

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Norwegian Christian Home
Monday, November 21, 2011 – 7:15 pm

Board Members Present: 42

Greg Ahl
Allen Bortnick
Kevin Peter Carroll
Laura Caruso
Michael Casale
Shirley Chin
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Khader El-Yateem
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
Barbara Germack
Andrew Gounardes
Judith Grimaldi
Ronald Gross
Stephen Harrison
Robert Hudock
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Katherine Khatari
Brian Kieran
Scott Klein
Nikolaos Leonardos
Luigi Lobuglio
Rhea McCone
Rita Meade
Mary Nolan
Eleanor Petty
Susan Pulaski
Mary Quinones
Dean Rasinya
Husam Rimawi
Susan Romero
Jean Ryan
Eleanor Schiano
Joanne Seminara
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Sandy Vallas
Fran Vella-Marrone
Mary Ann Walsh
Lori Willis

Board Members Excused: 8

Liz Amato
Judith Collins
Anna DeMetz
George Fontas
Stella Kokolis
Dino Lamia
Jeannie May
Dilia Schack

Board Members Absent: 0

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

Date: November 21, 2011, 7:15 PM

Subject: CB10 Board Meeting – Norwegian Christian Home

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Name/Address	Phone #	Fax #	E-Mail Address	Organization/Affiliation
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Name/Address	Phone #	Fax #	E-Mail Address	Organization/Affiliation
-JG Lewis (GayGee Lewis)				67 St Block Associa.
LARRY MORRISH	917 836-3628			DISTRICT ATTORNEY HYNES
ADIL OULQIN	917-332-8270			MOROCCAN AMERICAN HOME (MAHA)
Joe Sell	718-630-5277			Congressman Michael Grimm
LINDA LUPTA				Am Alec PNUK/CRASHY
Evie Wexler	917-566-5115			
Nicholas Chaudens				Office of Assemblymember Nicole Mallonakis
Dan Machado	718-260 4517		dmachado@cnj.gov	Court
ROSA CASELLA	718-236-5266			N/A
Ray Riley	238-6044	238-6170	riley@NYSENATE.GOV	Sen. Golden

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2011 – Norwegian Christian Home
MINUTES

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and introduced Earnest K. Ragin, Administrator/ Executive Director of the Norwegian Christian Home, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Amended Agenda. Motion by BM Germack; second by BM Gounardes. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the October 17, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Sokoloski; second by BM Harrison. Minutes adopted as written.

PUBLIC SESSION

Nicholas Chamberas, representing Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis, noted that the Assembly Member and Senator Golden are sponsoring legislation to increase penalties for those who attempt to solicit youth for the purpose of committing criminal acts. Mr. Chamberas announced that Assembly Member Malliotakis is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit the children at Lutheran Medical Center, the Guild for Exceptional Children and the Fort Hamilton Army Base. Toys may be dropped off by December 12th at Salam Arabic Lutheran Church at 414 80th Street, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church at 8401 Ridge Boulevard, or Assembly Member Malliotakis' office at 7408 5th Avenue.

Evie Wexler spoke about the need for a stop sign or traffic signal at the corner of Shore Road and Mackay Place. She stated that twice in the past 1 ½ years her car was crashed into while parked in front of her house, most recently two weeks ago. She feels that people speed while driving up Shore Road, as there are no stop signs or traffic lights between 75th Street and 69th Street.

Joe Sell from Congressman Michael Grimm's office announced that Medicare open enrollment will end on December 7th.

Justin Brannan from Councilman Vincent Gentile's office announced that the Councilman is sponsoring a law which will require community input prior to the installation of new bike lanes. Mr. Brannan announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is underway and noted that this is a great program to help low income home owners pay bills for heating and repairs. He noted that only one quarter of those eligible for HEAP apply, and he asked people to spread the word. Councilman Gentile's office is a HEAP headquarters.

The Councilman is currently donating turkeys to local senior centers and food pantries. Mr. Brannan noted there are many opportunities to volunteer on Thanksgiving Day, and he asked anyone who is interested to please contact Councilman Gentile's office.

