

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Knights of Columbus
Monday, April 16, 2012 – 7:15 pm

Board Members Present: 41

Greg Ahl
Liz Amato
Allen Bortnick
Kevin Peter Carroll
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Anna DeMetz
Khader El-Yateem
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
Andrew Gounardes
Judith Grimaldi
Ronald Gross
Stephen Harrison
Robert Hudock
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Katherine Khatari
Brian Kieran
Scott Klein
Nikolaos Leonardos
Jeannie May
Rhea McCone
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
Lori Willis

Board Members Excused: 5

George Fontas
Barbara Germack
Stella Kokolis
Dean Rasinya
Dilia Schack

Board Members Absent: 2

Michael Casale
Luigi Lobuglio

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

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John Orlando Senator Golden's Office	718-238-6044			

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2012 – Knights of Columbus
MINUTES

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and introduced Jimmy Johnson, Vice President and Landscape Designer, Narrows Botanical Gardens, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Agenda. Motion by BM Harrison. Agenda adopted as written.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the March 19, 2012 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Collins. Minutes adopted as written.

PUBLIC SESSION

Andrew Steininger from the Brooklyn Borough President's Office announced that firefighter Lt. Richard Nappi of Engine 237 died in the line of duty today in Bushwick. Several of his comrades and colleagues were injured as well.

Mr. Steininger announced that this Wednesday at 7:00 PM a 4th Avenue Task Force Town Hall meeting will be held at Our Lady of Angels Church on 74th Street, and invited all to attend. He also noted that the Borough President is hosting the annual Federation of Block Associations on April 26th, and a tax lien sale event on May 9th at Borough Hall with representatives from the Department of Finance and Housing Preservation and Development for people who have received a tax lien notification on their property.

Joe Sell from Congressman Michael Grimm's office announced that earlier this month US Customs and Borders reversed their decision and decided not to remove the inspectors at the Red Hook Container Terminal.

John Orlando from Senator Marty Golden's office noted that April 1st was the State budget deadline, and this was the second consecutive year it was on time, and the second consecutive year there was no increase in spending. Sen. Golden worked with his colleagues and they held the line on taxes; eliminated nearly \$13 billion combined deficits without raising taxes; cut the State income tax to the lowest rates in 58 years; eliminated the MTA tax for businesses. Working with Gov. Cuomo, New York Works will create thousands of new jobs rebuilding the State's roads, highways and bridges, getting the economy back on track; the budget increases overall school aid by 4%; the Epic Program is back; they have consolidated a few agencies to be more efficient; the State sales tax has been eliminated as of April 1st for items \$100 or less. Finally, he asked anyone who had nominations for the State Senator Veteran's Hall of Fame Honor to please see him.

Michelle Harrison of BRAVO announced that the 4th annual Keep BRAVO Running 5K will take place on Sunday, May 20th. She stressed that all of BRAVO's services are free and they rely entirely on contributions to keep operating. She encouraged all to participate and support BRAVO.

Allen Bortnick noted that fracking was a big issue with our Community Board for a few months and now we are facing the possibility of fracking starting in New York. He encouraged everyone to call the Governor's office and tell him to please ban fracking in New York. Mr. Bortnick then commended the Community Board Ten District Office for their hard work in getting things done. He feels they are vastly underpaid and believes the next time we have a budget something should be done for the three of them.

Scott Klein said it pained him to speak about Assembly Member Malliotakis' endorsement of a bigoted U.S. Senate candidate who has spoken out against marriage equality. He has called the Assembly Woman's office and has received no response. He feels this is not the sort of people we should be supporting for any office no less encouraging to run for office, and thinks this is very disturbing.

Susan Pulaski spoke about the 4th Avenue Task Force walking tour this past Saturday. Four Board Members from Community Board Ten were there, along with Councilman Gentile and Carlo Scissura from the Borough President's Office. The goal of the Task Force is to beautify the Avenue and make it safer. They looked at both residential and commercial portions of the Avenue. They had some great ideas about the residential portion; however, the commercial part is leaving them in a quandary. She noted that there will be a 4th Avenue Task Force Town Hall meeting for the community on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Angels.

Michael Raia spoke about the dangers of bicycles on the sidewalks, especially delivery people employed by food establishments. He spoke about the dangers of electric powered bicycles, which are noiseless and speedy motorized vehicles and should be regulated as such. He believes that bicycles whether pedaled or electric powered should be required to be equipped with lights. Pedestrians should have the right to walk on sidewalks without the prospect of intimidation or physical harm. BM Harrison said that he thinks this issue should be given to the Traffic and Transportation Committee because they are very legitimate points. Chair Seminara agreed.

Nick Chamberas from Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis' office noted that the Assemblywoman is a very tolerant individual who does not condone any insulting or hateful remarks against homosexuals. She did not endorse Wendy Long for whatever comments she may have made regarding homosexuals. He noted that Assembly Member Malliotakis has worked very hard on issues such as transit and helping the economy recover. They hope that people will judge her on those issues and what she has done for Bay Ridge. He stated again that the Assemblywoman does not condone any hateful remarks.

Henry Butler, with the Transport Workers Union Local 100 and Chair of Community Board Three in Brooklyn, stated that what the Union decided to do was make a commitment with residents and local officials to try to get some of the services restored from the massive cuts the MTA has made over the past few years. The B64 bus is the first line they are targeting and they have teamed up with Assemblyman Colton's office to help get service restored. They are asking the community to reach out to local officials asking them to get on board with this agenda to bring service back. TWU Local 100 is certain that the MTA has the funds to restore all the service cuts that have happened over the past two years. He brought petitions available to sign.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

Chair Seminara invited Council Member Vincent Gentile to speak. With regard to the food vendor issue, the Councilman noted that as Chair Seminara said, this administration has contravened the law on this issue many times over including how they handle the permits. He stated that we made the request, which is in the law, to reconvene the Vendor Review Panel and they have refused. In the letter they sent to the Councilman in 2010, they replied that they have a better solution and will put agencies together to come up with a citywide way of dealing with food vendors. When the Councilman spoke with the Deputy Commissioner recently he admitted to the Councilman that due to some change in upper echelon of Deputy Mayors, it has gone by the wayside. Councilman Gentile has asked for another sit-down meeting with Commissioner Robert Walsh of Small Business Services, and promises that he, the Community Board and BID will have that meeting within the next couple of weeks. The Councilman has also spoken with the head of the 34th Street BID in Manhattan with regard to what it is we need to do as a city. The bottom line is, even if we have legislation in place, which agency is required to enforce those laws. There is a City Council hearing on some of these issues on Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 AM, and the BIDs will be there to testify. All are welcome.

