

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Knights of Columbus
Monday, February 28, 2011 – 7:15 pm

Board Members Present: 38

Greg Ahl
Liz Amato
Allen Bortnick
Justin Brannan
Michael Casale
Robert Cassara
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Anna DeMetz
Khader El-Yateem
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
Judith Grimaldi
Ronald Gross
Robert Hudock
Habib Joudeh
Katherine Khatari
Brian Kieran
Scott Klein
Stella Kokolis
Dino Lamia
Luigi Lobuglio
Rita Meade
Mary Nolan
Eleanor Petty
Susan Pulaski
Mary Quinones
Husam Rimawi
Susan Romero
Jean Ryan
Eleanor Schiano
Joanne Seminara
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Sandy Vallas
Fran Vella-Marrone
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 10

Ruth Berg
Kevin Peter Carroll
George Fontas
Barbara Germack
Stephen Harrison
Nikolaos Leonardos
Jeannie May
Rhea McCone
Dean Rasinya
Dilia Schack

Board Members Absent: 1

George Prezioso

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

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Joe Boffa				Asst. Mgr. in petri HHS etc

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2011 – Knights of Columbus
MINUTES

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Amended Agenda. Motion by BM Sokoloski; second by BM Joudeh. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the January 24, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Romero; second by BM Ahl. Minutes adopted as written.

Chair Seminara invited Mashi Blech to speak about the VNSNY Community Connections TimeBank Program. As Director of the TimeBank Program, Ms. Blech explained that this is a free program sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and open to people of all ages. TimeBank members earn time credits by helping another member, and then receive a service in return. They have approximately 750 members in the upper Manhattan area, over 500 members in lower Manhattan, 500 members in Sunset Park, and they are excited to now be in Bay Ridge. She thanked BM Grimaldi for her involvement with the program and help in making this happen in Bay Ridge. They have over 125 organizational partners and Community Board Ten is one of them. There are over 250 business partners who offer discounts to TimeBank members. The way our community can help is by letting people know about the program. They encourage young children to get involved. There are two enrollment sessions scheduled for March 15th and May 17th at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7420 4th Avenue, and reservations are required.

Chair Seminara then introduced Giuseppe Frigolino, Community Volunteer, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

PUBLIC SESSION

Rich Murray, a volunteer with Marriage Equality New York, spoke about this issue. He stated that the State Senate bill is coming up between April and June 2011 in New York State and they are urging communities to contact their State Senators to vote for marriage equality. He invited anyone interested in getting involved to speak with him after the meeting.

Nick Chambraras spoke on behalf of Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis and noted that the Assembly Woman is a member of the Transportation Committee. Recently Jay Walder, Chairman of the MTA, testified on last year's transit cuts. Assembly Member Malliotakis pressed him about why the transportation cuts were so severe in her district, both in Bay Ridge and Staten Island. The B37 was eliminated, the weekend express bus service was eliminated, the toll to Staten Island is now \$13, the R train is often unreliable, and commuting on the weekend is often a challenge. This is very difficult on seniors and people who have to get to work, especially for express bus customers and the disabled. They believe funding has to be restored. It is Assembly Member Malliotakis' position that weekend express bus service has to resume and she would like to encourage the community to be active and remain very involved in this issue by constantly contacting our local officials and the MTA to let them know they really need to restore these services.

On behalf of Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny, Linda Lupia spoke about new legislation that the Assemblyman has drafted to prohibit the sale of hookahs, water pipes, and shisha to minors. This act would be an amendment to the Public Health Law of 2000-2002, amending three separate sections. Currently, only the sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, rolling papers and pipes are prohibited. This Act will include the shisha and smoking paraphernalia into the law. Upon passage by both houses of the Legislature and then signed into law by the Governor of the State of New York, this Act will take effect immediately.

Rocco Buonpane representing Council Member Vincent Gentile announced that the Councilman invited the entire Fort Hamilton High School football team to City Hall this month and treated them to pizza and lunch and honored them with a proclamation from the entire City Council. The students and first year head coaches received recognition for an outstanding undefeated season and they were proud to honor them in front of the whole City Council.

Rocco went on to speak about local efforts to cut at least five blocks from the San Gennaro Feast. The Councilman had a petition passed around the Italian American Caucus, of which he is President, which will be presented to the Mayor. They are hopeful that the Mayor will respect the Festival's tradition.

The Councilman has organized a new local committee based on arts and culture in the area along with other Brooklyn communities including Park Slope and Greenpoint. The kickoff meeting was last week and representatives from more than 20 local organizations brainstormed on ways to promote local talent and get borough wide recognition.

Lastly, Rocco stated that there would be an op ed in this week's Home Reporter by Councilman Gentile and the 86th Street BID which will address the impact of vendors on our local businesses and how the two hope to make sure that small businesses survive and thrive.

Diane Ernest, a lifelong resident of Bay Ridge, spoke about an ongoing problem she has had with a family near her home who have allowed their children's rock band to play outside. This problem started last March and she and her neighbors have contacted the Community Board as well as 311 and the police regarding this complaint. The residents have also approached the family to discuss the problem, and the response they got was obscene and rude. She asked for help on who she can go to with this ongoing problem. Chair Seminara told Ms. Ernest that she does have a very serious concern. Chair Seminara acknowledged her coming forward and stated that we will do our best to bring some attention to this and get some action.