John Murphy spoke in support of bike lanes in Community Board 10 and feels this issue should be revisited. Chair Seminara stated that Community Board 10 plans to do so.

Adil Onalim, President of the Moroccan American House Association, thanked those in the community for their support and Community Board 10 for the opportunity to speak at tonight's meeting. His organization has been in the community for eight months and they have participated in some community events including the Shore Road Park cleanup. He stated that his organization, together with the Lebanese and Egyptian communities, donated 100 free turkeys on November 17th. Their mission is to work with everyone in the community.

Allen Bortnick spoke in support of a petition for Board members to sign regarding Medicare and Medicaid. He received the petition from a member of the organization, Move On. The petition is asking members of Congress to stop accepting their health insurance, which is paid for by our tax dollars, if they voted to cut Medicare and Medicaid. He sees no reason why Congress can have the finest medical plan and refuse to continue Medicare and Medicaid for the seniors and others in this country. He feels this is a worthwhile petition and will email it to the Board.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

Chair Seminara announced that Senator Golden is hosting two separate drives this holiday season: a Troop Drive and Toys for Tots. Donations can be dropped off at Senator Golden's office, 7408 5th Avenue, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Details will be posted on Community Board 10's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION & ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEES

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the joint committee report. See Attached.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

With regard to changes to the By Laws, Chair Seminara noted that the printing of the changes is required to be published at least three times. The Board will be discussing these changes at next month's meeting. Chair Seminara pointed out an error in Section 6.2 A, noting it should read "At the Board's regular meeting in the month of April" and not "October", which was in the mailing.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

With regard to the SLA Alteration Application for Tereus Café Inc., d/b/a Omonia Café, 7612-14 3rd Avenue, no one from the establishment was present. Chair Seminara asked if anyone would like to second the Board's recommendation. Second by BM Vella-Marrone.

Motion: CB 10 to deny the SLA Alteration Application for Tereus Café Inc., d/b/a Omonia Café, 7612-14 3rd Avenue unless the following stipulations are agreed to:

- **When in use in appropriate weather, the rear yard will be closed Sunday through Thursday at midnight and on Friday and Saturday at 2:00 AM.**
- **The doors and windows are to be closed at all times most especially when the rear yard is in use.**
- **There is to be no smoking in the rear yard.**
- **There is to be no music in the rear yard.**

All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to the new SLA Application for 8318 Imperial Corporation, 8318 3rd Avenue, Chair Seminara asked if anyone would second the Board's recommendation. Second by BM Stelter. Discussion followed.

BM Ryan asked if an establishment has no adverse history, we do not put stipulations just in case. Chair Seminara replied that it is not necessarily the case. It is just one thing we consider, and there is no rule about that.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the new SLA Application for 8318 Imperial Corporation, 8318 3rd Avenue without stipulations. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to the SLA Alteration Application and Corporate Change Application for V Restaurant & Bar Corp., 834 62nd Street, Chair Seminara asked if anyone would second the Board's recommendation to disapprove this application. Second by BM Romero. Discussion followed.

BM Kieran stated that if the applicant goes ahead with this application and submits it to the SLA without our approval, it is imperative that the neighbors and Community Board 10 turn out for the SLA hearings to let them know we are strongly opposed to this application.

BM Romero stated that she feels it is very insulting and unfair to the Community Board that the owner's representative says we cannot speak with the owner because he or she does not speak English. She feels this is totally unacceptable.

BM Germack asked what type of nurse the owner is, and the reply was that we do not know. BM Gounardes noted that after the committee meeting the nurse said to him "good night and take care".

BM Nolan commented in the negative.

BM Stelter asked who said the owner did not speak English. BM Vella-Marrone replied that she was present at the meeting and when the owner did not answer a question, they were told she does not speak English. BM Stelter then asked if there would be a 500' hearing and was told there would not.

