10 Facebook page, BM Harrison commented that with all the Facebook security criticism over the past two weeks, he is not sure that certain private information about Board Members will be kept private. Discussion about the numerous items new Facebook members must go through to protect themselves when joining Facebook and whether or not members actually complete all the steps necessary took place. BM Harrison stated that there is a serious issue with the controls and questioned whether the Board should move forward with its Facebook page.

BM Romero had one suggestion about the CB 10 Meet and Greet: Since it took her about one year to learn the Board Members' names, she feels it would be best if everyone wore peel off name tags at the event. It would greatly help the new Board Members learn the established Members' names and would help the established Members identify the new Members.' It was agreed that there would be name tags worn at the Meet and Greet.

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

Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Harrison rendered the ZALUC Report. See Attached. Discussion followed.

Chair Seminara noted that CB 10 comments regarding the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan are due at the end of June; therefore, the Committee will continue its discussion on the topic. Department of City Planning has

offered to meet with CB10 to discuss the issue. BM Ahl mentioned that the section of the bike path discussed in the ZALUC report was the site of a fatal bike accident eight years ago where a cyclist wearing a helmet, trying to avoid a child, went over the front of his bike, snapped his neck on the rail and died. ZALUC Chair Harrison agreed and added that he also had a bike accident at the location, also avoiding children, and is now missing a part of his arm as a result. BM Stelter shared that Dept. of City Planning is holding a workshop for residents on the Waterfront Plan this evening at Brooklyn Tech. BM Fontas inquired as to whether the section of the bike path under the bridge is Parks' jurisdiction or DOT's jurisdiction. The response was that it was Parks' property, however, DOT maintains it. BM Fontas asked if it was possible to have signage reading "Bikers – Slow" or "Children At Play", or something along those lines. Zoning Chair Harrison responded that he personally would support signage. However, he feels that in the long run, the only thing that would solve the problem is a configuration like they have from 69<sup>th</sup> Street to the bridge. BM Cruz agreed with the long term solution, and also supported BM Fontas' recommendation to request signage in the short term. BM Schack asked if the Denyse Wharf belongs to the Army base. The thought was that it does belong to the base, but it would be looked into for confirmation. BM Carroll stated that this has long been Tom Greene's issue, and he had stated that it is federal property. Zoning Chair Harrison added that there was lengthy discussion about that point and he wanted to make it clear that we are not backing off as a Community Board on Tom Greene's request at this point. However, ZALUC feel that since they have been doing this for so long, perhaps we should look at alternatives.

Zoning Chair Harrison noted that with regard to the Century 21 parking lot, they are arranging a meeting with Century 21 on an Executive Committee basis. After that meeting, they will bring in the valet parkers and perhaps the restaurants. They first wanted to determine how Century 21 is going to do this and what they are going to offer, so they we will know specifically what we can offer.

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the Traffic & Transportation Committee Report regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/78<sup>th</sup> Street intersection issue. See Attached. She thanked the Committee Members for their continued efforts and hard work. Discussion followed.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the T&T Committee to reject the current DOT proposal and not implement a new one until it is approved by Community Board 10. Recommendation seconded by BM Petty. Discussion followed. BM Fontas complimented T&T Chair Cruz for staring down scores of angry community members and doing an excellent job. BM Bortnick stated that the biggest problem is that DOT does not want to listen to anybody and they believe they are the only ones who know what to do. They have adamantly refused to let the community in. BM Cassara voiced his observation that DOT said they were for the idea of moving the exit forward to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but that really goes against what their objections were to allow the traffic to go down 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue because it will turn onto Bay Ridge Parkway. If you move the exit ramp, that's where it has to go anyway.

**Motion: CB 10 to reject the current DOT proposal for the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 78<sup>th</sup> Street and note that any new plan would have to be approved by Community Board 10 prior to implementation. All in favor. Motion carried.**

T&T Chair Cruz informed Board Members that all our alternative proposals were rejected by the MTA. Her recommendation is that residents go to every forum and rally there is, sign every petition and write every letter in opposition to the proposed cuts which are scheduled be implemented at the end of June. BM Stelter clarified the MTA's response to our B9 suggestion. The MTA said it would be impossible to extend the B9

bus down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He noted that come June 27<sup>th</sup> there will be three bus routes on Bay Ridge Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the B70 will be making the turn onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

### **Update on MTA Arts for Transit – 86<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Station**

BM Cassara rendered the Informational Report on the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Station MTA Arts for Transit. See Attached.

### **T&T SELECT COMMITTEE ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Select Committee Chair Fontas rendered the Committee Report. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM May added that, in addition to the intersections, contributing factors including vehicles that double park and then vehicles going around double parked cars is an issue, particularly along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Select Committee Chair Fontas will add this issue to be looked into.

### **SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING AND HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the Committee Report and Recommendation. See Attached. Motion from the floor by BM Romero to request that Community Board 10 write a letter to selected corporate entities requesting that they provide food donations to our local food pantries; second by BM Festa. Discussion followed. Chair Seminara stated that this request would be subject to a check by Corporation Counsel to be sure that solicitation of food donations is permissible. BM Cruz made a friendly amendment to include a list of our food pantries and their addresses. She stated that if they have a list they have a way to act.

BM El-Yateem asked what kind of food would be donated, and the response was that it would be canned or non perishable food. It was agreed that the words non perishable should be included in the request.

BM May noted that sometimes they request toothpaste and deodorant and asked if those items would be included. Committee Chair Grimaldi responded that these were not on the list.

June Johnson asked if it was public schools or private schools that were contacted to conduct a food drive and was informed that it was both. Committee Chair Grimaldi clarified that the schools did not say no, they just said they would not be able to participate at the same level they had in the past. Some schools asked to be contacted in October.

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to selected companies that provide service to make food available, including a list of food pantries and their addresses to facilitate this movement, requesting that they provide non perishable food donations to our local food pantries, subject to approval by Corporation Counsel. All in favor; motion carried.**

In reference to the closing of the Lutheran Medical Center Oasis Sunset Park Clinic closing, BM May questioned if there was a delay in a referral if the clinic would take responsibility until the patient is passed on.

The final topic that Committee Chair Grimaldi reported on was Hookah lounges. See Attached.

Committee Motion and Recommendation: To draft a letter to our elected officials to request that they investigate the proliferation of hookah bars and develop a plan with the Department of Health to regulate

these bars including a legislative provision to include hookah bars in the City's anti smoking ban in indoor spaces. Discussion followed. BM Cassale asked if this was a religious issue or not, with the response being not, it is a health and nuisance issue. Motion by BM Bortnick to endorse the Committee's Recommendation.