Eileen Kassab from the Dyker branch of the Brooklyn Public Library announced that March 1st begins Support Our Shelves Month and asked everyone to show their support. She thanked BM Vella-Marrone who is going to read to the children at the Dyker branch on Friday, March 4th at 10:00 AM, which is the 75th anniversary of "Ferdinand the Bull." Eileen also thanked the library teens who decorated for this occasion. The March Dyker library calendar was available in the rear. Finally, she noted that on March 8th the Princeton Review will be giving a free practice test for the Specialized High School Admissions Test at the Dyker library.

Linda Orlando announced that on February 17th Governor Cuomo asked for an Independent Redistricting Committee to review the results of the Census and to submit proposals for the new district lines in the State of New York. They expect members of the Board of Elections to appear before the Committee asking for the district lines to be drawn around major four and six lane streets in Kings County to avoid all the confusion and mistakes that are caused by the lines that are currently there. The results of the Census will be announced in the upcoming months and the Redistricting Committee will draw up a proposal of district lines. She urged members of Community Board Ten to evaluate all the information available and ask the Redistricting Committee to draw lines along major four and six lane streets before the proposals are published.

BM Bortnick stated that he has been asking to speak publicly to the Board since September and his requests have been denied. Chair Seminara responded that we would move on with the Agenda. BM Bortnick insisted that he would take two minutes to speak now. Chair Seminara reiterated that she would continue the meeting with the Public Hearing. BM Bortnick said that they cannot both talk at the same time, at which time Chair Seminara stated that he would have to sit down or leave as he was out of order. BM Bortnick asked when he would get an opportunity to speak, and was told he would be able to speak during the New Business or Old Business section of this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012, Chair Seminara stated that we are at the point of the budget process where we have the opportunity to reaffirm the priorities that were previously submitted by the Board in October 2010. At this point we cannot change the priorities. She noted that Board Members received the agency responses we received to our Budget Priorities in the mail. Many of the agency responses were disappointing; for example vague answers that "state funds are not available" or "the agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources." What we typically do at this time is reaffirm to the City that these are our priorities, we stand by them, we ask them to reconsider them, and hope that our elected officials can help drive home the priorities we have already expressed. Chair Seminara asked for a motion that we reaffirm Community Board Ten's Fiscal Year 2012 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Motion by BM Gross; seconded by BM Lamia. Discussion followed.

BM Vella-Marrone asked for clarification on #02 of the Expense Budget regarding additional basket collection on the avenues, as it is her understanding we do not have additional pickups along the avenue. DM Beckmann responded that this means that all the supplemental money previously given by the elected officials is never included in the budget to begin with. The Department of Sanitation is saying this because they continue to make daily pickups, which we cannot confirm. She recommends that in our letter to our elected officials we should highlight this and say that currently we are not getting that once per day in Community Board Ten. Chair Seminara noted that they are not funding additional basket collections although they say they are, and that is what we need to tell them.

With regard to the issue of parks, BM Cassara stated that we need funding for parks, and we need the elected officials to support funding for parks.

BM Stelter wanted to be blunt regarding requests that are not recommended for funding, specifically funding levels for firefighting manpower, new and larger catch basins, restoring Clean-Team personnel. Chair Seminara stated that this is why we are going to reaffirm that those are our priorities and that we want them.

BM Petty asked for clarification regarding the Capital Budget Priority request of reconstruction of the Belt Parkway Bridge over Bay Ridge Avenue. DM Beckmann responded that this request has been on the budget line for approximately five fiscal years which is why the Board put it as continued support. As far as the agency response that funds are unavailable for this project, DM Beckmann noted that she wrote to the Department of Transportation because when we were briefed they said that the money was there. Our question to them is going to be what happened to the money. We gave that continued support because it was already funded in the budget and was supposed to be done in this upcoming fiscal year. DM Beckmann noted that this may be a mistake and we are awaiting a reply. This issue will be highlighted in our response as well.

BM Grimaldi asked about the agency response to Expense Budget Priority #04 with regard to a long term plan for bed bugs. DM Beckmann responded that the Department of Health will have a link on their website where residents can go to get information on how to prevent bed bugs in their home as well as some type of tracking mechanism on where there are outbreaks. This is something that will only be available on line.

Rocco Buonpane stated that since Council Member Gentile is on the Committee for Parks and Recreation, he would recommend that CB10 get together with their office to aggressively work together with regard to the Department of Parks issues. Chair Seminara responded that we will follow up with their office.

BM Walsh asked for clarification regarding the Expense Budget Priority #06 request to restore forestry contract appropriations for tree pruning, removal and maintenance. DM Beckmann responded that we were told at budget consultations that the pruning cycle, which is currently on a seven year cycle for street trees, will now change to a ten year cycle.

Chair Seminara stated that there was a motion on the floor to reaffirm our Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012.

Motion: CB10 to reaffirm our Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

Before rendering her report, Chair Seminara offered our condolences to BM Carroll on the death of his father. She then extended his thanks to the Board for their expressions of sympathy.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee Chair Collins rendered the informational report. See Attached.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

With regard to the MTA Arts for Transit – 86th Street subway station rehabilitation, Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the informational report. See Attached

With regard to the Application by NYC Drivers for a new car service at 924 64th Street, Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair rendered the report. See Attached. Motion from the floor by BM Cassara to approve this license; seconded by BM Joudeh. No discussion.