Motion: CB 10 to disapprove the SLA Alteration Application and Corporate Change Application for V Restaurant & Bar Corp., 834 62nd Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Grimaldi asked whether or not there is anything the Community Board can do or any service we can use with regard to the language deficit in the future. Chair Seminara replied that this is something we can consider putting on the application, however we are not required to provide translation services. BM Harrison stated that we can request the applicant provide a translator. Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski noted that the last time we had this problem was with Crown KTV when the translator stated he was the owner and he turned out to be 14 years old. The adults who were at that meeting had no interaction with the committee. BM Cruz noted that if someone is in a hospital, they have resources for this. BM D'Amelio also noted that they have services that they pay for in schools which are very expensive, and she will get more information. Committee Chair Pulaski stated that one of the neighbors came forward to translate but that would have been a conflict. DM Beckmann agreed that we would need an impartial person to translate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chair El-Yateem rendered the committee reports. See Attached. The slate of officers for calendar year 2012 brought forward by the Nominating Committee is:

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

Nominating Committee Chair El-Yateem opened nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair or Chair, and nominations for those positions were closed. The slate of officers for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair will move forward as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Morrish noted that Hinschs is reopening on November 28th, and he will be at the opening.

Chair Seminara stated that she hoped to see everyone at Community Board 10's Holiday Party. She then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by BM Romero. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Chair's Report
Community Board 10
November 21, 2011

Dear Board Members and guests:

Good evening and welcome. I thought I would briefly list some of the issues we will be turning our attention to in upcoming months.

1. As you know the election of officers for next year will take place next month, following tonight's report of the Nominating Committee.
2. You will hear a report regarding closure of a portion of Battery Avenue. This joint committee meeting brought record numbers of the public to our large district office. Happily it remained orderly, people were heard and the result, as you will hear, was positive.
3. The issue of food carts on our sidewalk is one I have brought directly to the attention of Council Speaker Quinn when she recently came to Bay Ridge. These carts operate between and outside a myriad of conflicting regulations, take business away from our small businesses and restaurants, and the sanitation and street traffic issues cry out for a comprehensive solution.
4. We need to investigate the creation of what appear to be "ad hoc" no parking zones, and will invite the Department of Transportation to our Traffic and Transportation meeting to learn about regulations concerning loading zones, following many complaints about no parking/loading zones being created without any consistency on several streets.
5. We need to bring attention to the use of motorized bicycles on our streets and sidewalks which are being used for food deliveries. I learned of reports of near injury and we need to research enforcement issues and licensing issues regarding these vehicles.
6. In the coming months, we hope to re-visit the discussion of bike lanes. In our October 28th letter we have asked DOT to conduct a traffic and safety study at certain locations where our bike paths connect with our streets; at a minimum, traffic control devices are needed. We also need to continue the discussion of the creation of bike lanes on our streets.
7. Last week, Josephine and I were happy to attend a presentation of the Shore Road Park Conservancy and hear of their renewed plans to involve our schools in additional dedicated park clean-ups along Shore Road Park. I was happy to observe that the Conservancy is focused, energized and eager to partner with us in involving our school children in developing civic awareness with the need for their active participation in maintaining our parkland.

8. Special thanks once again to the wonderful food collection work that was begun and sparked by our Senior Issues, Health & Welfare Committee with special thanks to Chair, Judie Grimaldi, and members Susan Romero and Joe Sokoloski. Food for the needy is being collected from additional schools this year to be distributed through church pantries and organizations.

9. We will soon be discussing a Green Buildings Zoning Text Amendment designed to promote solar and other clean fuels, wind energy and less consumption of fuel.

This is as good a time as any for us to remember those who will not be with their loved ones this week because they are serving our country in the armed forces.

My very best wishes to all of you for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Seminara" followed by a stylized flourish.

Joanne Seminara, Chair

District Manager Report
November 21, 2011

Good Evening Board Members,

The autumn season brings an increase in calls to our office regarding leaf collection and complaints from local residents about the inability of the street sweeper to absorb all of the leaves. . I encourage all residents to pitch in and help in leaf collection by sweeping and raking leaves and bagging them. Residents should sweep 18 inches from the curb and bag the leaves to help the sweepers. The Department of Sanitation sweeper trucks are not vacuum trucks so they merely sweep and pick up as many leaves as they are capable of doing.