BM Gross said that he thought the Indoor Clean Air Act regarding tobacco had to do with tar that proved a danger to second hand smoke and that they are insisting that since there is no tar in the hookah there is no proven danger and therefore is not regulated. Committee Chair Grimaldi responded that there is some truth to that comment. She said that there is a question as to whether there is tobacco in the mixture. Sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't and it is hard to trace. However, the second hand smoke from the charcoal used to burn the hookah has been proven to be a health hazard. BM Berg asked if there was something on the books stating that you cannot burn tobacco, since there is a law that you can no longer burn leaves. Committee Chair Grimaldi responded that there is probably a fire dept. regulation, but we were talking to the Dept. of Health and they could only offer that. We are going to have to use our creativity, ingenuity and our advocacy to figure out a solution. BM Vella-Marrone asked that we move the question.

BM Cruz stated if you go to a bar or restaurant, they are required to clean glasses at a certain temperature, and asked what the sanitation procedure is for pipes. The response was that there are no regulations. BM Joudeh responded that the pipes are not being held or smoked. There is a small plastic piece that is attached to the bowl they are smoking through. As soon as they are done, the plastic piece is gone. He added that this is not the problem; the problem is the kind of place that is being run.

BM Harrison stated that he thought we needed better language as we are asking them to investigate, but investigate what. Chair Seminara responded that we are asking them to investigate the proliferation and develop a plan with DOH to regulate these bars. BM Harrison did not disagree, but stated that the motion requires clearer language. Vice Chair Kieran stated that under NYC DOH regulations, public nuisances are also defined and could include vapors, noxious odors and smoke. If they were directed, he feels they could enforce something now. Chair Seminara stated that this will be considered in the next Motion

**Committee Motion and Recommendation: To draft a letter to our elected officials to request that they investigate the proliferation of hookah bars and develop a plan with the Department of Health to regulate these bars including a legislative provision to include hookah bars in the City's anti smoking ban in indoor spaces. All in favor; motion carried.**

The next Motion and Recommendation from the Committee is to engage the elected officials and the appropriate city agencies in a dialogue to develop protocol for enforcement and testing of existing hookah bars including any fire, safety, building code and health violations as well as any trafficking of illegal substances. The Committee recommends sending a letter to the DOH, CAU and elected officials to address this issue and ask that the anti smoking regulations be expanded to include smoking the hookah in an indoor public space and restaurant/lounge. Motion seconded by BM Vella-Marrone. Discussion followed. BM Festa requested that we change the word "bar" to "hookah establishment."

**Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to our elected officials, and appropriate city agencies including DOH, and CAU to engage them in a dialogue to develop protocol for enforcement and testing of existing hookah establishments including any fire, safety, building code and health violations as well as any trafficking of illegal substances. The letter will also request that the anti smoking regulations be expanded to include smoking the hookah in an indoor public space and restaurant/lounge. All in favor; motion carried.**

Committee Chair Grimaldi continued to render the Committee Report and Recommendation. Chair Seminara recommended combining issues #3 and #4, and stated that she would endorse forming a subcommittee of volunteers to discuss the general issue and putting together a community awareness program regarding all the effects of these establishments in our community. Recommendation seconded by BM Klein. Parliamentarian Fontas stated that we must vote on the creation of the subcommittee; then Chair Seminara would appoint the member of the subcommittee.

**Motion: To form a subcommittee of volunteers to discuss the general issue of hookah establishments and putting together a community awareness program regarding all the effects of these establishments in our community. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Chair Ahl rendered the Environmental Committee Report regarding the Siphon Project. See Attached. Since he was not at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Environmental Chair Ahl gave an update on the siphoning project, which is a necessary project for the health and economy of New York. One of the good things about the project is that the tunnel boring machines will work from Staten Island to Brooklyn, which means most of the excavated earth will be removed from the Staten Island site. However, on our side they have to build a huge shaft which will require hundreds of trucks to remove soil from the area. DOT planned a route to go on Shore Road from 84<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Street; up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on 86<sup>th</sup> Street; and down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 65<sup>th</sup> Street. The Committee did not have a quorum, but the consensus was that this is really a bad idea. What the Committee was hoping for tonight is for a motion from the floor to request that DOT reassess the route for the trucks. Chair Seminara asked what the timeline for this project is, Environmental Committee Chair Ahl responded that it is from now to 2013 and that there is a restriction to only doing this work over the summers when school is not in session, since the site is directly across the street from Fort Hamilton High School. Chair Seminara committed the issue of the truck route for the excavated material to the Traffic and Transportation Committee for the June meeting. Chair Seminara recommended writing a letter to DOT stating that we believe there are issues with the current plan and we would like to have a dialog with them about reformulating the traffic plan. BM Gross asked if there was any suggested alternate route; and Environmental Chair Ahl did not recall one being suggested.

Motion from the floor by BM El-Yateem; second by BM Stelter: CB 10 to write to DOT noting our concerns about traffic changes that will be required as a result of their plan to remove excavated material as part of the DEP siphon project and ask that they reconsider the route and consult with us regarding this issue. No further discussion.

**Motion: CB 10 to write to DOT noting our concerns about traffic changes that will be required as a result of their plan to remove excavated material as part of the DEP siphon project and ask that they reconsider the route and consult with us regarding this issue. All in favor; motion carried.**

Environmental Committee Chair Ahl continued to render the Environmental Committee Report and Recommendation regarding a request by the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Business Improvement District for a ban on sidewalk vendors, including food vendors, from 65<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Street. See Attached.

Motion and Recommendation: To request that the City Council ban all vendors and food vendors on the sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 65<sup>th</sup> Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Second by BM Falutico. Discussion followed.

BM McCone requested that 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue be included in the request, and Environmental Chair Ahl clarified that this request comes from the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue B.I.D. BM McCone stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue does not have a B.I.D.

**Motion: CB 10 to request that the City Council ban all vendors and food vendors on the sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 65<sup>th</sup> Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Street. All in favor; motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

BM May noted that the previous day when she was walking on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue she noticed Chadwicks and other restaurants' valet parking attendants left cars double parked blocking a lane of traffic. They had also placed their valet signs in the street. Chair Seminara asked that BM May forward the information to the District Office.

BM Cassara stated that there was an interesting article in the Wall Street Journal on May 10<sup>th</sup> regarding shale drilling and questioning how safe it is, whether we should be supporting this, and how to minimize the dangers. He compared the shale drilling issue to what is going on with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and how the oil companies say there is no problem and everything is safe, but we can see what has happened. He added that shale drilling is dangerous and we have to stay on top of it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Member Bortnick requested 40 seconds of time for a "Good and Welfare" portion of the meeting. He stated that this is one of the most remarkable Community Boards in New York City. The wealth of talent is unbelievable. The Chairs of the Committees do a remarkable job. There are two people in Community Board 10, DM Beckmann & Dorothy, who work way over their pay grade. The wealth of knowledge they have, the memory they have, and the work they do is beyond remarkable.