Motion: CB 10 to adopt the Committee's recommendation to approve the licensing of NYC Drivers Car Service. All in favor; motion carried.

With regard to reduced speed zones and valet parking, Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the informational report. See Attached.

With regard to commercial truck parking/storage on 7th Avenue from 72nd to 65th Streets, Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the report. See attached. Discussion followed.

BM Cassara stated that he lives near this area and there are still buses and trucks parking there overnight, as well as limousines parking on Bay Ridge Parkway. He made a motion that we send a letter to the Deputy Inspector of the 68th Precinct that he send police officers every day to ticket the vehicles, as well as a copy of this letter to Chief Fox at Brooklyn South and the Police Commissioner.

BM Romero asked if there were signs posted in this area so trucks and buses will know there is no parking. The response was that the operators of these vehicles know these are the no parking rules.

Chair Seminara noted that there was a motion on the floor to write a letter to the 68th Precinct. Motion seconded by BM Grimaldi.

Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the 68th Precinct to request enforcement with regard to commercial truck parking/storage at 7th Avenue between 72nd to 65th Streets, with copies of the letter to Chief Fox at Brooklyn South and the Police Commissioner. 36 in favor; 2 abstentions – BM Joudeh, BM El-Yateem. Motion carried.

BM Ahl mentioned the fact that some commercial vehicles have private passenger license plates, but obviously are not passenger cars. Committee Chair Cruz said she had a discussion with the 68th Precinct about this issue and they said they can look at a vehicle and know by its style whether it's being used for commercial or private use, and they can act accordingly upon that.

BM El-Yateem asked where commercial vehicles are allowed to park, and was informed that they are allowed to park in manufacturing zones and private garages.

BM Bortnick stated that if he remembers correctly, when Community Board Ten voted on the Century 21 parking lot, there was an inclusion made that they agreed to allow parking at night. Committee Chair Cruz responded yes, and that is why they are meeting with Century 21 to work out a process.

BM Grimaldi said that with regard to where commercial vehicles are allowed to park, there previously were more lots available, but now everything is being developed. She asked whether we should bring this to the City's attention, that they cannot develop every lot. Committee Chair Cruz responded that she is also on the Zoning Committee, and the Zoning Committee is also discussing parking and she would be rendering the Zoning Committee report regarding curb cuts later in the evening. One of the major complaints in Bay Ridge is that there is no place to park, so people are illegally parking vehicles on our streets taking parking spaces away from the residents. This will be an ongoing discussion in both committees.

BM Grimaldi said that with the commuter buses, less people are taking cars. BM Ryan said that commuter buses are breaking the law because they are not accessible to wheelchairs.

BM Cassara noted that there is a large lot on New Utrecht Avenue where trucks are parked. However, this costs money so the trucks park on the streets.

SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the Committee report regarding bed bugs. See Attached.

Chair Seminara reiterated the Committee's recommendation to work with Don Clark of Alley Cat Exterminating to develop training for community leaders on the issue of how to deal with bed bugs.

Motion: CB 10 to adopt the Committee's recommendation to work with Mr. Don Clark of Alley Cat Exterminating to develop training for community leaders on the issue of how to deal with bed bugs. All in favor; motion carried.

With regard to the Hookah legislative update, Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the informational report. See Attached.

BM Joudeh asked if the letter that CB 10 sent to Senator Golden stated that the Board wanted to shut down hookah bars because it was his understanding that CB 10 wanted to regulate the bars. DM Beckmann responded and said that Community Board 10's letter to the Senator did not say that it wanted to shut down hookahs. The letter was specific to asking that "hookah" be included in ATUPA.

With regard to proposed DSH funding cuts to Lutheran Medical Center, Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the report. See attached. Discussion followed.

A question was raised as to what the proposed letter to elected officials would say. BM Quinones responded that basically we would ask the elected officials to recognize that the need for disproportionate share dollars continues to exist particularly now with the federal and state budgets. We would ask them to continue the funding to save the hospitals. BM El-Yateem asked whether anyone saw the letter and DM Beckmann responded that she did. Chair Seminara said there was a motion to send a letter to our elected officials asking for continuation of the DSH funding and asked for a vote.

Motion: CB 10 to send a letter to our elected officials asking for continuation of the DSH funding particularly for safety net hospitals. 36 in favor; 1 abstention – BM Sokoloski; 1 recusal – BM Quinones. Motion carried.

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

In the absence of Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Harrison, BM Cruz rendered the Committee report. See Attached.

After rendering the report, BM Cruz noted that the Committee gave this an aggressive timeline because they did not want the issue to be postponed until next January. We have a lot of existing information and resources available. The next step is to have a Stakeholders Committee to apprise the community of what a curb cut is and to make people realize that this is affecting them and it has a broad reach. The Committee welcomes comments and feedback.

PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Nick Curran representing Congressman Michael Grimm asked if he could speak at this time. He announced that they recently opened their Brooklyn office at 7308 13th Avenue. He invited people to stop by the office and to complete the constituent feedback form that they have available.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Bortnick said that he has been a member of the Board for several years and he believes we have a problem. Up to one third of the membership leave during the board meeting, which means things do not get done properly. We also reduced the number of committees and yet less of them are able to get a quorum in order to get a motion to us rather than have it come from the floor. He does not know what prompts people not to come or to leave early, but he thinks that if members feel they do not have the time to attend committee and board meetings, perhaps they should resign and let someone else take their place. He feels the Board works too hard and does too many good things, and he respectfully suggests to the membership if they cannot make the meetings to please do the honorable thing and make room for someone else, as there is a long list of people who would like to be on the Board.