BM May asked what the current fine or punishment is for the person who illegally sells their license. Chair Seminara responded that there have been just a handful of criminal cases. Councilman Gentile said that there is a vendor who told a merchant that he needs a prime spot because he pays \$2,000 a week to the license holder to have the cart. The problem is that there is no enforcement for this.

With regard to the budget, Councilman Gentile reminded everyone that the Mayor has proposed the largest cut to the Libraries, \$100 Million. They will be having a Library Day on Wednesday from 11AM to 2PM at City Hall Park. He also noted that he is hosting a local Essay Contest for District 20 schools. The topic for this year's essay was "The Night I Got Locked in the Library." The winners will be selected this week. The ceremony for the winners will be held at the Dyker Library on Friday, April 27th at 11:00 AM. The Councilman also announced that the McKinley Library will be closed from April 15th to May 21st to install self-check machines.

The Councilman invited all to attend on Wednesday for the 4th Avenue Task Force meeting. BM Ryan asked about the accessible entrance and was told that it is in the schoolyard entrance on the 74th Street side.

Councilman Gentile stated that Sunday, April 22nd is Earth Day and he is sponsoring a community-wide volunteer clean-up on 3rd and 5th Avenues at 12:00 noon for approximately two hours. He asked anyone who is interested in volunteering to call his office.

The Councilman noted that there is a request from some community members to rename part of a park on Shore Road with a plaque for the Knute Rockne Football League. He is supporting it and will be presenting a letter tonight to Chair Seminara and the Community Board for review. The final decision rests with the Parks Department.

BM Nolan commented on the vendor issue saying that taking the law into one's own hands is not the answer. She asked why it took so long and feels we should give everybody a fair shake. The Councilman said that he knows the frustration level is there because the City is not responding. However, he thinks finally people are going to be saying that we need to deal with this citywide.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

BM Romero asked for clarification on the split-siting of IS 30 to PS 331. DM Beckmann responded that as she understands it, currently IS 30 is a middle school located on Ovington Avenue. The plan is to re-site the students of that school across the street to the Green Church School, PS 331. The former site of IS 30 will remain a building that will have early childhood students. They are going to discuss this at the Public Hearing on May 14th. Originally the siting of PS 331 was intended to be a K through 5 school, but now it looks like it might be a grade 1 through 8, with the Pre-K and Kindergarten at the IS 30 site.

BM Stelter asked when the next Board Meeting will be and was told it would be May 21st.

BM Schiano wanted to clarify that the GEC beautification that Eagle Scout Nick Leonardos will do is at the main building, 260 68th Street, and not the 3rd Avenue building.

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Kieran rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Discussion followed.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion to endorse the Committee's recommendation with regard to the Street-naming request for Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Memorial Way, corner of 13th Avenue and 79th Street. Motion by BM Sokoloski; second by BM Bortnick. Chair Seminara called for a vote.

BM Harrison said that "Memorial Way" was used in the past for 9/11 street naming and he is opposed to that use here. He thinks "Way" or "Corner" would be fine. The response was that for 9/11 it would say "9/11 Memorial." Chair Seminara asked for the Board's consent to withdraw the vote. She then asked for a motion to amend the Committee's report to change the name to Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Way. BM Harrison noted that it says the corner, but by naming it "Way" it is naming the whole street. Committee Chair Kieran replied that it would definitely be on the corner. DM Beckman noted that we have always given the family the choice. BM Grimaldi made a motion to leave "Way." Committee Chair Kieran noted that the Committee is reviewing the Guidelines and maybe that would be something to bring up as they go forward. Chair Seminara called a motion to change the Committee's recommendation to Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Way.

Motion: To amend the Committee's recommendation for a streetnaming for Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Memorial Way to Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Way. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to support the Committee's recommendation for a streetnaming for Andrew Torregrossa Jr. Way, corner of 13th Avenue and 79th Street. 40 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Cruz. Motion carried.

With regard to the NYC DOT's Hylan Boulevard Select Bus Service project, BM Stelter asked about a bus shelter at that bus stop. Committee Chair Kieran replied that it was a possibility and not in the written plan.

With regard to the 92nd Street/Fort Hamilton Parkway site, BM Grimaldi asked for clarification of which corner it would be and was told it was the Imbriale corner.

BM Falutico asked if buses currently go down 87th Street and was told that the B1 goes down that street but does not stop. Committee Chair Kieran noted that now the bus will pull in at the very end of that block closest to the subway entrance.

BM Bortnick noted that he voted no at the meeting and asked for Board Members to vote no tonight for the following reasons. There are three separate plans and three separate groups at DOT involving 4th Avenue and 86th Street and none of them are speaking to each other. Even at our meetings, we are not allowing discussion on anything other than a narrow issue. The problem is that we do not know what is going to happen with the Task Force. He feels there are simple solutions to the problems at 4th Avenue and 86th Street and no one is willing to accept them, especially DOT. He thinks someone has to curb them and force them in some way to stop compartmentalizing, getting things done in one area that screws up everything else. DOT will create monumental problems in the area.

BM Cruz noted that one issue discussed at the Committee meeting was the impact this would have on the corner of 86th Street and 4th Avenue where the B16 now stops. This would be a stop that is now shared by the B16 and the B1. The fear is that while they are trying to alleviate congestion on 4th Avenue there will definitely be more times when those two buses will be stopping at 86th Street and 4th Avenue at the same time, which will cause tremendous backup and an incredibly dangerous pedestrian corner. She wanted to support BM Bortnick's idea that there are so many proposals on this intersection it is difficult to view any one individually.

BM Ahl asked if we are giving up parking spots on 87th Street and Committee Chair Kieran responded three. BM Ahl noted that there are No Parking signs on different areas of 87th Street, and noted that cars are always parked there anyway. BM Gross thinks we should definitely ask DOT to review the parking on that block.

BM Hudock agrees with BM Bortnick regarding compartmentalizing these issues. He has a working relationship with the people on the 86th Street redesign because of his participation on the 4th Avenue Task Force and they were not aware of the bus stop changes. This is definitely a problem.

BM Pulaski was also on the tour and spoke with someone who said there are different aspects of the project and he was not aware of what they were doing.