I represented the Community Board at a New York State Supreme Court Hearing concerning a Nuisance Abatement Proceeding for V Lounge held on October 19, 2011. I was invited to attend by the NYPD Legal Bureau. The items listed in the complaint against V Lounge included:

Disorderly Premises – February 16, 2011; March 10, 2011, March 26, 2011, July 5, 2011

Illicit Drug Use on Premises – March 10, 2011, March 26, 2011

Operating Without A Cabaret License – March 10, 2011

Unreasonable Noise – March 10, 2011

Serving to Minor – July 7, 2011

The owners of V Lounge agreed to close their premises for 2 weeks and pay a \$3,000 fine. Chair Susan Pulaski will be reporting on the Board's recommendation to an application submitted by the new ownership at V Lounge.

Last year at this time we had a mother who spoke to our Board to raise awareness about an incident involving her son who had to be hospitalized after drinking Four Loko – a alcohol – caffeine beverage that was being sold to minors in our community. This year several parents have reached out to the Community Board and members like Kathy Khatari to raise community awareness about the sale of K2 – Spice and other synthetic forms of marijuana and cocaine being sold at some of our local stores and sadly most sales targeting teenagers. The Drug Enforcement Agency used its emergency powers to end the sale of five chemicals used to make synthetic pot like "K2" and "Spice" in March 2011. In September 2011, the DEA used its emergency authority to ban chemicals used in legal synthetic drugs known as "bath salts", calling the chemicals an "imminent hazard" to the public. We are being told that new items are appearing on shelves trying to bypass these emergency bans by selling synthetic drugs that avoid the banned chemicals. Kathy has done some research on this topic including some bills banning these substances at the state level.

I am happy to report that I was the guest speaker at the Garden Club of Bay Ridge on October 26, 2011 and spoke to a crowd of over 100 local residents who participate in this organization. The President is Flo Troiano and June Johnson was the Luncheon Coordinator.

I also attended a lovely and moving tribute to our community's veterans at the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The event was well attended and I was proud to be there with fellow Board Members June Johnson and Judith Collins.

Greg Ahl and I were pleased to meet with representatives from Williams Company which operates the existing natural gas pipeline that runs from Richmond County to Parks Department area adjacent to the Belt Parkway on Shore Road and Narrows Avenue. Williams is a company that produces, gathers, processes and transports clean burning natural gas to heat homes and power electric generation across the country. In Class 2 and 3 areas, the pipeline is inspected with a pig line every 7 years. The last time the line was inspected was 2005, so we are now due and an inspection will take place in 2012. This will be a two week process in early March. In response to an increase in gas demand, Williams will be working to upgrade the existing 24 inch pipeline. This will involve some construction for the installation of a new vault at the existing site and upgrades underground. Williams will be commencing the first stages of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process and they are forecasting work to begin in August of 2013 with the line in full service by November 2013. There will be little impact to the surrounding community and no traffic closures anticipated. Williams representatives did agree to provide a brief overview to Board Members in January or February of 2012.

I just want to thank all Board Members who attended the Meet and Greet that was held on October 26th. Twenty five members joined our District Office staff and Council Member Gentile, Andrew Steinger from Hon. Marty Markowitz office.. a delightful time was had by all!

Announcements:

The 68th Police Precinct kicked off their annual toy drive to help collect toys for the children of our armed forces. Community Board Ten has agreed to be a drop off site. The Toys will be brought to the joint meeting of the 68 Precinct and Dyker Civic on Tuesday December 13th 8PM at Saint Phillips.. Anyone interested can bring unwrapped toys to our office.

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

There will be a Holiday Celebration – Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Shore Road Garden Council of the Shore Road Parks Conservancy on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Gazebo.

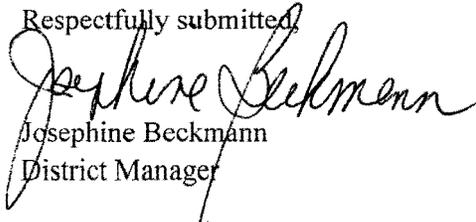
Dyker Heights Civic Association will have a tree lighting on 13th Avenue at Bay Ridge Parkway on Friday, December 2nd at 7PM.

Also, if you are interested in attending our Holiday Party on Monday, December 5th and have not paid this evening – please let us know if you plan to attend and drop off your money by next Tuesday!