BM Ryan suggested that each committee have a set meeting day of the month so it would be known in advance. Chair Seminara responded that this was a good point and we will try to work on that. However, when we have guests attending who cannot make it on certain days, it is very hard to keep with that schedule.

BM Cassara announced that the City Council meeting on hydrofracking being held tomorrow at 1:00 PM has been moved to Immigrant Savings Bank which is across the street from the court house. He also noted that yesterday's New York Times had an article on hydrofracking, which would be a continuing series.

BM Casale asked about the cut in hours for block parties. DM Beckmann replied that the hours for block parties has been cut by three hours citywide, so block parties will now be nine hours instead of 12 hours.

BM Bortnick noted that the address for the hydrofracking meeting tomorrow is 49-51 Chambers Street. In addition, at 5:00 PM tomorrow there is going to be a rally in front of 26 Federal Plaza. The purpose of this rally is to go after the corps of engineers in the Federal building.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Cassara wanted to describe his recent experience on jury duty with the grand jury. He was pleasantly surprised by this experience and recommends it for anyone who has the time and patience to sit through the hours of testimony. They went through 30 cases. It was rewarding to see how much time and effort is put into this process, and he felt the Assistant DA's do a great job. He feels the paradox of the whole justice system process is that most of the cases brought before the Brooklyn grand jury are drug related, and 90% of the cases they heard were drug related. New York State is now faced with high debts and budget cuts to try to balance our budgets. At the same time the State and Federal government spends billions on the war on drugs, which costs us huge amounts of money and lives. He feels we need to rethink our priorities and stop wasting Federal and State's national treasure and lives.

Motion to adjourn made by BM Nolan, second by BM El-Yateem. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

**Chair's Report
Community Board 10, Brooklyn
February 28, 2011**

Dear Board Members and guests:

Good evening. I begin on a sad note and offer our condolences on the untimely and tragic passing of Kevin Patrick Carroll, father of Board Member Kevin Peter Carroll. The loss of every loved one is a reminder to me of our precious humanity and the lesson that every moment we share on this earth is a gracious gift.

One issue that certainly merits our revisiting is the challenge of assisting our neighbors who own homes on so called "private" streets. There are 19 such streets in Bay Ridge. On these streets each lot extends to the center line of the street, that is, the sidewalks and the streets of these blocks are not public streets owned by the City of New York. The City does not have many rights with respect to these streets; for example, the public has no right to park on these streets and the Department of Sanitation is not required to drive down said streets to pick up garbage or remove snow, many of which are "narrow streets" as defined by the zoning resolution. Some like Shore Court are cobblestone. Thus, difficult situations arise with respect to maintenance and repair of street conditions which can affect several lots or the entire block. CB 10 hosted a forum for residents on these private street blocks several years ago.

There is an emergency situation unfolding on Shore Court, a lovely street behind Shore Hill at 89th Street. Apparently, the sewer line which runs down the center of this private street is broken- perhaps in several places, causing raw sewage to collect in 2 homes – this problem is exacerbated every day. It is a sad state of affairs that cries out for an immediate solution. Jo and I met with a representative of the block last week and Councilman Gentile has been working on a solution which seems to be imminent. Hopefully the City will step up to make the repairs, which will likely require removal and replacement of the entire sewer main. The lot owners, many of whom were not aware that this problem could develop, will likely bear the entire burden of this unexpected cost.

Clearly, homeowners on these blocks require a formal homeowners association so they address and collect assessments to pay for problems that arise and services- like snow removal – that are needed. In my opinion, membership in such associations should be mandatory, and membership should be a requirement of ownership. It is my hope that the problem now being experienced on one block will be a lesson to residents on the other 18

private streets that they need to take action in advance of an emergency. Many of our sewers are reaching their natural lifespan and it is likely this problem will repeat itself. I would like to thank Jo and Councilmember Gentle and Brian Gutman of his office for the research and advocacy they have done on this issue. We look forward to assisting residents with setting up a mechanism to address these issues.

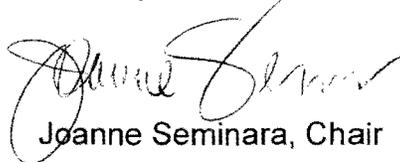
I want to extend a special thank you to Steve Harrison and the members of our always hard-working zoning committee for the comprehensive effort they are planning to address related to curb cut and parking problems in our district. They are taking an intense, vigorous, reasoned and positive approach to the situations we encounter with curb cuts and parking.

On a personal note, my friend, Robert, helping me to clean up my language – and I guess my thoughts -- and describe as “situations” or “conditions” those challenges I think of as “problems.” Let us also put in perspective and appreciate the real abundance in resources and generosity that we enjoy in this community, city and nation- even in times of relative fiscal restraint.

I appreciate your positive attitude and commitment to making our community a special place to live and work and enjoy working with you in addressing situation and conditions that merit our attention. I appreciate your kindness in encouraging and "be-friending" board members- on face book and in person, and hope you were able to meet our newer members at the lovely “meet and a greet” this month. I thank Jo and Dorothy and Jo Ann for their kind efforts in setting this up and thank Chair Michael Festa for planning and officiating.