BM Romero said that she is surprised that we are surprised. The government is huge and there are all different kinds of projects, all different divisions, and different jurisdictions. She agrees in principal however she thinks if DOT will put it back if it does not work, we are not really losing anything by giving some tweaking a try.

BM Bortnick reminded everyone that at a Town Hall Meeting at McKinley Jr. High School regarding 78th Street the people from DOT said point blank "I'm sorry, we are not going back. It's not our policy." That is exactly what will happen if we let them get away with this. As point of order, Committee Chair Kieran responded that DOT did go back and changed the crosswalk and added a lane because of the furor from the people.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion to support the Committee's recommendation of the S79 changes. Motion by BM Stelter; seconded by BM Cruz.

Motion: CB 10 to support the Committee recommendation to approve the S79 Hylan Boulevard Bus changes specifically the ones that pertain to Bay Ridge: the reconfiguration of the drop off point of the B1 bus to 87th Street between 4th and 5th Avenue (pick up for B1 remains the same on 4th Avenue between 86th and 87th Streets), and the elimination of two S79 bus stops. 35 in favor; 6 opposed.

Committee Chair Kieran noted that the second part of the proposal was the potential sidewalk realignment at 92nd Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway. BM Cruz made an amendment to the motion to add a countdown light with LPI (Leading Pedestrian Intervals). DM Beckmann asked to make another amendment to the motion to request a six month review.

Motion: CB 10 to amend the motion to include a countdown light with LPI (Leading Pedestrian Intervals) and a request for a six month review. 40 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Bortnick. Motion carried.

SUB COMMITTEE ON OUTDOOR CAFES

Sub Committee on Outdoor Cafes Chair Gross rendered the Committee report. See Attached.

Motion from the floor to support the Committee's recommendation to approve the application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Little Cupcake Corp., 9102 3rd Avenue, by BM Quinones; seconded by BM Ahl.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the DCA Renewable Revocable Consent application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Little Cupcake Corp., 9102 3rd Avenue, for 7 tables and 14 seats, License #1220615. All in favor. Motion carried.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

In the absence of Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Fontas, BM Pulaski rendered the Committee report. See Attached.

Motion by BM Quinones to support the Committee's recommendation to disapprove the SLA application for Café Zio Toto unless the owner agreed to the stipulations outlined by the Committee.

Motion: CB 10 to disapprove the SLA On Premise Application for Café Zio Toto, Inc., 8320 3rd Avenue, unless the following stipulations were met:

- That the operator will return to the Community Board if requested
- That they close the French doors at 10:00 PM if they have live music
- That the operator will notify the Community Board 30 days in advance of changing the Method of Operation

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by BM Vella-Marrone to support the Committee's recommendation to disapprove the SLA On Premise Application for Hamilton Parkway Corp., d/b/a Indigo Murphy's, unless the owner agreed to the stipulations outlined by the Committee.

Motion: CB 10 to disapprove the SLA On Premise Application for Hamilton Parkway Corp., d/b/a Indigo Murphy's, 7012 Fort Hamilton Parkway, unless the following stipulations were met:

- **That the operator will return to the Community Board if requested**
- **That the operator will notify the Community Board 30 days in advance of changing their Method of Operation**

All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Pulaski noted that DM Beckmann received a 30 Day Renewal Notice on Friday from the attorney for 93 Lounge located on 93rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue. DM Beckmann faxed the attorney a letter inviting them to attend next month's Committee meeting. The attorney notified the owners but has not had a response. BM Pulaski asked if anyone was present representing 93 Lounge and there was no response. There was concern that we should take a vote tonight in case they push this through without our having any statement about 93 Lounge. BM Pulaski reminded everyone that this is the establishment inside the Prince Hotel that we have had numerous problems with - promoters, illegal activity, and drugs. A while ago we had new owners who came forward making statements about making it a piano lounge, and that idea disappeared. The suggestion is that we deny this renewal notice until we hear from them.

Chair Seminara noted that it was suggested that we deny it for good measure because it may go forward if we do not. Motion by BM Vallas. Discussion followed.

BM Nolan asked about recent complaints and DM Beckmann replied that in the past few weeks CB 10 receives frequent complaints, including use of promoters.

BM May noted that they do not have a piano, and that in the morning the sidewalks are littered with piles of cigarette butts.

BM Romero said that if there is no application, there is nothing we can do. BM Pulaski replied that it was a renewal notice. DM Beckmann stated that the 30 Day Notice was received on Friday, and we have 30 days to comment from the date the notice was received.

BM Cruz asked if they had signed a stipulation agreement previously and DM Beckmann replied that they refused to sign stipulations.

BM Harrison said that he is concerned because we got a notice of a renewal but we have not gotten a renewal application, so we are denying something that we have not seen. DM Beckmann explained that they are only required to send us the one page renewal notice, which is what they have done. We usually invite them in when they have adverse history, but they have not agreed to meet with us.

BM Willis asked what types of complaints we receive. DM Beckman explained that the complaints are received from the block association and from six homes that are adjacent to the Prince Hotel, which deal with noise from music, noise from patrons, drug use, and public urination. Usually complaints are received Monday through Wednesday regarding the previous weekend, especially when there is a promoted event.

BM Bortnick asked if we can send a letter of advisement to the SLA regarding the problems that have existed and the problems we anticipate because of their failure to come to our meeting. Chair Seminara noted that there is a motion on the floor by BM Vallas that we deny this renewal based on the notice we received. Motion seconded by BM Grimaldi. Chair Seminara noted that if we do deny it, we will send a letter of explanation regarding the past complaints and our reasons for doing so, that they did not come to us to discuss the problems.

Motion: CB 10 to disapprove the renewal application for 93 Lounge, 315 93rd Street, based on the renewal notice we received. All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Bortnick asked if anyone had a count of SLA licenses in the area for bars and restaurants and was informed that it is in the high 200's.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Chair Hudock rendered the Committee report. See Attached

AD HOC STREET NAMING COMMITTEE

Ad Hock Street Naming Committee Chair Romero rendered the Committee report. See Attached.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications and Public Relations Committee Chair Amato rendered the Committee report. See Attached.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Hudock noted that the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane had been discussed one year ago and at that time a motion was raised to bring this discussion back to the Transportation Committee to talk about possible alternate locations for bike lanes; however, this conversation has never taken place. Chair Seminara replied that this will be put back on the agenda.

BM Romero re-addressed the Department of Transportation's 86th Street proposal which was discussed at last month's meeting. After her discussion with Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Kieran after that meeting, she realized she was confused about what the DOT is proposing. She thinks that considering the safety issues, it is something we have to keep alive, and the Committee should once again address this issue and bring it to the Board again. She said that if she had understood it differently, she would have voted differently.