Motion made to adjourn by BM Romero. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

## DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

May 17, 2010

Good Evening Board Members:

For those of you who have not heard the good news... the Executive Budget for FY 2011 which was presented by Mayor Bloomberg at a press conference on Thursday, May 6, 2010 authorized a budget of \$198,895 for each community board effective July 1, 2010. The Mayors Executive Budget which will go to the City Council for adoption in June restores \$38,458 to the boards' budgets in FY 2011 and through the out years through FY 2014. This is not a full restoration; but it is certainly wonderful news.

Dorothy and I were quite busy this month with getting the District Office ready for several of our committee meetings including our second public Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting. We are also gearing up for our Meet and Greet which we hope you can all make on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Steve Schechter from the Brooklyn Public Library asked that I share with you an update on the expansion and rehabilitation of the Ft. Hamilton neighborhood library. The following work has been completed:

Over the next several months, work will continue on the building's infrastructure including the completion of the new HVAC, electrical and plumbing system. In addition, work will begin on the installation of interior finishes and fabrication and installation of new, historically appropriate shelving, paneling, millwork and lighting. They will continue to work through the summer and we will keep you posted on its progress.

The Community Board Ten District Office received a letter protesting the mayor's decision to make across the board cuts to all parades in New York City. The Norwegian Day Parade was the first parade within Community Board Ten that was impacted by this cut. Their parade took place on May 16, 2010 – with a reduced route of 5 blocks. Parade participants line up was moved to 83<sup>rd</sup> – 85<sup>th</sup> Streets, very narrow residential blocks. Their prior line up was on wider commercial streets. The District Office received some complaints from residents upset with the parking restrictions that had previously been more spread out.

Across the board cuts presents a hardship on small local parades whose street reduction may seem small at 5 blocks but the impact is great. The Norwegian Day Parade is a small 1 and a half hour parade in Brooklyn that has been in existence for over 50 years without incident. There are many asking for the restoration of the five blocks that were removed from their route.

The deadline to apply for the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program is this Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The program is open to New York City residents 14 through 24 years old and the program will run from July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Community Board Ten District Office participates in this program each year. Anyone interested can contact our office.

I attended two wonderful events this past weekend – The Street Renaming of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to honor Walter L. Johnson, the founder/developer of Dyker Heights and I participated in Its My Park Day at Shore Road Park for three hours of fun filled hard work. It was a beautiful Saturday, and so wonderful to see so many young volunteers from our Community out and willing to help out. I want to give a shout out to our Board Member Kevin Peter Carroll who was also on hand to shovel dirt, pull weeds and sweep up all while enjoying a beautiful day in Shore Road Park!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We received word this afternoon that the next phase of the Charter Commission's work will include a series of issue forums, also open to the public, focusing on term limits, voter participation, government structure, public integrity, and land use. Expert panels will be featured, held in each of the five boroughs. It is so important that we participate in the Charter Revision Hearings.

### **Thursday, June 10 – GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE**

- **Place:** Staten Island Technical High School, 485 Clawson Street  
STATEN ISLAND
- **Time:** 6 p.m.

### **Wednesday, June 16 – PUBLIC INTEGRITY**

- **Place:** City College, 160 Convent Ave  
MANHATTAN
- **Time:** 6 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 24 – LAND USE**

- **Place:** Flushing Branch, Queens Borough Public Library  
41-17 Main Street, Flushing  
QUEENS
- **Time:** 6 p.m.

**Memorial Day Parade – Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>** – We have not received information regarding the route of this parade. It will be posted on our website as soon as we receive route information.

**Fifth Avenue Festival** will take on Sunday, June 1, 2010 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 66<sup>th</sup> Street to 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Traffic will be closed from 8AM to 9PM. The B-63 will be rerouted to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. You will be able to cross 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the following intersections – 65<sup>th</sup> Street; Bay Ridge Avenue; Bay Ridge Parkway and 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

**BRAVO – 5K Run** will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2010 – Shore Road bicycle path starting at 10 AM @ 101<sup>st</sup> Street.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Shore Hill Community Room; 9000 Shore Road.

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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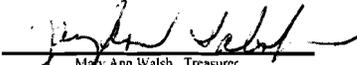
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$6,269.46	\$12,860.90	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$10,171.59	\$12,934.73	\$7,585.46	\$7,585.46	\$7,585.46			
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR										\$7,585.46			
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$6,501.29	\$8,653.13	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26			
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>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$134,324.74</b>

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10B	Telephone	190.00	185.32	187.28	189.19	189.04	189.94	187.80	186.94	184.99	191.20			
10X	Intra-City Supplies										398.23			
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials									997.26	2.72			
101	Printing Supplies						131.50		112.17	1,500.00				
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
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332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel /Communications													
412	Rental/Lease /Equip		18.02	107.41	44.41	571.66	44.41		804.41	215.82	234.41			
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00	400.00			400.00			
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70			21.70			
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613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies						702.00	287.00						
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624	Cleaning Services									140.00	140.00			
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<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>14,048.24</b>	<b>15,967.79</b>	<b>16,131.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>151,620.08</b>
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<b>TOTAL UNCOMBINED BUDGET BALANCE</b>													<b>\$55,274.92</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

## Police and Public Safety Committee Report of May 17, 2010

The Police and Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, May 13th at the Community Board Office at 7:00 PM. We met to discuss one new SLA application for a neighborhood establishment and discuss the latest problems occurring at our local bars.

Those in attendance were committee members Judith Collins, Brian Kieran, Nick Leonardos, Mary Nolan, Michael Quinones, Fran Vella-Marrone, Susan Pulaski, Chair of the Committee, and Josephine Beckmann, District Manager. Also in attendance representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct were Community Affairs Police Officers Joe Trischetta and Marco Venezia; owner, Vicente Ortega, from Brooklyn Little Bits Corp. at 7218 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and David Fuster, his attorney; and Susan Tirotta from Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer's Office.

**Item 1: SLA application for Brooklyn Little Bites Corp. at 7218 Third Avenue.** This application is for a wine/beer license. The owner, attorney and manager attended our meeting and stated that Brooklyn Little Bites Corp has operated its Bay Ridge restaurant, Mandato, since March 2008. It's a cozy place situated on a unique block of Russian, Thai, Chinese, Polish, Latin and Mid-Eastern restaurants of similar size. The owner has applied for this license, since patrons would like wine or beer served with their meals. He hopes this will increase his business. No bar will be added to the already tables and chairs. There is no outdoor area. The days and times of operation are 7 days a week from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM, most probably closing at midnight. The kitchen will remain open until closing. There will only be background music. His five year lease goes to 2013. The owner or manager will always be on the premises. Mandato has no violation or complaint history. This location will probably come under the 500' rule of three or more establishments for consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages, so there will be an SLA hearing. The owner has owned another restaurant for nine years at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Street, where he has a wine/beer license; there have been no SLA violations at this location. **Motion:** The committee met in quorum and voted and passed the motion to approve the SLA application for a wine/beer license for Brooklyn Little Bites Corp.