It continues to be a true pleasure to chair this board,

Thank you for all you do to keep our community strong.



Joanne Seminara, Chair

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

February 28, 2011

Good Evening Board Members:

During the month of February, we were quite busy at the District Office continuing to handle snow and garbage related complaints. We have a new Deputy Chief name Myron Priester who is absolutely proactive and extremely responsive and enthusiastic. Now we are dealing with a large number of pot hole s that need to be filled.

I want to take a moment to thank all Board Members who serve us here at CB10. As I mentioned at the Meet and Greet we often reach out to you for help. This month I reached out to Eleanor Schiano after a tree fell down near her house and Kathy Khatari who helped reach out to the owner of the property of a fruit store that was abandoned by its owner on 72nd Street and left the store fully stocked and after a few weeks residents complained about the rotting fruit. Thankfully the owner was able to get in and correct the condition. I see you all at the many events in our Community and it is always a pleasure to work with you on issues important to your respective communities.. it is wonderful to have an additional set of 50 eyes and ears that report to the District Office regularly!

I am pleased to let you know that our Chair Joanne Seminara has given the green light to update Community Board Ten's Military and Veterans Affairs Resource Guide and Discount Coupon Booklet for distribution this Spring/Summer. Board Member Judith Collins will be working with our Intern Marie Elaina Caggiano to get this project completed. We had great reviews and our military families at Fort Hamilton who are new to the area greatly appreciate this booklet.

The District Office is preparing a letter to all those who file a Street Activity Permit with our office to encourage filers to use its on-line system. As of January 18, 2011, hard copies of the SAPO application will no longer be available to download from the SAPO website. We have only a few copies at the office for those who do not have access to a computer. We will encourage use of the online service at our office as SAPO is trying to eliminate all the paper associated with this application. SAPO has also reduced the amount of time for block parties from 12 to 9 hours. The deadline for filing remains the same and as is our policy the CB 10 office requires applicants to submit a petition for more than 60 percent of the residents on the block. The fee for online application is \$15.50.

Another big change from previous years is that SAPO is no longer allowing applicants to include a rain date with their submission.

Announcements

Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2011. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue at 4th Avenue at 12:00 noon. At 1:00 the Parade will kick-off and travel North on 4th Avenue from Marine Avenue to 94th Street and right onto 5th Avenue to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Our next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Norwegian Christian Home located at 1250 67th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Beckmann

District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Budget Appropriation for FY 11	\$198,896.00
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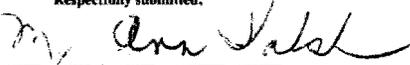
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COMMUNITY ASSISTANT		\$360.24	\$1,440.96	\$2,161.44	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96						
Total Personal Services	\$12,194.72	\$12,564.96	\$13,635.68	\$14,356.16	\$20,233.04	\$13,635.68	\$13,635.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,246.92

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/10	8/31/10	9/30/10	10/31/10	11/30/10	12/31/10	1/31/11	2/28/11	3/31/11	4/30/11	5/31/11	6/30/11	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	188.71	193.34	189.06	187.05	185.36	183.19	183.85						
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials		50.64			254.93		107.74						
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00										
332	Data Process Equipment				66.03									
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	44.41	44.41	44.41	804.41	234.41	44.41	424.41						
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip													
451	Local travel expenditures				224.00		400.00							
602	Telecom. Maintenance	43.40	21.70	21.70	21.70		21.70	21.70						
612	Office Equip. Maint													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies													
622	Temporary Services-contractual	1,080.00			665.00	600.00	735.00	800.00						
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00						
Total Other than Personal Services		\$1,651.62	\$470.09	\$550.17	\$2,128.19	\$1,434.70	\$1,544.30	\$1,697.70						\$9,476.67

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	13,846.24	13,025.05	14,185.85	16,484.35	21,667.74	15,179.98	15,333.38							109,722.59
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TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE														\$89,172.41
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Respectfully submitted,


 Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, February 8th at the Community Board Ten district office. Members present were: Liz Amato, Rhea McCone, Rita Meade, Susan Romero and Joanne Seminara, Chairperson. The guests who attended were: Colonel Michael Gould from Fort Hamilton Garrison Base, Cathy Santopietro, Community Affairs Fort Hamilton, Laurie Windsor, Community Education Council President for District 20 Schools, Stanley Bridgeman from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, Allison Dickin from SPEAK UP, a non-profit group, Thomas Lopinto, representing Councilman Vincent Gentile, and Dr. Charles Fasano, Middle School Headmaster at Bay Ridge Prep.

Mr. Bridgeman, a representative from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, explained how one can log on to the Department's website and see the numerous after-school programs and summer job offerings. One only has to make a selection and enter a zip code. Furthermore, after-school and holiday transit cards are also available. Youth Services partners with other city agencies and private corporations. Young people man the phones at the DYCD and also go out in the field speaking at public and private schools. This year job recipients will be chosen by a lottery rather than an income driven formula.