On behalf of all of us in the District Office we would like to wish you a very Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving.!

The next General Board Meeting will be on Monday, December 19th at Shore Hill Community Room 9000 Shore Road– at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Budget Appropriation for FY 12	\$206,895.00
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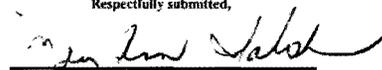
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74									
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66									
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$2,161.44	\$1,440.96									
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT													
Total Personal Services	\$13,602.36	\$13,602.36	\$14,322.84	\$13,602.36	\$0.00	\$55,129.92							

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/11	8/31/11	9/30/11	10/31/11	11/30/11	12/31/11	1/31/12	2/29/12	3/31/12	4/30/12	5/31/12	6/30/12	Y - T - D	
10B	Telephone	191.70	187.55	188.99	190.06										
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials				135.62										
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage														
170	Cleaning Supplies														
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment														
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00											
332	Data Process Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	44.41	44.41	44.41	804.41										
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures				394.00										
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70										
612	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual		2,005.00												
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00										
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
414	Water, Sewer, Utility														
Total Other than Personal Services		\$552.81	\$2,418.46	\$550.10	\$1,705.79	\$0.00	0.00	\$5,227.18							

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	14,155.17	16,020.82	14,872.94	15,308.15	0.00	60,357.08									
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TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE															\$146,537.92
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Respectfully submitted,


Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

Report of the November 9, 2011 joint meeting of the Traffic and Transportation and the Zoning and Land Use committee

The joint meeting was committed in response to a notification by Poly Prep Country Day School who was informed by the NYC Department of Transportation that their commercial lease application to the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services to close 185 feet of Battery Avenue to and erect a fence across Battery Avenue could not proceed without a review by Community Board Ten. Poly made the request because they said the area was unsafe because of prostitution, drug dealing and drug use on Battery Avenue.

The district office did a mailing to the residents of Battery Avenue and Fort Hill Place.

Both committees had a quorum. The meeting was chaired by CB10 Chair Joanne Seminara. In addition to the board members, Councilman Gentile attended, Liam McCabe, representing Congressman Michael Grimm, Cathy Santopietro representing the Fort Hamilton Garrison, Officer Anthony Curran of the 68th Precinct, John Orlando representing State Senator Marty Golden. Representing Poly Prep were Steve Anderson, Associate Head Master, Vincent Rutuelo, Director of Security, Malcolm Farley, Director of Communications and Gaudencio Andrade, Building Engineer, and about 75 residents.

Councilmember Gentile expressed his concern and disappointment that Poly had not done community outreach and had by-passed the local process in making this application. They had not discussed it with his office or with CB10. He stated that the Council Member and the local government agency, CB10, are the proper venues for local issues. He also said that his office did not have complaints about crime on Battery Avenue. The Council Member said that this is a public street and he does not support the taking of a public street for a private institution.

Liam McCabe, representing Congressman Grimm expressed the Congressman's concern that Poly did not contact their federal representative on a matter relating to the safety and security of the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison. They found out about the issue because they read it in the newspaper. Poly had made statements to the press that they were taking this action to protect their students, residents and soldiers at the base. He asked why the congressional office or the FBI had not been contacted about such a serious issue affecting the Fort.

Cathy Santopietro representing Commander Gould of Fort Hamilton stated that this action did not have the support of the base and they were unaware of any crime issues on Battery Avenue.

Ilene Sacco, representing the 68th Precinct Community Council, and an area homeowner, said the precinct council was not aware of any crime issues on Battery Avenue.

District Manager Beckmann had spoken with 68th Precinct Commander DiBlasio earlier that day. He advised her that while he was new to the precinct, he checked the records for the past three years and found four complaints, none serious.

Then the representatives from Poly Prep made their presentation. Vincent Rutuelo and Steve Anderson made claims of serious crime on Battery Avenue, including drug sale and use and prostitution. They said they had installed security cameras and lighting on Battery Avenue because of the problem. They stated that the problems occur in the middle of the night and because they, Poly are there, they know about the problems, we do not. They did not give a record of calls made to 911 or the precinct because of these problems or of any arrests.. Nor did they show any photos of these crimes from their security cameras. Steve Anderson said their goal was to create a buffer zone for the school. Poly's application for a lease says that Battery Avenue would be used for special events.