BM El-Yateem thanked all who donated food tonight for the food drive, which will go to the 4th Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Chair Seminara thanked George DiGrande of the Knights of Columbus for setting up the meeting space for us and providing refreshments.

BM Kieran noted that the SLA approved the license for Crown KTV Lounge despite the fact that the Board strongly objected to this renewal. It is important for us to have consistency with attention paid to establishments with adverse history. He thinks the application will come back to us because the SLA is putting conditions upon these owners who have failed to meet the promises they made to this Board.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Johnson noted that the Eco Dock we obtained in our neighborhood was through the efforts of Councilman Gentile, and she wanted to say how lucky we are that he worked for us on this and we are getting the dock.

BM Meade reminded everyone that the Brooklyn Public Library's Support Our Shelves campaign is ongoing. People can check it out on the Brooklyn Public Library website.

BM Amato announced the Save the Memorial Day Parade fundraiser on Sunday, April 29th from 12:00 – 11:00 PM at Salty Dog. One of the main raffle prizes is from 15 restaurants in Bay Ridge who have donated \$100 each, \$1,500 in gift certificates, for one lucky winner. That raffle ticket is \$10, and the cost to attend the fundraiser is \$20.

A motion was made by BM Ahl to adjourn, seconded by BM May. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Community Board 10
Chair's Report – April 16, 2012

Dear Board Members and guests:

“Man” your kayaks. We are preparing to welcome a brand new thing called an “eco-dock” to the 69th Street Pier this Spring. June Johnson and our Parks Committee will tell us all about this after they attend a special presentation to be held at the Ridge Boulevard Library on April 26th. This is a program that is part of the Citywide Waterfront Revitalization Program, which recommends and facilitates new regulations to broaden the use of our waterfront and make it more accessible for development and public use.

New Yorkers should know about ways to protect their home if they have unpaid real estate taxes and/or water sewer charges. When property owners do not pay property-related charges for some two years or more, this debt plus huge charges and interest can result in the filing of legal claims by New York City. Then New York City can place your home on the “Tax Lien Sale List,” and sell the lien to private investors who then have the ability to foreclose the lien. If you know of someone who is in this situation there are things that can protect them: if they enter into a payment agreement with New York City, or are eligible for a senior citizen, disabled homeowner or a veteran exemption, and act before May 17, 2012. We have information on this program which I received at this month’s Borough Board meeting.

The public theatre around food carts in Bay Ridge and throughout New York City will continue for some time until and unless the City of New York enacts clear and meaningful guidelines concerning the licensing, regulation and placement of food “carts” on City streets. In terms of context, the Community Board Ten office has been barraged by complaints of small businesses concerning this issue in recent weeks. Perhaps you have followed numerous stories in the local and citywide press. I use the word “carts” lightly as we have come to regard some of the carts as “stationary restaurants” that in some months take up almost round-the-clock residence on our sidewalks. At this time, certain points bear repeating both concerning our past actions as a Board and what we have recently learned.

1. In May of 1994, the City of New York placed a ban on general street vendors on 86th Street from 4th Avenue to Fort Hamilton Parkway and from 84th Street to 88th Street on 4th and 5th Avenues, which areas are within the 86th Street Business Improvement District. In 1996, Community Board Ten learned that this prohibition did not include mobile food vendors.
2. Community Board Ten in 2008 and 2009 called for the NYC Department of Small Business services to restrict mobile food vendors from being sited in the “No General Vending Area” of the 86th Street Business Improvement District. Approximately two years ago in June of 2010, Community Board Ten unanimously supported a motion to support the 5th Avenue BID in its request that the restriction on general vending include food vendors from 66th to 86th Streets on 5th Avenue.
3. In July of 2010, Council Member Vincent Gentile, noting CB 10’s and the BID’s request for exclusion of food vending in the vendor-free BID zone, formally requested that the New York City Department of Small Business Services convene the Citywide Street Vendor Review Panel (“SVRP”) to consider these requests under NYC Administrative Code Section 20-465, which “requires the Street Vendor Panel to be convened within 60 days of (this) request.”
4. The Department of Small Business Services (“SBS”) responded to this request on September 9, 2010 stating that a comprehensive review of street vending regulations is warranted and the structure of the Street Vending Panel does not provide an efficient or effective means to address vending concerns; further stating that SVRP actions only provide an inadequate “piecemeal” approach, reviewing streets in isolation without regard to the impact of new rules. To quote Andrew Schwartz, SBS First Deputy Commissioner: “These actions (of SVRP) are taken on a regulatory map that already has widely divergent rules for general vending and food vending and even varying days and times for each type of vending.” The result is a wide array of rules that are difficult for vendors, enforcement entities - the NYPD - and the public to understand.

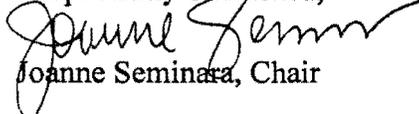
5. Segue way to the inequities visited upon our local small business owners who:
- a) Cannot place as much as one sandwich board advertising their wares on the sidewalk in front of their store but wake up to a mobile food cart/stationary restaurant on the sidewalk, on a lot on which the small business owner:
 - (i) pays the real estate taxes;
 - (ii) is responsible for sanitation on the sidewalk and 18" into the curb;
 - (iii) pays a premium tax to operate within the BID so the BID can provide security and extra sanitation services, etc., which BID was represented to be a vendor-free zone; and
 - (iv) if said small business owner is a store or restaurant, may sell all or some of the same food products as the mobile food vendor.
6. **We need new comprehensive, clear regulations so we know how to regulate food vendors, here and throughout New York City, and address these obvious inequities.**
7. There is much more here: As I understand it, street food vendors are not assigned a spot to occupy on the street; they simply choose a spot and take up residence, but as a legal matter, a street food vendor has no more right than you or I to stand and read a newspaper or park a baby stroller, or with the requested permission, to install public benches or carry out any other legal activity in the very same spot.
8. But, sadly enough, for food vendors or those working for food vending cart permit holders, there is more to this issue: the grave injustice created by the thriving black market for mobile food vending permits issued by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The City charges a mere \$200 for most food cart permits and issues only 3,100 year-round permits plus an additional 1,000 seasonal permits. Transferring or renting these permits is illegal but everyone, including the City's Health Department, acknowledges the illegal sales. (See 3/9/2011 Wall Street Journal Article "Prices for Food Cart Permits Skyrockets", attached.) And so the permits are being illegally transferred by license holders who pocket whatever the market will bear, i.e. \$14,000 for a \$200 permit. We are informed the practice is similar in Bay Ridge, with local operators illegally paying a premium to license holders. These permits are required to be surrendered into the finite pool of licenses issued, not sold in the black market to cart operators. Some permits fetch as much as \$20,000. All the profits go to the middle person. Sean Basinski, director of the Street Vendor Project, an advocacy group for street vendors, estimates that 60% or more of vendors rent their permits stating that "there is no sign that the Department of Health is willing to do anything about this." These permits are a New York City privilege which is being abused on the backs of food service workers who are illegally held hostage by permit holders within plain site of the New York City administration.