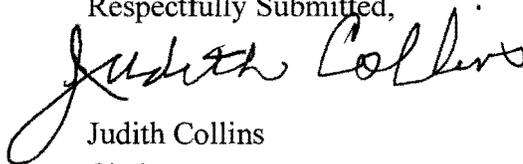
Our next guest speaker was Allison Dickin from SPEAK UP, a not-for-profit group that has a national hotline staffed by counselors at the masters level who have a format they follow when a caller wants to report a threat or potentially dangerous situation anonymously. The staff then reports these matters to a special unit at the NYPD. SPEAK UP as a private entity receives some funding from the New York Department of Youth and Community Development. Our Committee, as well as attendees who work on behalf of students and parents in the public, private and military sectors in CB10, engaged in a lively discussion on technology and its downside cyber bullying and victimization. All participants agreed on the need for a strong home-school partnership for proactive solutions..

Laurie Windsor announced that Community Education Council is co-sponsoring a Special Education Forum with State Senator Martin Golden on Friday, March 11th at the Regina Pacis Center on 65th Street.

Thomas Lopinto from Councilman Gentile's office updated on the April 6th Library Day at City Hall and stated that April 10th to April 16th is Library Week. Councilman Gentile will award prizes to the top essayists in Community District schools during that week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judith Collins

Chairperson

Youth Services, Education & Libraries Committee

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Traffic and Transportation met at the District Office on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. The committee did not meet in quorum.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by the MTA Arts For Transit Program on the artwork for the mezzanine at the 86th Street Subway Station.

Melissa Farley gave an update on the rehabilitation of the 86th Street Station. The rehabilitation project is almost completed. The platform level tile work is complete, some work has been done on the platform and the ventilation grates have been replaced.

Amy Hausmann, the head of Arts for Transit spoke about the Arts For Transit Program city wide and brief slide show on some of the installations throughout the city was presented. Please visit the MTA Arts For Transit Website to view this exciting project. Brooklyn is underrepresented in the program, especially the N and R lines. Perhaps we can propose a new site in Bay Ridge.

Lydia Bradshaw gave the presentation on the 86th Street project. The goal of program is to connect the community to the space below. There were over 300 applicants for this project. The artist selected was Amy Bennett, a Brooklyn based artist. Early in the project, the MTA asked for input from CB10. Board member Bob Cassara was able to attend on behalf of the board. Artist Amy Bennett came to Bay Ridge to see the station and the surrounding community. She met with others, including the Bay Ridge Historical Society. Her submission is entitled "Heyday", highlighting the grand past of Bay Ridge. She was inspired by the Samuel Winter Thomas slides, some of the remaining grand houses and our row houses. She created a scale model of the houses, then an oil painting and finally a mosaic that will be installed starting in April. They commented that one color used is yellow ochre, to connect Yellow Hook. The mosaic will be 45 feet long approximately 6 feet tall and required the removal of one bench and the repositioning of another. The project was designed so that when an elevator is installed at this station, it will not affect the artwork.

The committee asked the project representatives if we could have a picture of the mosaic for you tonight. But Board member Fontas suggested that would diminish the April presentation. All agreed.

The installation will start in April and anyone with access to the subway can watch project. You don't even need to pay a fare. We will give you an update on the actual start of the installation when we know.

Second on the agenda was an application by NYC Drivers to open a new car service at 924 64th Street. The Taxi and Limousine Commission now requires new applicants to come before community boards for approval. Charles LaSala of SCIFO Services and Gerry Chi (Chih Kai Chi) of Federal Transit, the application were present. Mr. LaSala represents and assists TLC applicants with the various levels of the licensing process.

The TLC requires an environmental statement and info on the applicant and Mr. LaSala presented these documents to the District Manager. It is the first time this info has been available to the board.

Mr. Chi then spoke to the committee. He is from Taiwan, has been here for 10 years and a citizen for 3 years. He is a Bay Ridge resident. He gave us his address and cell phone number. He is very proud of his heritage and would have given us a history of Taiwan, but we needed to stay with the agenda. This new car service will be mostly providing services to the Asian community and its dispatchers will speak English and Chinese. As every car service is required to do, they have an agreement with another company to provide handicap accessible vehicles. He has off street parking for 10 cars. Car services are required to have off street parking for 50% of their vehicles. At this time, he only has 10 cars.

District Manager Beckmann voiced her concerns about the pedestrian and vehicular traffic in that area. What was once a quiet industrial area in our board now has schools, a cancer center and many busy commercial enterprises. Mr. Chi said he was aware of this.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the licensing of NYC Drivers Car Service. Motion was made by BM Keian and seconded by BM Stelter.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of Reduced Speed Limits.

Our representative from the Department of Transportation had mentioned this program to DM Beckmann. When DM Beckmann followed up with DOT, they were not ready to discuss the program. After reviewing the number of schools, houses of worship, senior residences and centers, playgrounds and athletic facilities, the DM and I thought reduced speed zones should be discussed. These facilities number close to 100 in CB 10. The committee endorses the idea of reduced speed limits and recommends that we continue a dialog with the DOT on this issue and it will also be referred to the Pedestrian Safety Committee.

Following the meeting I did a little sleuthing.

On the DOT website, I found a press release that mentioned -

A pilot program to test the safety performance of neighborhood 20 m.p.h. zones: Neighborhood 20 m.p.h. zones will be implemented to slow traffic on an area-wide, rather than individual street, basis. Projects will be developed in collaboration with local communities and at least one pilot project will be implemented in 2011

I found other references to speed zones including one that stated after the completion of a Bonx pilot project the DOT is considering 75 new zones.