After the Poly presentation, board members asked questions of Poly. BM Cruz expressed concern that if there was all this crime, they were moving the problem, not solving the problem. BM Harrison asked Poly to define

special events. Steve Anderson said special events are home games for the Poly teams, they need parking for the visiting teams. So, special events are parking events. Mr. Anderson also said that the application to lease the street did not allow it to be used for parking. He said that if it was to be used for parking there are special fees, a fee per parking space. Thus the use was defined as special events.

BM Stelter asked what would be the access for emergency vehicles. Poly said emergency vehicles would be allowed access. BM Hudock expressed his concern that Poly was asking to take over a public street and in turn erect the cheapest, ugliest chain link fence and that the community deserved better. BM and Police and Public Safety Committee Chair, Susan Pulaski, aid this issue had not been brought to her committee in all of the time that she has served as chair, other board member expressed their concerns for the closing of a public street, and there was an expression of appreciation for the green space that Poly maintains in the community.

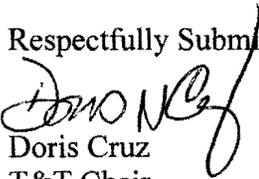
After the board members' questions and concerns, Steve Anderson, Associate Headmaster, said that Poly will withdraw their application.

The board thanked him. The local residents were to question Poly after the board members, but since the application was withdrawn, it was not necessary. However, because so many residents had come to the meeting, CB10 chair Seminara allowed them to ask questions and voice their opinions. The many residents said that there was no crime issue on Battery Avenue, they live there and raise their families there. They are there at one o'clock in the morning and they know what goes on. Residents were upset that their block was portrayed by Poly in such a negative light. They were also unhappy that Poly did not reach out to them.

Board Members Germack and Vella-Marrone suggested that the residents and Poly set up meetings to discuss the area and all of their concerns. CB10 will work with them on this plan.

All were welcomed to come to the general meeting tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,


Doris Cruz
T&T Chair

Police and Public Safety Committee Report of November 21, 2011

The Committee met on Wednesday, November 16th at the Community Board Office at 7:00 PM to discuss two SLA Alteration Applications and one new SLA Application.

The committee met in quorum. Also attending were Josephine Beckmann, District Manager CB10; Stephanie Giovinco, representing Councilman Gentile's office; Ilene Sacco, President of the 68th Precinct Community Council; Anthony Curran, Community Affairs Police Officer representing the 68th Precinct; representing Terreus Café, Inc. owner/manager Pantellis Sideris and attorney Kerry Katsorhis of Ginsbery & Katsorhis; representing 8313 Imperial Corporation, owner Rongan Huang and attorney Kathleen Stathopoulos; and representing V Restaurant & Bar Corp. new owner Li Xiu Qin, was Ms. Lee, RN and attorney Neil Visoky; 8 concerned residents and members of the press.

[Committee members attending: Judith Collins, Michael Festa, Andrew Gounardes, Brian Kieran, Nikolaos Leonardos, Mary Nolan, Fran Vella-Marrone, Mary Ann Walsh, Lori Willis, Susan Pulaski, Chair.]

Item 1: SLA Alternation Application for Tereus Café, Inc., d/b/a Omonia Café, 7612-14 Third Avenue.

The owner, manager and the attorney attended our meeting. Omonia restaurant, a double building, has been closed for the last year and a half with a total renovation of the premises i.e. the tearing down the structure to the barebones. The award winning interior and exterior will look "more beautiful" than before, quoting the owner, with the use of the second floor, soundproofing and the waterfall in the backyard. It will be opening at the end of January 2012 with an expanded menu along with their renowned pastry selections. It will be open 7 days a week: Sunday through Thursday from 8 AM to 2 AM and on Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 AM. Seating is for 214 for two floors, plus the rear yard. There will be two bars: a service bar on first floor and a stand up bar on second floor with seating for 13. The rear yard will be used in good weather. There will only be recorded background music; no DJ. There will be a 500' hearing