Josephine received notification from the precinct on April 21 of the results of the police action that was taken on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> in an interagency March operation. We addressed each of the three establishments that were sited.

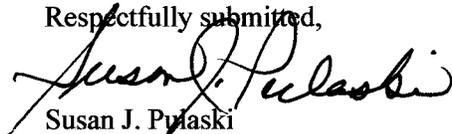
**Item 2: Crown KTV at 848 64<sup>th</sup> Street.** There was one arrest for possession and use of cocaine—openly at the bar. The place was described as a “mess” and there was underage drinking, dancing and music in the lobby. This did not surprise us, since the reason we put 12 stipulations on the two licenses for Crown KTV is because of the inconsistencies throughout the eight months of their opening process and its lack of transparency in explaining their mission. They opened October 2009. Remember, this was to be a karaoke restaurant with music only in its private rooms; no dancing was to be allowed. There were to be eight employees working in the evening with two security guards. Where were these people in monitoring this unlawful behavior? They have obviously violated our stipulations and could have received several more SLA violations if our list had been present at the time of the operation. There were several community complaints. A letter from a father of a child attending P.S. 69 across the street, who visited Crown KTV several times, stated: this is not a restaurant—no food is available; disco music and dancing in the lobby are the norm; drug activity exists; fights occur outside; and patrons are still hanging outside the place when the young students come to school in the morning. We discussed what action is to be taken. First, we want to make sure that the license that's required to be present on the wall of the establishment also display our list of stipulations. Secondly, we passed the following **motion**, unanimously: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations and asking them to revoke/suspend Crown KTV's liquor license.

**Item 3: F1 at 823 65<sup>th</sup> Street.** This place is located only one block away from Crown KTV. They received two SLA violations in April. In May, there was another SLA violation for disorderly premises and three assaults. Remember, this is the former Xtreme Billiards. It also has a history with our Board where we have been trying diligently to create a law-abiding establishment. In March 2007, we voted not to support the SLA application; in November 2007 we voted not to support their Consumer Affairs application; and in December 2009 we voted not to support their request for an installation of an additional standup bar. [Note: F1 was closed down for a short time by the SLA in December and we found out later that the additional bar had already been installed before they came to the Board for our approval.] Also, this establishment changed their name to F1 without applying for a name change; has a history of SLA violations; has large crowds of people attending their promotions without an assembly or cabaret license; and has a 60 person petition sent to our Board listing the disgusting behavior that the neighbors have been subjected to in the running of this place and requesting that immediate action be taken. We have no stipulations on this license. Our committee passed the following **motion**, unanimously: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations, listing its historical background and asking them to revoke/suspend F1's liquor license.

**Item 4: The Panic Room located on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 95<sup>th</sup> Street.** There were 15 criminal court summonses issued to underage teenagers drinking outside the premises. There were also SLA violations and 11 summonses for underage drinking issued in January and an assault. Since the police action of April, The Panic Room has closed. However, our committee decided to take action anyway and we passed the following **motion**, unanimously: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of violations and asking them to revoke/suspend The Panic Room's liquor license.

**Item 5: Noise Complaints.** This is ongoing and the establishment receiving the most complaints is RJ's. Remember they stated earlier this year that within three weeks their place would be totally sound-proofed. This obviously had not taken place. Our committee passed the following **motion**, unanimously: To write a letter to the SLA listing the police record of noise violations and giving a historical record of complaints from this past year that that have been disturbing the quality-of-life of neighboring residents and asking them to revoke/suspend RJ's liquor license.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Pulaski

**PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS  
MAY 17, 2010**

**The Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations Committee** met on April 21, 2010 to discuss several issues. In attendance were Chair Michael Festa, Siti Eschrich, Scott Klein, Rhea McCone, Jim O’Dea, Jean Ryan & Eleanor Schiano.

The first item on the agenda was a follow-up concerning the tornado-damaged fencing on Shore Road Park, vicinity of 75<sup>th</sup> to 77<sup>th</sup> Street. The District Office contacted the Parks Department in March 2010, and has yet to receive a response. We have asked the District Office to send a follow-up letter.

Second item was a brief discussion concerning the “Meet and Greet” event for newer Community Board appointees. The date for this is set for Thursday, May 20, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at the District Office. Light refreshments will be served, and an invitation will be rendered shortly. This will be a “get to know you” event, and will also be attended by members of the Executive Committee of CB 10, as well as other Board Members.

At the last general Board Meeting, a suggestion was made to create a Community Board 10 Facebook page. Committee Member Siti Eschrich has created a page which we are in the process of developing. More to come on this in future months.

Next item was a discussion concerning the **Dan Ross Playground**. We received an email from Senator Golden’s office, who received an email from an upset resident who lives next door to Dan Ross Playground, which is located across from the Verrazano approach on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 81<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> Streets. The resident next door has a host of issues that relate directly to her property next door. Problems with patrons urinating and leaving a mess. Senator Golden’s office suggested that the complainant come to the Community Board to discuss the issues. Note: During the month of May/June, the Parks Committee typically has a meeting with the NYPD and Parks to plan for the summer months. If this continues to be an issue, we will add it to the next meeting’s agenda.

On Wednesday, April 7, 2010, Committee Chair, Michael Festa, Josephine Beckmann and Pierre Lehu had a conference call with Ken Podziba and Steven Taylor of Bike New York. Ken is the President/CEO and Steve is the Tour Director

We discussed the possibility of establishing a "Bike Tour" or "Walking Tour" of historic Bay Ridge, perhaps running past several historic houses, parks, etc, and including a ride along Shore Road path, from 69<sup>th</sup> Street pier to Bay 8<sup>th</sup> and back. We'd like this to occur sometime in October 2010. We asked about the logistics of a ride or walk of this sort, with regard to route, planning, police presence, refreshments, toilets and the like. Ken and Steve were excited about the plan, but also advised that a bike tour may not be feasible due to the recent cuts, evidenced by shortened parade routes and less police presence along these routes. Bike New York suggested an historic walk of Bay Ridge (confined to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct), where they would help us with the route map, perhaps beginning at Owl Head Park, a turnaround at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Shore Road Path, and back along the street. People can participate at any point on the scheduled day, at their own pace. We would establish several stops along the route, specifically at a Bay Ridge "historic site" or another "site of interest", with a member of the community or one of our elected officials available to discuss the historic significance of this site.

This idea is in the beginning steps, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with other Board members and the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Festa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Festa  
Chair, PCAP Committee

Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee

Report Date: May 17, 2010  
ZALUC Meeting Date: April 2010  
Subject: Shoreline Assessment

ZALUC met without quorum on April 27, 2010 to consider Community District 10's needs in relation to our Shoreline. The City last visited this issue in 1992 and is now re-evaluating

CD 10 is lucky in that, although it has a large swarth of shoreline it is dominated by the bike path which runs along the shore from 69<sup>th</sup> street to Bay 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It is bordered by the Belt Parkway which, in turn is bordered by well-used parks and ball fields from 69<sup>th</sup> to the V-N Bridge.