There are initiatives in other cities called "**20 is good enough for us**". What is the speed limit in NYC. The DOT has an advertising campaign to educate New Yorkers that the

speed limit is 30 MPH. A pedestrian hit at 40 MPH is 3.5 more likely to die than when hit at 30 MPH.

The fourth item on the agenda was Valet Parking

Problems with valet parking have been under discussion for years, possibly decades. This was a reintroduction of the issue. The first step to be taken will be a meeting with Century 21 to discuss the use of their parking lot by valet parkers. We are waiting for a confirmation from Century 21. Also, how can valet parkers use existing lots such as churches or banks? The Committee will begin working on this issue in the upcoming months.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Old Business

7th Avenue (on the East Side – traffic heading North) is being used for overnight parking for tractor trailers, buses, commuter vans and other commercial vehicles. It is illegal for a commercial vehicle to park for more than 3 hours on residential and commercial streets. They may park longer in manufacturing zones. It is illegal to park or store commercial vehicles on 7th Avenue, on any highway overpass, on Fort Hamilton Parkway or any other street in Community Board Ten area overnight from 9pm to 5am.

On West Side (Traffic heading southbound) 7th Avenue, following the snowstorm, cars and trucks began to illegally park in the moving lane adjacent to the highway from 68th Street to 76th Street. This was a very dangerous condition. The District Office reached out to DOT and, new signage was installed and summonses were issued by the local precinct and NYPD traffic division.

On East bound 7th Avenue the problem continues. There are complaints from local residents and business. NYPD has done some ticketing.

The committee recommended that Night Hawks be brought in to ticket only on 7th Avenue. The request was submitted by the District Office. The Committee also recommended that illegally parked commercial vehicles be booted and/or towed.

Respectfully submitted.

Doris N. Cruz
Chair T&T



**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN REPORT
SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING AND HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
February 10, 2011**

The committee met on February 10, 2011. The meeting was conducted by Chairperson, Judie Grimaldi.

Attendance included: Committee Members: Jeannie May, Eleanor Petty, Susan Romero, and Mary Quinones, Stella Kokolis, and Jean Ryan. District Manager Josephine Beckmann was present.

Guests: Stephanie Giovinco representing Councilmember Gentile; Don Clark of Alley Cat Exterminating; Paula Katinas of the Home Reporter

The Committee addressed the following issues:

1. Follow up and status report on Hookah Bars and legislative effort.
2. Overview of bed bug epidemic in NYC and our community.
3. Discussion of Disproportionate Share federal support as impacted by the new federal Health Care Reform Act and its impact on Lutheran Medical Center and other local hospitals

HOOKAH BARS AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The letters which the Board authorized were sent to Council Member Vincent Gentile who had sponsored legislation in the City Council. The letters address the need of regulating hookah cafes in NYC as well as advocating for enforcement by the local City enforcement agencies. The District Manger continues to follow up and provide us with progress information. In addition, the District Manager on behalf of the committee, reached out to the state elected officials to request that the present state regulations include a specific reference to the hookah pipe and hookah smoking in the ATUPA provisions which was stated by City and State agencies as the enforcement tool under which hookah smoking can be reduced. The committee will continue to work on this issue.

The NYC Department of Health is enforcing a citywide regulation change which was recently adopted to prohibit the sale of fruit flavored tobacco in retail establishments. Local tobacco stores have been cited and received violations while the hookah bars seem to proceed unaffected.

The Council Member reports that his proposed legislation is still in discussion. No action has been taken at this time. Our committee encouraged his representative, Ms. Giovinco, to report back to the Council Member that action must be taken before the spring season when the bars again open their doors and the second hand smoke issues will become a health and quality of life concern. The committee will continue to advocate

with NYC agencies including Police, Health, Environmental and Consumer Affairs Departments to enforce the existing laws with the goal of eliminating or reducing the negative aspects of the hookah bars focus especially under age use and improper labeling of the tobacco laced products.

BEDBUG EPIDEMIC

Concerns about bedbugs continue in the community. In an effort to address the issue the Committee participated in a presentation by Donald Clark of Alley Cat Exterminating. Mr. Clark who was recently featured in an article in the Home Reporter on the bed bug epidemic has offered to conduct a training session on this issue for community leaders, PTA presidents, officials, and community gatekeepers. The goal of the training is to develop methods of addressing the issue on an institutional level. The training would be of a practical nature with "hands-on" solutions and preventive strategies for travel, luggage and school or handbags, clothing storage, disposal of furniture, etc.

Our committee has previously distributed to the Board bed bug prevention materials provided by the Dept. of Sanitation. We also distributed information on the regulation which requires that all discarded bedding be encased in plastic prior to disposal. This became effective January 3, 2011.

Our committee, through DM Beckmann wrote to NYC DOH and the Mayor's office for action, programs and funding to assist families and communities on this issue. The committee has not received an official response.

The committee agreed to work on developing and staging this community education forum on bed bug prevention in late SPRING. It was agreed that we must keep the pressure on the NYC DOH to develop protocols for handling the control of bedbugs in hospital, schools and public places. There were 1700 incidents or reporting of bedbugs infestations in public schools this year. Teachers are now required to report bed bug sightings to the school administrator.