The Board received a letter of recommendation from CB#1 in Queens where the owners have had a similar establishment since 1984. Two residents who have backyards adjoining the rear yard of Omonia came to the meeting voicing their concern over the noise created by loud customers in the rear yard in the past, causing sleepless nights. They said that their complaints were never taken seriously by the police when they called the precinct to complain. The committee addressed this issue. It was mentioned that in the past smoking was permitted in the yard and that it was a favorite location for customers because they could smoke while they dined and drank. The owners stated that smoking will no longer be permitted when Omonia reopens. The committee felt that this new situation would cut down on the noise.

There is no adverse history at this location—no SLA violations and no complaints, so our only concern was the noise in the rear yard. Our committee passed the following **Motion**: To deny this SLA alteration application unless the following stipulations are agreed to:

- When in use in appropriate weather, the rear yard will be closed Sunday through Thursday at midnight and on Friday and Saturday at 2:00 AM.
- The doors and windows are to be closed at all times most especially when the rear yard is in use.
- There is to be no smoking in the rear yard.
- There is to be no music in the rear yard.

Item 2: New SLA Application for 8318 Imperial Corporation, 8318 Third Avenue.

This is the former location of Bangkok Tokyo that closed three months ago. The application is for a restaurant serving Japanese cuisine with a full bar. Bangkok Tokyo only had a beer/wine license. The occupancy will be for 72 patrons with 14 tables, one bar with seating for 6, no backyard and no sidewalk cafe. There will be only recorded music. It will be open 7 days a week on Sundays from 4 – 11 PM; Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 AM to 11 PM; and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Noon to Midnight. The new owner has a background working for hotels and restaurants in Manhattan, but will hire people with more extensive restaurant experience in this his first venture. He plans on opening before the holidays. There will be a 500' hearing with nine locations within the area. There is no adverse history at this location—no SLA violations and no complaints, so our committee passed the following **Motion**: To approve this new SLA application without any stipulations.

Item 3: SLA Alteration Application and Corporate Change Application for V Restaurant & Bar Corp., 834 62nd Street.

This establishment has been before our committee most recently in November 2010, January and March 2011 for a change of ownership, a name change and a Cabaret License application. The new owners were asked to attend our January and March meetings to address neighborhood complaints before the Board would consider approving their Cabaret application. They never made any corrections. Now, as of October 20th or shortly thereafter, the premises have another new owner. She attended our meeting with her attorney.

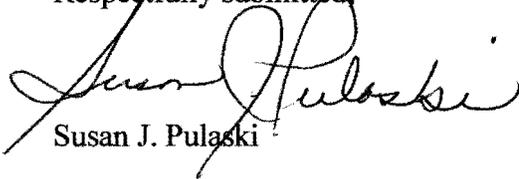
The new owner describes her place as a lounge/bar for karaoke, dining and drinking. Presently, the location is under construction removing the dance floor and replacing it with 10 karaoke rooms that can be rented for up to \$400. The floor plan will be more contained than that of the previous owner. It will appeal to a Russian, Arabic and Asian clientele. There will be no sidewalk café, no backyard and no dancing. It will be open 7 days a week from 9:30 PM to 4:00 AM. There will be 4 licensed security guards (the application states 2), metal detectors, wands and a scanner for I.D's. The occupancy is for 191, 10 private rooms, 10 tables and one stand up bar. The bar menu is in English with Chinese headings. There will be no 500' hearing. The owner will be on the premises 4 days a week; she works as a nurse the other 3 days. She has no background in this business; she is providing the financial backing for the club and, since this is her first venture, she will be hiring a manager and staff who have experience in clubs.