From 69<sup>th</sup> to the bridge the bike path is actually two parallel paths. A pedestrian path about 12 feet wide runs adjacent to the water. Next to the pedestrian lane lies a bike path, separated from the pedestrian path by a 4 foot concrete strip that is home to benches and trees. This area was refurbished in an emergency construction two years ago and it is spectacular. The bike and pedestrian traffic does not intermix too much, the pavement is a joy for bikers and strollers alike.

At the bridge the path narrows quite a lot for about ½ mile as one continues towards Bay 8<sup>th</sup> street. As the path passes under the bridge it becomes one lane for bikers, walkers, skaters, etc. This incidently is the same area as the warf where Tom Green has been advocating a school area for marine biology studies that our Board has supported for years. Unlike the open, airy inviting path to the north, this area is isolated and somewhat forbidding in character. With the bikes flying passed carefree children, it seems to be only a matter of time until someone is seriously hurt. Moreover, unlike the new pavement to the north the bike path here is like a washboard. Most bikers would prefer to ride on a well paved street.

As you emrege from under the bridge around Fort Hamilton the area becomes open again with the kite flying area to the left and then the adjacent Belt Parkway. About 10 years ago the City extended the bike path here for about ½ mile so that there is again a lane for bikers and one for walkers. This is great. But it ends too soon and again the pedestrain and bike traffic merge. Again, on a nice day it is dangereous. CD 10's jurisdiction ends at about Bay 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

ZALUC recommends as follows. First, we again encourage the use of the American Veterans Memorial Pier as a platform for subsidized ferries. We also recommend that plans be studied to create a feeder system to transport potential ferry riders as well as parking facilities. Without that we fear that any ferry is potentially doomed.

Second, we recommend that the short bike path starting after the V-N bridge and stretching toward Bay 8<sup>th</sup> Street be completed, not just to Bay 8<sup>th</sup> Street but to Bay Parkway. As it stands now the mixing of bike and pedestrian traffic is dangerous making use of the path problematic for bikers and walkers alike.

Third, the existing path from the Bridge to Bay Parkway must be repaved to the same standards as that which were used from 69<sup>th</sup> Street to the bridge.

Fourth we believe that the segment under the bridge needs much attention to make it safe from both a bike and pedestrian point of view and eliminating it as an inviting area for criminal activity. While we appreciate the work of those who have pushed for a marine science building there, that does not seem likely to occur so we must look to the future. Moreover some on the Committee, myself included, think we should re-visit the issue of whether it is a good idea to add a building anywhere along the bike path, while the rest of the city is trying to reclaim the shoreline by removing buildings. The bike path hosts one of the most picturesque urban seascapes in the world.

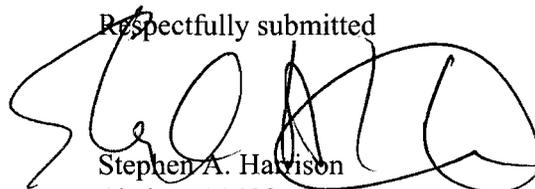
ZALUC would like to see the area under the bridge area expanded into the water with a large bump out. The reasons for this are manifold. First, it would give us another area for public gathering for picnics and movies and speeches and concerts and all sorts of things. Second, it would allow us to widen the bike path, make it more open and inviting, less inviting to criminal activity and safer for pedestrians and bikes by separating those uses.

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

We realize that in today's economic conditions that none of this is likely to happen soon. But if we plan now, we may have a chance when the tide turns.

We will keep you advised.

Respectfully submitted



Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

## **May 10, 2010 Traffic and Transportation Meeting**

The committee met in quorum at McKinley Jr. High School

In attendance were

Liz Amato, Allen Bortnick, Kevin Peter Carroll, Bob Cassara, Anna DeMetz, George Fontas, Brian Kieran, Jean Ryan, Joseph Sokoloski, Larry Stelter, Josephine Beckmann, Board Members Fran Vella-Marrone and Judith Collins, and Susan Tirota from AM Hyer-Spencer's office

and from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Officer Joe Trischitta

Councilmember Gentile and staff members

Representing the Department of Transportation

Keith Bray, Deputy Commissioner – Borough Brooklyn  
Annemarie Doherty, Engineer  
Claudette Workman – Intergovernmental Liaison

I would like to thank the committee members and other board members who attended this meeting and the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. You have shown tremendous commitment to our community.

As you know, there are many problems with the 78<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit from the Gowanus expressway. Last year, after many complaints, the DOT made changes to the traffic pattern. After a short time, it became apparent that the changes caused new problems. While there was some improvement to pedestrian safety, there was increased congestion with backups onto the side streets, Fort Hamilton Parkway and even 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and dangerous driving including crossing a grassy barrier to exit the highway and backing up or driving the wrong way on one way street.

CB 10 asked the DOT to make changes. In November, DOT said they were ready to implement changes. CB10 requested that DOT come to CB10 with the changes before implementing them. It took DOT until May 10<sup>th</sup> to present a plan to CB10 and the community.

This new plan calls for some serious changes to the intersection.

DOT defined the plan as a change from a 4 phase intersection to a 3 phase intersection. A phase is a traffic movement or traffic signal change.

The new proposal would have 3 phases/signals

The first has wide support. It would allow a pedestrian only crossing phase. This would greatly increase pedestrian safety. It would also include the establishment of a diagonal crossing from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to PS 127 ( a route proposed and used by the crossing guards). This phase/signal would be 32 seconds to allow crossing at 3 feet per second (the standard for children and seniors). The standard is 2 feet per second.

The second phase would allow southbound traffic (toward the overpass/bridge) to move alone. This phase would eliminate any left hand turn onto 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Obviously there were objections to the turn restrictions.

The third phase would allow all northbound traffic (from the highway and from 7<sup>th</sup> avenue) to proceed at the same time. Seventh avenue traffic would be directed onto Fort Hamilton Parkway. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic would not be allowed to continue on to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Trucks would be directed off the designated truck route. Cars exiting the highway could bear right onto Fort Hamilton Parkway or continue straight onto 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue or bear left onto the overpass. The DOT proposes "clearer channelization" (street markings and barriers) on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is two lanes north of the intersection. The "clearer channelization" would reduce access to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to one lane.

There was serious objection to this phase. There was concern that the trucks were being taken off the truck route. There were concerns that at best it would not resolve the problems north of the intersection and at worst would cause additional congestion north of 78<sup>th</sup> street. Residents concerns about the side street congestion and the Fort Hamilton Parkway problems were not addressed by the DOT.

There was a strong feeling that the earlier change made traffic worse in the area and DOT could not give any assurances the traffic in the surrounding area would be any better. They appeared to be focused on one intersection only.