This project will be further explored by the committee and we request the full Board's support and propose to work with the Communications and Public Relations Committee to develop a teaching tool either in the form of a pamphlet or training on practical tips for bed bug prevention.

PRESENTATION BY LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER ON THE HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT'S RESULTING RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL SUPPORT TO HOSPITALS

Committee Member Mary Quinones will work with DM Josephine Beckmann to develop a letter to elected officials and the NYS Medicaid Redesign team to advocate for the local hospitals which are facing deep Medicaid cuts especially in the DSH dollars. This was the basis of the recent presentation by LMC CEO Wendy Goldstein. Lutheran Medical Center ("LMC") relies on these federal DSH funds to provide services to the uninsured and under insured in our community.

Food Pantry Update

On a final note Fontbonne Hall Academy completed its food pantry drive this month and St Patrick's was the grateful recipient of the donations.

Respectfully submitted,



Judie Grimaldi
Chair, Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee

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ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The Zoning and Land Use Committee met on February 16, 2011 to discuss the curb cut action plan. Discussion ensued regarding how plan was to be articulated, drafting a plan document, and that the plan was to be in place and launched by June 15, 2011.

The goal of the plan was twofold:

1. Eliminate existing illegal curb cuts in CD10
2. Prevent further illegal curb cuts in CD10

The plan name engenders why we are doing this and ZALUC voted to name it The Parking Fairness Initiative. ZALUC also established an aggressive timeline with the hope to launch a plan of Mid-May and distribute a final report.

PLAN VISION:

SCOPE:

To be successful in our goal, we may have to widen the scope of our plan to a parking action plan versus a curb-cut action plan.

The benefits of this would be:

- Few people attuned to curb cuts alone
- Many people attuned to parking
- More stakeholders
- Wider publicity net
- Allows us to address other parking problems: valet and Century lot, double parking, bus stops, excess ticketing etc., meters, bike lanes, rationing, residential stickers, etc.

The disadvantages would be:

- More work
- Time line too ambitious for wider net

SUPPORTING RESOURCES:

- CB10's curb cut survey work
- Alliance of Bay Ridge Block Associations Report
- CB10's "The Case for Preservation Zoning" ("As a general rule, curb cuts should only be permitted where the community benefit from the curb cut clearly outweighs the burden. This only occurs where the curb cut removes more cars from the street than the parking places it is depleting.")
- CB10 valet parking report
- CB10 flyer "How to obtain a curb cut permit"
- Anecdotal

- Supporting Exemplar Photos
- Parking Forum results (Chuck Otey, Ralph Perfetto)

SOLUTIONS:

Curb Cuts:

- Gentile curb cut initiative
- Other council curb cut initiatives
- Seminara property tax surcharge
- Repair and bill (CB10 policy: In addition, ZALUC recommends that City laws be amended to impose large continuing and automatically increasing fines on lot owners of illegal curb cuts. If the lot owner does not comply within 60 days, the City should be able to repair the sidewalk at the owner's expense. The cost of repair should then be reduced to a judgment and a lien on the property.”)

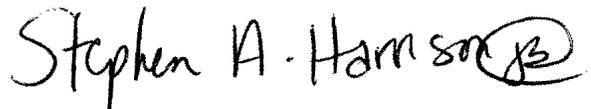
Other parking problem solutions – valet lots, etc.

FORMAT OF PLAN DOCUMENT:

Similar to the CFPZ

- Introduction
- History of Parking in CD10
- Methodology of CB10's review
- Proposed Solutions and Recommendations

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen A. Harrison

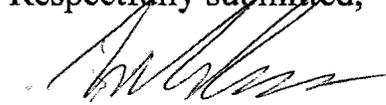
Chair, Zoning and Land Use Committee

My name is Michael Festa, and I am the Chairman of the Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations Committee (PCAP).

Our second "Meet & Greet" of new Board members was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. In attendance were 26 Board members, as well as several of our elected officials. Our new Board members were introduced over light fare and refreshments. This meeting was a great success, and these informal get-togethers will continue as more new Board members join us. Thank you to everyone who assisted and participated.

Our next PCAP meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 7:00 pm at the District Office. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Festa
Chair

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Hom Imports Corp., 8804-06 3 rd Avenue	2-15-11	New Application (Liquor, Wine and Beer) (will now be serving year round rather than seasonal)
8812 8814 Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse and Sushi Bar	2-16-11	Renewal
W & N Grocery Inc., 6901 8 th Avenue	2-16-11	New Application (Beer Only)
MyThai Restaurant Group Inc., d/b/a MyThai Café, 7803 3 rd Avenue	2-17-11	Renewal
The 8530 3 rd Avenue Restaurant Group Corp., d/b/a Gold Coast Delicatessen, 8530 3 rd Avenue	2-23-11	New Application (Liquor, Wine and Beer)
The Cafeteria on 3 rd Avenue Inc., d/b/a The Village	2-25-11	Renewal
9208 Lounge Inc. Dish	3-3-11	Alteration Application
Wall Street Restaurant LLC, d/b/a T.J. Bentley's	3-4-11	Renewal
Alges Penthouse Inc., d/b/a Capri Night Club	3-7-11	Renewal
3 rd Ave Rest Group Ltd., 7003 3 rd Avenue	3-9-11	Alteration Application
Hernandez Urena Inc., 6811 4 th Avenue	3-9-11	New Application (Wine and Beer)