The system of awarding permits and regulating their placement needs to be dismantled and restructured from the bottom up, and until this happens we are unlikely to see any improvement in determining which regulations apply, how they can be enforced, and how this City privilege is awarded.

Clearly, we need to do better for small business owners in our BIDs, for the public which is short-selling the price of permits so that black-marketeers reap exorbitant profits, and for people who hope to earn an honest dollar selling food on our streets.

I repeat: we need to re-build the system and enact new, comprehensive and enforceable Citywide regulations as soon as possible so the playing field is leveled for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joanne Seminara, Chair

§ 20-465.1 Street Vendor Review Panel. a. There is hereby established a street vendor review panel consisting of four members. Such panel shall include the commissioner of the department of small business services, the director of the department of city planning and the commissioner of the department of transportation, or their respective designees. Such panel shall also include a member appointed by the mayor upon nomination by the speaker of the council. The commissioner of the department of small business services or his or her designee shall serve as chairperson. The departments of small business services, city planning and transportation shall provide such assistance as the street vendor review panel deems necessary and appropriate to enable such panel to carry out its responsibilities. In the same manner as provided in section 1043 of the city charter, the street vendor review panel shall promulgate, and may from time to time amend, rules prohibiting the operation of any general vending business or food vending business, as defined in chapter three of title seventeen of this code, or both, on any street, at any time, after making a determination that such vending business would constitute a serious and immediate threat to the health, safety and well-being of the public on the ground that such street at such time is regularly too congested by pedestrian or vehicular traffic to permit the operation of such business. No general vendor or food vendor, as defined in chapter three of title seventeen of the code, shall vend on any such streets at any such times.

b. Requests for the adoption or amendment of rules prohibiting the operation of any general vending business or food vending business, as defined in chapter three of title seventeen of this code, or both, on any street, at any time, may be submitted to the commissioner of the department of small business services or his or her designee. Within sixty days after the submission of such request, the street vendor review panel shall convene to determine either to deny such request in writing, stating the reasons for denial, or to state its intention to initiate rulemaking, by a specified date, concerning the subject of such request. In initiating a rulemaking, the panel shall not be bound by the streets or times requested, and may modify such streets and such times at its discretion. If the panel has stated the intention to initiate rulemaking, it shall publish such proposed rule for comment and public hearing in the same manner as provided in subdivisions b and d of section 1043 of the city charter. After consideration of the relevant comments presented, the panel may adopt a final rule relating to such streets and such times pursuant to subdivisions d and e of section 1043 of the city charter.

c. Copies of any rules promulgated pursuant to this section shall be mailed to each licensed general vendor or licensed food vendor, by the department or the department of health and mental hygiene, respectively, by regular mail at the last home address provided by the vendor to the department or the department of health and mental hygiene and shall be annexed to each license or renewal issued to any general vendor or food vendor.

d. Nothing herein contained shall exempt any general vendor from the provisions of subdivision g of section 20-465 of this subchapter.

District Manager Report
April 16, 2012

Good Evening Board Members,

I have a great deal to report to you this evening.

The District Office has been very busy dealing with a large number of quality of life related issues. We are really beginning to feel budget reductions and service impacts to Parks Department related requests. We are working with NYC Parks Department in an attempt to deal with parks related issues:

1. Oversized tree stumps are now taking years to be removed.. this process is shortened if there is an associated new tree request that can be satisfied. We have a growing number of tree stump related requests.
2. The time it takes for a tree inspection request to be logged has increased from only a few days to several weeks.
3. Tree pruning cycle is now up to ten years up from seven years!
4. Our Parks Manager who had at one time been responsible for two Community Board District areas – is now responsible for three Community Boards.

We continue to work with our Parks Committee to address a number of summertime related quality of life associated problems at Dyker Beach Playground, Owls Head Park and Russell Pederson Playground and will keep you updated as the Parks Committee will be working with respective agencies and community groups in the upcoming weeks.

You may have noticed the letter “M” painted in white along 3rd Avenue. In checking with the New York City Department of Transportation – 3rd Avenue is next in line to receive munimeters. These munimeters will be equipped with the two hour time limit. I recently forwarded a request to NYC DOT to have many of the parking meters retrofitted with bicycle racks.

1. I know that Joanne mentioned the Food Vendor issue I just want to reiterate that we need new comprehensive, clear regulations adopted to address regulatory inequities.

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN LAST FEW YEARS – Rising fixed Costs of Businesses– has hit linear stopping strips particularly hard– particularly in the food service industry whose members have been struggling with skyrocketing water costs, utilities, increases in real estate taxes, workman’s compensation, payroll taxes, increases to various license fees and a new DOH letter grade regulatory process.

The Evolution of the Food Cart – in recent years the evolution of the mobile hot dog/pretzel carts that move from location to location.. to carts with operating grills, generators that are stationary kitchens operating 20 hours per day on the public sidewalk. Food Carts have generators, illuminated signs, propane tanks on the sidewalk and grease that leaks onto the sidewalk. Regulations have just not caught up with the evolution of these carts.