Residents and board members were very skeptical. It was suggested that the DOT looked at the intersection with blinders and that their plans look good on paper, but do not take into consideration how people drive. Many, many suggestions were offered. One suggestion was to have NYS DOT redesign the intersection. This was viewed as the best long term solution, but changes were needed in the short term.

Many suggestions wanted most of the traffic routed onto 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The DOT repeatedly said that was not possible without explaining why. They are concerned about the additional traffic at Bay Ridge Parkway. However, they did not support their concerns with data/figures from traffic studies. Some suggestions included returning to the "old" traffic pattern with modifications. Some suggestions called for closing the intersection during the morning rush. A suggestion that the sign on the highway be changed which might reduce use of the intersection.

**When a major highway exits onto local streets in a low density community, there will be problems. Not everyone will be happy with the solutions.**

Councilman Gentile offered to convene a round table discussions with residents and board members welcome to make alternate suggestions.

I have asked DM Beckmann to contact the DOT for their traffic studies. A knowledge of the volumes at various intersections will be helpful in making and reviewing future suggestions.

After the public meeting the T&T committee met to discuss the proposal.

Bob Cassara and Larry Stelter offered alternate proposals to both the DOT and the committee.

*The committee voted to send a letter to DOT to reject the current proposal and to advise the DOT that no changes should be implemented without the approval of the CB10.*

#### VOTE FROM THE FLOOR

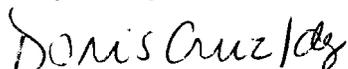
A suggestion was made that NYS DOT redesign the exit. This is a long term solution. The committee did not discuss this at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The first step would be a feasibility study for a redesign of the intersection.

(Motion from the floor)

#### MTA CUTS

The MTA cuts are scheduled to go into effect at the end of June. One Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, State Senator Marty Golden will be hosting a forum at Xaverian High School at 7:00 PM. I urge everyone to attend. If you cannot attend, keep writing letters and attend any forum you hear about.

Respectfully submitted



Doris Cruz

CB 10  
May 17, 2010  
86<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Station  
MTA Arts for Transit Report  
By  
Bob Cassara

On April 29, the MTA Arts for Transit convened a meeting at their headquarters located at 347 Madison Avenue. I was asked to represent Community Board 10. Also from the community was Peter Killen. The voting panelists were comprised of five people and both Peter and I were invited to vote on the finalists as well.

Five artists submitted their work. They each in turn discussed the neighborhood and how their work would depict Bay Ridge at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Station.

The artwork presented is based on the artists' conceptual design and not the actual art work. There was a change made to the scope of the work. The art work will now appear on a 200 square foot wall adjacent to the stairwell leading down to the platform level from the mezzanine level. The reason given for this change is because the stairwell will be used for future use for an elevator. This change is actually better for the artists as well as for the community. It gives the artist more space in which to work.

Of the five artists, the first artist received all seven votes and was selected. This artist said that as she was exploring Bay ridge, she was "...struck by the unique character of the neighborhood's homes, particularly those offering a glimpse into the past such as **The Farrell House** and **The Gingerbread House.**" She said that while reading "**Images of America: Bay Ridge**" and **Brooklyn's Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton**", she became captivated by picturing the grand estates and summer homes of the area's rural origins. Drawing inspiration from a number of photos in the

books, she re-imagined four Bay Ridge-style homes and then created a 3D model of each building to serve as a still-life for painting. Once the MTA commissions her for this project, she will paint the scenarios for translation into mosaic.

All I can say is that we were all blown away by the interpretation of the art work and for its detail. I was very happy that the art panelists selected this artist. I am sure that the Bay Ridge community will be very satisfied with the outcome of this work. I will venture to say that <sup>the</sup> art in this station will eventually be a destination for people to see and attract people to our community to explore in more depth. I think that we as a community need to anticipate and capitalize on this.

Amy Hausmann, Assistant Director, MTA Arts for Transit said that at some point, probably in the early fall; the MTA will come to the community and make a presentation. The artist said during her presentation, that she is open to redesign and the space around the houses can also be changed. Since the mosaic art work will be scaled up and built by a fabricator and be installed in early 2011, I think it is important that we get an early look at the artwork before the fabrication starts.

## Select Committee on Pedestrian Safety

April 20, 2010

On April 20, the newly formed Select Committee on Pedestrian Safety met for the first time. That meeting was attended by committee members, NYPD and CB 10 residents.

First on the agenda, was to discuss the placement of public members to the committee. In consultation with Chair Seminara we agreed to place up to 4 public members on the committee. These 4 board members will have voting rights within the committee but not at the full board. We have already received a few applications from individuals seeking this role. Applications have also been placed in the back of the room on the sign-in table for any individuals who are interested in applying.

Next we decided to create a goal for the committee. We determined that the goal of the committee is to seek to make appropriate improvements to targeted streets and intersection in an effort to make those locations safer.

During our conversation we determined that there are a large number of circumstances in which a pedestrian's safety is in jeopardy. But we ultimately agreed is that the responsibility to safety falls both with the driver and the pedestrian. And that the issue can be distilled into 2 areas: those being traffic enforcement and pedestrian error.

Ultimately we agreed that CB 10 is too large an area for the committee to address every single street corner and that we needed to figure out which streets and intersections are the most likely to be problematic.

To do this we've decided to do a survey of all of the CB 10 streets. This survey will identify all of the unique streets or intersections that we believe are cause for concern based upon a range of parameters. For example: high traffic intersections or locations with schools or parks. They can include T-intersections or intersections that have streets facing odd angles. Once we have compiled this list we will have a clear understanding of which streets and intersections we need to address.

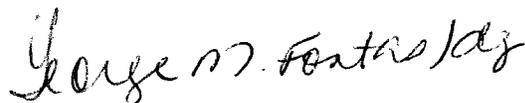
Anyone who wants to help with this survey please see me after the meeting so I can take your name and information. All you have to do is walk or drive down the avenue looking for the condition which we will describe on paper and return the information to CB 10.

Our next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting we will have reps from NYC DOT and NYPD who will help the committee understand the best way to approach our concerns at these targeted intersections.

So far the 68 Precinct has pledged to work with us to understand what resources are available and what actions they currently take. So far they have been very forthcoming and I and the committee appreciate their support.

I encourage everyone to attend the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and remind you that if you want to help with the community survey over the next couple of weeks, please see me or contact the board office.