The committee proceeded to enlighten the new owner and her attorney on the club's adverse history. Josephine read the following complaint history: Nuisance Abatement Law Hearing on 10/19/11 with the attorney agreeing to a 2 week suspension and a \$3,000 fine; disorderly premises on 2/16/11, 3/10/11, 3/26/11 and 7/5/11; illicit drug use on premises 3/10/11 and 3/26/11; operating w/o a cabaret license 3/10/11; unreasonable noise on 3/20/11; serving a minor on 7/7/11; 2 men attacked outside in 2/11; 3 stabbings in 3/11; 2 men stabbed outside on 7/7/11; over 50 calls logged into CB10 office for disorderly groups, underage sales and noise. On 9/24/11 there was a MARCH Operation with the NYPD issuing 2 SLA violations for allowing underage patrons and a violation of the cabaret law; with the FDNY issuing an occupancy violation; with the DOB issuing 3 violations; and with the SLA issuing 1 violation.

Then we heard from the neighbors who attended our meeting, once again, stating noise and vibration complaints and drug and violence complaints. The lawyer, who was with the NYPD for 20 years working with law enforcement in restaurants and previously representing the club Ibiza, spoke for the owner stating that the Board shouldn't penalize a new applicant because it doesn't mean that the behavior of past owners will repeat itself. The committee had unanswered questions, so we asked to speak to the owner directly. We were told that owner doesn't speak English, only Chinese.

The committee, concluding that the owner has only owned the club for @ 3 weeks; that the attorney of 2 weeks had no knowledge of the adverse history of the club; that we could not address the owner personally to obtain information that we lacked; that the adverse history has created a blight in the neighborhood; that we cannot see that the new changes will change the behavior of the club (Note: Crown KTV is a karaoke club located a short distance away and continually has numerous complaints and violations); the committee unanimously passed the following **Motion**: To disapprove this SLA alternation application and corporate change application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan J. Pulaski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan J. Pulaski

Community Board 10
Nominating Committee Report
November 2nd, 2011

The Nominating Committee met in quorum on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011 at the District Office. The meeting commenced at 7:06 PM. The following were present: Chairman Rev. Khader El-Yateem, and members Liz Amato, Mary Quinones and Dean Rasinya. Member Dino Lamia was excused.

The committee reviewed the By-Laws of Community Board 10 relating to the election of officers and the procedure used by the previous Chair of the committee in 2010. The committee unanimously decided to have the district office staff, on behalf of the Committee Chair, send an e-mail to the members of Community Board 10 soliciting their interest in running to serve as an officer of Community Board 10 for the year 2012.

The e-mail was to be sent out the day following the meeting. Board Members will be asked to respond in writing by the close of business on November 15th, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rev. Khader El-Yateem

Community Board 10
Nominating Committee Report
November 17th, 2011

The Nominating Committee met in quorum on Thursday, November 17th, 2011 at the District Office. The meeting commenced at 2:03 PM. The following were present: Chairman Rev. Khader El-Yateem, and members Liz Amato, Dino Lamia, Mary Quinones and Dean Rasinya.

The committee received notice regarding an interest in running to serve as an officer of Community Board 10 for calendar year 2012 from the present officers who wish to seek re-election and no others.

Therefore, the committee unanimously recommends the following slate of candidates:

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Rev. Khader El-Yateem

Chairman

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
X Café Inc., 6817 8 th Avenue	11/10/11	*New Application (Wine and Beer Only)
Five Star Sushi Inc., 9608 3 rd Avenue	11/14/11	Renewal
China Cookie Inc., d/b/a Fortune Cookie Open Kitchen Restaurant, 7604-06 13 th Avenue	11/21/11	Renewal
Knights of Christopher, Inc., 1012 Bay Ridge Avenue	11/22/11	Renewal
Tanino's Brick Oven Pizzeria & Restaurant Corp. 8407 3 rd Avenue	11/28/11	Renewal
Noodles 86, 8608 4 th Avenue	11/28/11	Renewal
Candela Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Vela Tapas, 8305 3 rd Avenue	11/30/11	*Corporate Change
Rosangem Rest. Inc., d/b/a Casa Pepe, 112, 114 & 116 Bay Ridge Avenue	11/30/11	Renewal
Lonestar Bar & Grill, 8703 5 th Avenue	12/3/11	*Alteration Application
Rocco's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Inc., 7818 5 th Avenue	12/3/11	Renewal
Hana Asian Restaurant Inc., 524 86 th Street	12/3/11	Renewal

*Has been invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in December 2011.