Here are some regulatory inconsistencies:

- No General Vending Zones – Zero Sidewalk Display Districts created in 1995 - prohibit stores from utilizing 3 feet in front of their property line, yet a Food Vendor Cart is allowed to stand on sidewalks with this prohibition. Therefore, a store within a Zero Sidewalk Display District cannot place wares outside their store without receiving a violation but a food vendor cart can park on the very same sidewalk.
- Department of Health and General Vending Regs are inconsistent e.g. General Vending Laws prohibit general vending from setting up above a subway grate or manhole and yet DOH regulations for food vendor carts allow these vendor carts to park over subway grate or manhole and many of these carts have generators fueled by propane and gasoline tanks.
- Department of Consumer Affairs Regs restrict General Vending in all C4,C5 and C6 Districts but these regulations do not apply to Food Vending... Why not??
- Business Improvement Districts pay an added assessment for streetscape improvements and sidewalk maintenance yet food vendor carts located within Business Improvement Districts are not required to pay additional fees.
- Conflicting regulations – Vendor placement regs are listed in multiple sections of Administrative Code, Rules of City of New York and across three main agencies -- Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Health and Department of Transportation. DOT Rules conflict with DOH Regulations and DCA Regulations Conflict with DOH regulations.
- Sidewalks in the City of NY and their maintenance are the responsibility of the property owner or lessee. Placement on sidewalk regs vary from Dept of Consumer Affairs to Dept of Health and DOT regulations state that carts are not allowed on sidewalk. Section 4-12 (g) Traffic Rules of City of NY.
- A Black Market System continues to victimize many food process licensees who pay exorbitant rates to Food Vendor Cart Permit Holders.

Announcements

DSNY Spring 2012 Safe Disposal Event will take place Sunday, May 6th from 10 to 4 at Prospect Park Circle – Corner of Parkside Avenue and Prospect Park Southwest. Cars enter from Parkside Avenue.

Eagle Scout Project..Entitled Beautifying the GEC is being organized by the son of our very own Board Member Nick Leonardos and will include beautifying the front of the GEC with planters, plants, outdoor tables and new brick walkways. The event will take place on April 21st and April 22nd from 10AM to 5PM in front of the Guild located at 68th Street at 3rd Avenue. Information is available on our website.

Summer Youth Employment Applications are out for youth ages 14- 24 as April 9th through May 18th. If you know anyone interested please direct them to www.nyc.gov/dycd and complete the application on line.

There will a **Public Hearing** regarding the proposed grade expansion, re-siting- and split-siting of IS 30 to PS 331 and building is K331 and K940 and co-location with a District 75 Program at K331 beginning in the 2013/2014 School Year. The meeting will take place on May 14th at 6PM at High School of Telecommunications 350 67th Street. Sign up for public comments begins at 5:30 and closes 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

This Wednesday April 18th is the Bay Ridge Town Hall Meeting for 4th Avenue Task Force at 700 PM at Our Lady of Angels Auditorium – 7320 4th Avenue.

Borough President Markowitz invites all to attend his Annual Assembly of the Federation of Brooklyn Block Associations on Thursday, April 26th from 5:30 to 8:30 at Borough Hall.

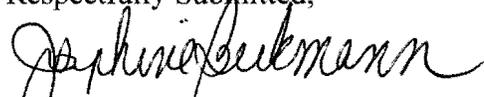
April 21st and April 22nd Galasso Truck Rigging will be conducting a crane operation at 901 80th Street for the installation of cellular phone equipment with a street closure in place on 80th Street between 7th and 10th Avenues

Poly Prep will be hosting an Electronics Recycling event on Saturday April 21st from 10am to 4pm Rain or Shine! Drop off is at the 7th Avenue baseball fields south of 92nd Street.

The **Norwegian Day Parade** takes place on Sunday, May 20th and will form on 84th Street and 3rd Avenue at 12:30pm – the review platform will be located at Leif Ericson Park – 67th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 21st 7:15PM at the Norwegian Christian Home.

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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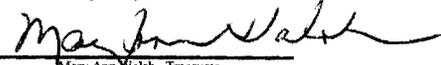
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$11,347.11	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74	\$7,564.74				
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$6,894.99	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66	\$4,596.66				
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$2,161.44	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96	\$1,440.96				
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT													
Total Personal Services	\$13,602.36	\$13,602.36	\$14,322.84	\$13,602.36	\$19,683.06	\$13,602.36	\$13,602.36	\$13,602.36	\$13,602.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129,222.42

Expenses Code	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	187.35	188.99	190.06	189.23	186.52	189.72	190.61	189.08					
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials				135.62		243.85	164.16	5.61						
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage									1,556.00					
170	Cleaning Supplies									235.39					
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment														
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00			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	234.41	234.41	234.41	234.41	234.41					
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures				394.00		400.00	240.00		400.00					
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70					
612	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual		2,005.00			620.00		800.00							
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	240.00	160.00					
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
414	Water, Sewer, Utility														
Total Other than Personal Services		\$552.81	\$2,418.48	\$550.10	\$1,705.79	\$1,225.34	\$1,381.48	\$1,809.99	\$692.33	\$2,931.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$13,267.88

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	14,155.17	16,020.82	14,872.94	15,308.15	20,908.40	14,983.84	15,412.35	14,294.69	16,533.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142,490.30
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TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE													\$64,404.70
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Respectfully submitted,


 Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

T & T Committee

CB 10 September 16, 2012

The Committee met in quorum in the District Office to consider a street renaming request for the corner of 13th Ave. and 79th Street as "Andrew Torregrossa Jr." Memorial Way. An application submitted by his grandson, Andrew Torregrossa IV, who detailed Mr. Torregrossa's accomplishments in and contributions to the community of Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights. Mr. Torregrossa was a successful businessman, a philanthropist, and decorated veteran. He was honored by the Catholic Church, various Catholic organizations, Italian-American organizations and the Vatican. He qualifies under CB10's guidelines as an individual who has contributed to our community in a significant manner over many years. A majority of the Committee voted to recommend the application to the Board. Discussion. Vote

The NYCDOT made a presentation detailing planned changes for S79 Hylan Blvd. bus service. An overwhelming portion of the proposed changes will only affect Staten Island. In Staten Island stops will be eliminated and light scoordinated to speed up the trip from Bay Ridge to the S.I. Mall. The S59 and S78 will accommodate any other riders along that corridor. A dedicated bus lane will be implemented for a two mile stretch of Hylan Blvd which will further speed service. Studies and projections reflect a likely 20% improvement in speed. The DOT hopes to implement the plan in the Summer of 2012.