Respectfully Submitted,



George M. Fontas

Chair, Select Committee on Pedestrian Safety

## Community Board 10

Committee Report for : Senior Issues, Housing, and Health and Welfare Committee

Date: May 12, 2010 - 7pm

Community Board Office

In Attendance: Judith D. Grimaldi, Committee Chair

Ida D'Amelio  
Anna De Metz  
Stella Kokolis  
Jeannie May  
Eleanor Petty  
Mary Quinones  
Joseph Sokolowski  
Maureen Stramaka  
Josephine Beckmann, District Manager

Excused: Kevin Peter Carroll

Susan Romero  
James O'Dea

Absent: Michael Casale

Salvatore Girgenti

Guests: Susan Pulaski , Police and Public Safety Committee Chair

Allen Bortnick – CB 10 Member  
Susan Tirotta – Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer  
Habib Joudeh – CB 10 Member  
Michael Congo – Community Affairs NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Charles Glover – NYC Mayor's Office –CAU  
Sam Asall – Brooklyn's Smoke Free Partnership  
Larry McReynolds – LMC's Family Health Center  
Tomas Cruz – Clinic Director – LMC 's Family Health Center  
Brett Cohen – Globe Drugs –Bay Ridge  
Community Representatives from Ovington Avenue  
Kathy Ali-Khatari – Arab American Neighborhood Association

### AGENDA

Introduction of Special Programs at Globe Drugs

Review of Hookah Lounge Operations and Community Concerns - Action plan and motion

Update of Food Pantry

LMC update on Community Mental Health Services and the restructuring of Substance abuse service

Status report on TimeBanking

### Globe Drugs

Brett Cohen representing Globe Drugs announced his pharmacy's free community programs including free children and prenatal vitamins giveaways and My Dose Alert program which will remind individuals to take

their meds either by phone, text message or email. Contact for the program is Brett at Globe Drugs 403 86 Street Brooklyn NY, 11209; 718 -745- 2233

### Update on Food Pantry

The food pantries have been contacted and are receptive to receiving foods including St. Patrick's, OLA, St Andrews, Bay Ridge Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Presbyterian Church and Salaam Lutheran Church. The issue is matching these recipients to school donors. Contacting the schools late in the season has proven to be too late for the schools to take on these projects. We may be required to postpone the efforts where necessary until the fall. BM Susan Romero has a proposal to contact corporate headquarters of food stores to secure donations for the pantries. If the approval of the Board is required to solicit these food giants to send letters out on CB10 letter head, we will discuss this alternative action at the next committee meeting in order to supplement the items collected from the schools. Therefore Susan Romero will make a motion for the letter to be sent from CB10 to facilitate donations from possible corporate entities to the neighborhood food pantries

### LMC Report on Closing of Oasis Sunset Park Clinic

Larry Mc Reynolds , Executive Director of LMC's Family Health Center and Tomas Cruz, Clinical Director of the Co-Occurrence Disorder Out Patient Service introduced a change in the structure of their community health center which had previously dealt with substance abuse counseling called Oasis Sunset Park Clinic. The Clinic which treated individuals dealing with substance abuse has changed and will now treat individuals with dual diagnosis also referred to as "co occurring diagnosis". In most cases the primary treatment diagnosis will be mental illness with a drug or alcohol dependency or substance abuse. The clinic will treat 350 patients and the break down will be 60% behavioral health and 40% addiction. The clinic had to restructure in response to budget cuts and under utilization. As a benefit the clinicians will all be licensed social workers (LCSW's). The clinic will accept Medicare, Medicaid, private pay and private insurance. The new clinic will accept cases to do assessments and if not a mental health case will refer out appropriately. Mr. Mc Reynolds supplied a list of addiction services is the area which could accept the patients seeking help and no longer covered by the LMC clinic.

### Hookah Lounges in Bay Ridge and community concerns:

The central issue for the committee meeting was the emergence of Hookah lounges in CB10 and concerns from residents. Hookah lounges are currently unregulated. Community complaints fall into three categories:

1. Nuisance complaints for the lounges' surrounding neighbors concerning second hand smoke and health issues
2. Under age smoking of hookahs and concern of harmful smoking
3. Concern about illegal substance ingested using the hookah (pipe).

Because of the strong neighborhood reaction to the hookah lounge the following NYC officials were in attendance to answer questions. MICHAEL CONGO, Community Affairs officer NYC Department of Health, CHARLES GLOVER of the Mayor's Office of the Community Assistance Unit and two representatives of the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

We learned the following; Hookahs generally do not use tobacco in the pipes therefore the NYC Department of Health cannot regulate them under the City's very strict smoking ban indoors. Since the substance being smoked allegedly does not contain tobacco there is no special license needed nor any restrictions on the use. Thus the Hookah lounges and bars are not subject to the restrictions of the NYC 2003 Indoor Air Act which bans only tobacco smoking in restaurants and nearly all bars. A few bars such as Cigar bars may allow smoking if they sell liquor or a tobacco shop if it does not serve any drinks. The hookah bars often sell soft drinks and food but not hard liquor thus they do not qualify for the "smoking bar" exception.

In addressing this issue the NYC DOH representative, Michael Congo stated that in general the hookah pipes do not use tobacco but a mixture called Shisha. If the bars are found to use Tobacco and there is tar and nicotine residue, then the bar can be cited as violating the smoking ban. Those in attendance were asked to register complaints about the Hookah bars with either the Community Board or with the 311. Upon receiving the complaint, the Bureau of Tobacco Control will be notified to investigate. The DOH's ability to test the product in the hookah pipe is limited as testing is expensive and the DOH does not have a protocol to do so. DOH will refer any use of illegal substance to the police.

Community and residential complaints centered on the nuisance and fear of health risk from the second hand smoke and the early exposure of youth to this smoking habit. There were particular complaints about two establishments Your House at 6919 Fourth Avenue which vents the smoke into the rear yard affecting the apartment dwellers on Ovington Avenue whose rear apartments adjoin the back yard of the lounge. A second lounge causing a disruption is the hookah bar next to the Arab American Association on Fifth Avenue.

After hearing from all parties including the Police and Mayor's representative and residents about the issues, options and concerns it was determined that the committee address the Hookah bar issues as follows:

1. Draft a letter to our elected officials to request that they investigate the proliferation of Hookah bars and develop a plan with DOH to regulate these bars including a legislative provision to include hookah bars in the City's anti smoking ban in indoor spaces.
2. Engage the elected officials and the appropriate City agencies in a dialogue to develop protocol for enforcement and testing of existing Hookah bars including any fire, safety, building code and health violations as well as any trafficking of illegal substance . The Committee voted to send a letter to the DOH , CAU and elected officials to address this issue and ask that the anti smoking regulations be expanded to include smoking the hookah in an indoor public space and restaurant/lounge.
3. Develop a community awareness program involving the Board , local CBO's, elected officials and the proprietors of the bars to meet and discuss voluntarily control of the smoke dispersing into the community. This should include a meeting with the operators of the lounges, the police, DOH and the Committee members to develop strategies to improve the quality of life of the residents living near the bars.
4. A sub committee on Hookah bars was proposed with volunteers being BM Habib Joudeh, Jeannie May, Susan Pulaski (Chair of Police and Public Safety Committee) and myself. This will be brought to general board for formation by the Chair.
5. Advocate with the NYC Department of Health for the Development of a formal department protocol on investigation of the hookah bars and possible enforcement options to control the health impact on the community.

#### Time Banking:

The introduction of Time Banking to the CB 10 area began this month under the auspice of LMC. The site for enrollment will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. More information will be provided at the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted



Judith D. Grimaldi  
Chair, Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee  
May 17, 2010

**Environmental Committee  
Community Board Ten  
April 07, 2010**

Present: Greg Ahl, Chair, Allen Bortnick, Ann Falutico, Jeannie May, Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter, and Josephine Beckmann, District Manager.

Excused: Ron Gross, Dino Lamia, Eleanor Petty,

Absent: Siti Eschrich, Nikolaos Leonardos, George Prezioso, Dilia Schack,

Also attending, Stephanie Giovinco, a representative from the office of Councilman Vincent Gentile, Anthony Ianni from Con Ed, Linda Lupia from Assemblyman Brook-Krasny's Office, Susan Tirotta from Assemblywoman Hyer-Spencer's Office, Paul Kerzner from Con Ed, Mark Lanaghan from DEP, Nicholas Barbaro from DEP, Kevin Keene, Denise Hubbard from DEP, Sangamitza Tyer from DEP, and Jenard Assat from EDC.

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

The Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was not met.

**1. This Project Is A Municipal Replacement And Upgrading Of Our Fresh Water Delivery System.**

There are 2 water siphons connecting Bay Ridge to Staten Island. It provides for a secondary back up system if the water main goes down to Brooklyn or Staten Island.

Two siphons will be replaced with one. The new main will be 72" in diameter and the tunnel will be back fed with concrete for protection and longevity.

This project is necessary for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reason. The Army Corp of Engineers is dredging New York's Bay to allow for the larger, more modern cargo ships to dock, unload, and reload. New York economy depends on its ability to move goods to and from the city. Big ships going to other ports, and then trucking goods into New York is a huge economic loss and not environmentally green.

The old siphons are just 10' down with the river bottom. The Army Corp of NYC is dredging much deeper to give access the big boats. The two old siphons are (1)36" and (1)42" pipe. One arrives at 79<sup>th</sup> street and the other at 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Work is between 9/2 and 6/30. Work will only be done from in the summer when school is out. The work starts this July and should be complete by 04/2013

A section of Shore Road Park will be closed and a shaft will be put in place for the tunneling machine to be removed when it completed it's under ground travel from Staten Island. It will have a small hatch left in place permanently for future inspections. Since the underground boring machine will go from Staten Island to Brooklyn, most of the soil will be taken out of the Staten Island shaft. This is really good news for Bay Ridge.

However the committer disagrees with the plan to have the hundreds of truck loads of soil removed to build the recovery shaft here in Brooklyn travel west on 86<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, then go north on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the 65<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp of the Gowanus. The person who made that plan must have never seen 3rd Avenue when it's busy. The trucks would have to deal with double parked cars, delivery trucks, and buses. The committee feels that this is a bad idea and would like to see that changed. Since a quorum was not met, we could not take a vote on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ahl  
Chair, Environmental Committee



**Community Board Ten Environmental Committee**  
**May 04, 2010**

Present: Greg Ahl, Chair, Allen Bortnick, Ann Falutico Ron Gross, Jeannie May, Eleanor Petty, Josephine Beckmann, District Manager

Excused: Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter, Dino Lamia

Absent: Siti Eschrich, Nikolaos Leonardos, George Prezioso, Dilia Schack

Also attending, Stephanie Giovinco, a representative from the office of Councilman Vincent Gentile

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

The Meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

**1. The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Business Improvement District Has Requested A Ban On Sidewalk Vendors, Including Food Vendors, From 65<sup>th</sup> Street To 85<sup>th</sup> Street.**

The 86<sup>th</sup> street B.I.D. has a ban on street vendors, but it does not include food. They have also requested a ban on this activity. Vendor rules on sidewalk vending have not been amended since 1995. And a lot has changed. Currently food vendors are not subject to the same rules as merchandise vendors and do not need the same approval. Complaints on this issue are growing, and are more common at Boro Board Meetings. When one vendor does well in a neighborhood, more follow. This is the situation in CB 10. We are not alone on this issue.

Let's take a look at Ovington and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This vendor drives up onto the sidewalk pulling this trailer regardless of pedestrians. CB10 has gotten complaints for local seniors being followed by less than a foot or two when the vendor pulls up onto the sidewalk. His trailer has leaked grease onto the new sidewalk and his customers leave litter behind. The grease stains are permanent.

The landlord of this property is responsible for this problem and has been warned he will get summons if the sidewalk is not kept clean. This landlord collects no rent and gets no benefits from this business on his property. Yet the landlord is powerless to stop it, and wants the food vendor to move off his property.

Local restaurants are also victims of these food vendors. There are 7 restaurants within 3 blocks of this Ovington Avenue food vendor. One of the restaurants selling the same food has already been forced out of business. It is impossible to compete with someone who pays no rent or utilities, making it easy to undercut the competition.

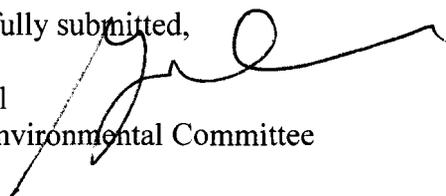
I wonder how they keep food fresh, and the cooking areas clean in such a small trailer. Restaurants have a lot of rules about temperature of food, and hot water to properly keep everything clean. Do these rules apply to sidewalk vendors? I don't see how they can do it. I feel you should eat at your own risk

The motion is to request that the City Council ban sidewalk merchandise vendors and food vendors on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 65<sup>th</sup> Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Committee voted unanimously to support the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ahl  
Chair, Environmental Committee



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

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Park Asia, 801 66 <sup>th</sup> Street	5-10-10	Renewal
Grand Joint Fortune Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Chop Stix Restaurant, 8405 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5-12-10	Renewal
American Golf Corporation, d/b/a Dyker Beach Park Golf Course; 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	5-12-10	Renewal
6510 Food Corp., d/b/a LaSorrentina Pizzeria & Restaurant 6510 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5-12-10	New Application
Omiya Sushi Inc., 8618 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5-12-10	Renewal
Perfect Deli & Grocery Inc., 10 Bay Ridge Avenue	5-13-10	Renewal
M.A.N. Restaurant Group Corp., d/b/a Huckleberrys NY 8901 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue*	5-17-10	New Application
The Burger Bistro, Inc., 7217 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue*	5-19-10	New Application
Mezcals Dos Restaurant Corp., 7508 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6-1-10	Renewal
Mussels & More., Ltd., 8001 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue*	6-2-10	New Application
Noodles 86 Corp., 8608 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-3-10	New Application
Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant, 7315 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6-4-10	Renewal
Mezeny Inc., d/b/a Meze, 6601 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-7-10	Renewal
7604-06 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Fortune Cookie Open Kitchen Restaurant; 7604-06 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-11-10	Surrender of License
Salty Dog Restaurant, 7509 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6-14-10	Renewal

\*Has been invited to Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> to make a presentation.