In Bay Ridge two out of four S79 stops will be eliminated and reconfiguration implemented at the S79/B1 final stop which is located on the eastside of 4th Ave. between 87th and 86th Sts. Currently those two bus lines pick up and drop off passengers on that single block right near the 86th St. "R" subway line entrance. The DOT proposes to split the B1's functions on that block by leaving the B1 pick up point unchanged where it is on 4th Ave (between 87th and 86th) but moving the B1 drop off point south (toward 87th) just around the corner onto 87 th St. This should alleviate congestion on that one block stretch of 4th Ave. It should split the B1 customers on that block by moving the passengers being dropped off approximately 100 ft. further south and away from the subway entrance. None of the B1 drop off passengers would have to cross 4th Avenue in order to go to centurt 21 Dept. Store or to get on the subway. Three parking spots on 87th St. by 4th Avenue will be sacrificed but some parking spots at the two S79 abandoned bus stops could be recovered to offset the spaces lost. A majority of the Committee voted to recommend approval of the S79/ Hylan Blvd. plan.

The DOT also proposed a potential curb change in conjunction with the S79 bus improvements. The DOT is looking to extend the sidewalk on the north corner of 92d St. and Ft. Hamilton Parkway. There is a bus stop at that location but the intersection is not perfectly placed to create 90 degree corners and the sidewalk by the bus stop doesn't line up with the buses that pull in there. An 800 square foot expansion of the sidewalk would square off that corner and slightly shorten the cross time for pedestrians crossing 92 d St. while creating a straight edge curb for the buses to pull up safely. This proposal is not a part of the S79/Hylan Blvd. improvement plan but can be implemented in the future to assist bus passengers and pedestrians at that corner without losing parking spots or losing any real space for traffic. The traffic lanes would not be reconfigured and the tapered wedge-like sidewalk extension would be barely noticeable to motorists. A majority of the Committee voted to recommend approval of this change as part of the S79/Hylan Blvd. improvement plan or any time the DOT can implement it. Discussion. Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012

Community Board 10 Offices – 7pm

The ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés met on 12-Apr-2012. A quorum **WAS** | **WAS NOT** met.

A **NEW** | **RENEWAL** application for an **ENCLOSED** | **UNENCLOSED** sidewalk café was discussed for 7 tables and 14 seats at Little Cup Cake Corp located at 9102 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn 11209. The Consumer Affairs License Number is 1220615.

The applicant **WAS** | **WAS NOT** present.

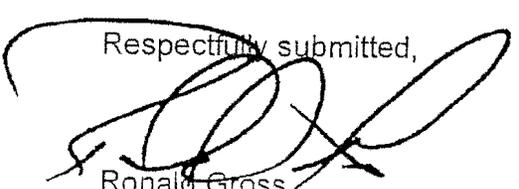
The Board has received no complaints regarding this establishment.

There were no proposed changes

This is an amended application: DESCRIBE _____

Notes: After discussion, the committee's recommendation is to Support approval of the application for this café permit. As this item has not been brought to the full committee for vote, a motion from the floor is required.

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald Gross,
Chair, ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

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The Police and Public Safety Committee meet on April 11th, 2012 to hear three applications:

A. Café Zio Toto, inc 8320 Third Avenue (formerly Café Rustica)

The first was an application for an on premise liquor license at **Café Zio Toto, inc 8320 Third Avenue**

This is the former location of Café Rustica which also had a liquor license. The new operators are taking over the establishment making very few changes. They will rebrand the business as Café Zio Toto and plan to offer light fair.

No one from the public attended to speak on this application.

The committee voted unanimously to disapprove the SLA application for Café Zio Toto unless the following stipulations were met:

1. That the operator will return to the community board if requested.
2. That they close the French doors at 10 pm if they have live music.
3. That the operator will notify the Community Board 30 days in advance of changing their Method of Operation.

B. Hamilton Parkway Corp., d/b/a Indigo Murphy's (formerly Bennett's)

The second application was for a new on-premise liquor license at 7102 Ft. Hamilton Parkway a bar formerly known as Bennett's.

This venue will be operated by John Bennett the operator of the former Bennett's bar. There will be minimal renovation done to the establishment, which may include new windows facing Ft. Hamilton Parkway.

4 people from the public attended and voiced their support in favor of the application.

The committee voted unanimously to disapprove the SLA application for Hamilton Parkway Corp., d/b/a Indigo Murphy's, unless the following stipulations were met:

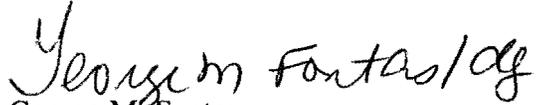
1. That the operator will return to the community board if requested.
2. That the operator will notify the Community Board 30 days in advance of changing their Method of Operation.

C. Good World Inc. 834 62nd Street (formerly V Lounge)

The third and final application was for an on-premise liquor license for Good World Inc. located at 834 62nd street. This would be a karaoke bar that would replace the now shuttered karaoke bar called V Lounge. The application seemed to mirror V-Lounge's Method of Operation and business plan which concerned the

committee. There were a number of questions the committee did not have answered so on the request of the Chairman, the applicant has agreed to postpone their submission until they have responded to the committee's questions and further refined their application. This application was tabled until our May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George M. Fontas" with a stylized flourish at the end.

George M. Fontas
Chair, Police and Public Safety Committee

Community Board 10
Environmental Committee
Bob HuDock - Chair
March 26th, 2012

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met in quorum on Monday, March 26th, with seven members present. DM Josephine Beckmann was also in attendance.

The committee hosted a presentation by Ken Camilleri of IGF International who is responsible for helping the city implement an environmental program known as "Clean Heat." This program aims to eliminate the use of #6 fuel oil throughout the city. #6 heating oil is a thick petroleum by-product that requires pre-heating in order to make it viscous enough to flow into the boiler where its combustion releases high levels of soot and sulfur dioxide which cause a wide range of health problems. This fuel is mainly used in large apartment buildings, including in a significant cluster in the southern part of Bay Ridge.

The new rules prohibit new boilers that burn #6 or #4 oil, effective immediately, with all boilers in the city required to convert to the cleanest available fuels (#2 oil or natural gas) by 2030. This change is predicted to lead to significant public health benefits: 130 fewer deaths each year after 2015, 190 fewer hospitalizations and 60 fewer ER visits. Overall, these changes should result in a total of 1,500 fewer deaths from now until 2031, when the program is fully implemented.

While the Clean Heat program has a pilot project in Morningside Heights, Mr Camilleri is working w/ DM Beckmann to identify those buildings in CD10 that still use #6 heating oil so they can be targeted for conversion. There are financial incentives for landlords to convert early, including lower operating costs and spreading the conversion costs among many buildings if they switch as a group. One of Mr. Camilleri's goals is to assemble these clusters of buildings so they can take advantage of these financial incentives, and it was very encouraging to see how eager he was to help bring the benefits of this program to our neighborhood. Perhaps we can request a progress report on his efforts after a reasonable period, say 6 -12 months.

As additional natural gas capacity is installed in our section of Brooklyn in coming years, we can look forward to enjoying significantly improved air quality, enabling all of us to breathe a little bit easier. Those with questions about the program can reach out to either me or DM Beckmann for additional information or to get in touch with Mr. Camilleri.

The only other item on the agenda was a discussion of the future direction of the committee under the leadership of its new chair, yours truly. I want to thank Joanne Seminara Community Board 10 for demonstrating her confidence in me by appointing me as a committee chair after only 2 years on the board. I will make every effort to ensure that I live up to her great expectations.

Thanks are also due to Josephine, Dorothy and Joanne at the District Office for all their help over the years that I've been coming to the board meetings, going back several years before I was even appointed as a member.

I want to thank the committee members in advance for their patience since this month's meeting was not only my first meeting as chair of the committee, but my first meeting as a member of the Environmental Committee in any capacity. I have a lot to learn and I hope you will be patient and help to fill me in on the issues you've all been working on together for years. And last but certainly not least, I want to thank my predecessor, Greg Ahl for all the years of dedicated service he has devoted to making sure this committee stays on top of so many issues important to the neighborhood.

We then held a brief discussion about the ongoing issues the committee has been working on, including:

- Waste receptacles on street corners, an issue that is still ongoing
- Electronic waste recycling programs
- Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Plant – odor complaints
- The Siphon project

Some new issues on our radar include an outreach effort to the Third Avenue Merchants to clean up for this summer's Summer Streets program, and the possibility of looking into the street food cart issue that has been an increasing concern in the neighborhood.

Finally, I hope to reach out to city agencies and local academics to bring presentations to our committee that keep us informed about the latest developments in areas of concern to the committee. The environmental committee should be about more than just trash on the sidewalks and other problems of local concern but should allow all of us on the committee to take a bigger view of what it means to care for the environment.

For example, we have all heard a lot of information about the environmental problems associated with hydrofracking, but we just learned that the Clean Heat program will improve public health by encouraging landlords to switch to natural gas. Rather than looking at these issues in isolation, I hope to show how a CB committee can take a broader view that seeks to balance the costs and benefits of switching to natural gas so that we can hold producers accountable and seek a balance that maximizes the benefits to everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob HuDock", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob HuDock

Chair, Environmental Committee

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for Street Renaming Guidelines

Date/Time/Place: Tuesday, 4/3/12, 7:00pm, CB10 District Office
Present: Ad Hoc Committee/Board Members Lizabeth Amato, Doris Cruz, Anna DeMetz,
Andrew Gounardes, Steve Harrison, Ad Hoc Committee Chair Susan Romero

The Ad Hoc Committee for Street Renaming continued its efforts in reviewing the applications process and guidelines. In preparation for this meeting, I met with Michael Fieni, a representative from Councilman Gentile's office who handles the street naming applications on behalf of the Council's office for our district, and with Josephine Beckmann and Dorothy Garuccio of CB10. The purpose of these interviews was to answer questions which arose at the first Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as well as to gain an understanding of the entire process for street naming operations, from application to implementation.

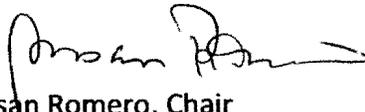
Furthermore, I attended a meeting recently of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, at which I observed the actual process for consideration attended by the applicant and the public. It is at this meeting that T&T votes to bring the application before the full Board at the next monthly meeting.

In addition to the suggestions outlined in last month's report, two other revisions are being scrutinized by the Ad Hoc Committee. They are:

- A moratorium on the length of time an application would be presented to T&T after an applicant's death, as well as a lengthening of the review process before T&T submits the vote to the full Board
- The advent of a more comprehensive checklist for committee members when reviewing the application

We are in the process of confirming our next meeting for this project at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Romero, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee for Street Renaming

**COMMUNITY BOARD 10
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2012**

The Communications and Public Relations Committee conducted a tour of the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison on March 24. The Tour was well attended. Committee Members and their guests were given the opportunity to visit the Harbor Defense Museum and were accompanied by tour guides. A movie and discussion along with a sneak peak at the lookout tower were among the day's activities. A buffet luncheon followed. A thank you letter was forwarded to Colonel Gould and Cathy SantoPietro, the community liaison of Fort Hamilton who helped organize the tour. The tour gave Board Members the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the army base and remind us all of its significance.

Respectfully submitted,



Lizabeth Amato
Chair, Communications and
Public Relations Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Good World Inc., 834 62 nd Street (continued from last month)	3/23/12	*New Application (Liquor, Wine and Beer)
Mezeny, Inc., d/b/a Meze, 6601 13 th Avenue	4/12/12	Renewal
La Bella Panini, 7107 13 th Avenue (relocating from 7001 13 th Avenue)	4/12/12	Relocating
8214 Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Nouveau, 8214 3 rd Avenue	4/13/12	500' Hearing
93 Lounge Inc., 315 93 rd Street (invited to come in; no response)	4/13/12	Renewal
American Golf Corp., d/b/a Dyker Beach Park Golf Course, 7 th Avenue & 86 th Street	4/16/12	Renewal
8520 7 th Avenue Food Corp., d/b/a Bella Luna Pizza, 8520 7 th Avenue	4/18/12	Renewal
JMC Foods Corp., d/b/a La Sorrentina Pizzeria & Restaurant, 6506 6510 11 th Avenue	4/18/12	Renewal
Ocean Rabat Corp., d/b/a Casablanca, 484 77 th Street	4/24/12	*New Application (Wine & Beer)
Rui Ying Zheng, d/b/a Eastern Zheng's Inc., 6601 Fort Hamilton Parkway	4/25/12	New Application (Beer Only)
Shobu Sushi Inc., 9427 5 th Avenue	4/25/12	Renewal
Company to be formed by Anthony Loupos, d/b/a Glow Thai Restaurant, 7107 3 rd Avenue	4/26/12	*New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Spartan Souvlaki, 6818 8 th Avenue	4/30/12	Renewal
Taro Restaurant Inc., 7109 13 th Avenue	5/1/12	*Corporate Change
Celtic Rose Irish Tea Room, 8905 3 rd Avenue	5/2/12	New Application (Wine & Beer)
PJs Restaurant, d/b/a Parkway Restaurant, 7504 13 th Ave.	5/8/12	Renewal

*Has been invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in May 2012.