

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance  
Norwegian Christian Home  
Monday, February 24, 2014 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 37

Greg Ahl  
Liz Amato  
Allen Bortnick  
Jaynemie Capetanakis  
Shirley Chin  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Khader El-Yateem  
Ann Falutico  
Judith Grimaldi  
Ronald Gross  
Stephen Harrison  
Robert Hudock  
June Johnson  
Habib Joudeh  
Katherine Khatari  
Brian Kieran  
Stella Kokolis  
Rhea McCone  
Rita Meade  
Mary Nolan  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Husam Rimawi  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Linda Sarsour  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Sandy Vallas  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh  
Lori Willis  
Tony Wu  
Jonathan Yedin

Board Members Excused: 8

Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Festa  
Barbara Germack  
Brian Kaszuba  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Dean Rasinya  
Dilia Schack  
Lawrence Stelter

Board Members Absent: 4

Anna DeMetz  
Luigi Lobuglio  
Jeannie May  
Adil Oualim

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

## COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

Date: February 24, 2014 - 7:15 PM

Subject: CB10 Board Meeting - Norwegian Christian Home

PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 24, 2014 – Norwegian Christian Home**

**MINUTES**

Chair Kieran called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and invited Arlene Rutuelo, community activist and business owner, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to amend the Agenda to include a discussion on Café Remy in the Police and Public Safety Committee's report. Motion by BM Vallas.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the amended Agenda. Motion by BM Joudeh, seconded by BM Vallas. Agenda adopted as amended.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Ray Riley from Senator Golden's office announced a free income tax service at the Senator's office for anyone earning less than \$30,000 per year. Senator Golden, along with the Arab American Association, will host a Town Hall meeting on drug abuse on Thursday at 7:00 PM at PS 170. Representatives from the NYPD, Dynamite Youth Services, and elected officials are invited to attend. Their "Senator for a Day" Contest deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to write a 250 word essay on why they want to be a senator for a day. The winning entry will win a trip to Albany. Finally, he noted that Alternate Side Parking calendars are available in their office, as well as garbage recycle stickers.

Nicholas Chamberas from Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis' office spoke about the toll relief for Staten Island residents and said that Assembly Member Malliotakis and other elected officials are working to pass similar toll relief for Brooklynites, particularly for residents of Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst. Senator Golden, Councilman Gentile and Congressman Grimm have voiced their support. We need to get more of our local elected officials together to support this issue. He announced that the State Senate has passed the Public Assistance Integrity Act, which would prevent electronic funds transfers from being made at liquor stores, casinos and adult entertainment establishments; however, we are risking \$120 Million in federal aid to New York State because the Assembly is refusing to bring it to a vote. There is an administrative agency board meeting to provide administrative relief and to comply with deadlines, but he thinks they should put this up for a vote and pass it.

June Johnson reminded everyone that there will be a blood drive on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 PM at PS 102 in memory of her son, Mathiew Johnson. Mathiew worked at PS 102. She is thrilled that the school principal agreed to have the first blood drive at the school and has said that she is going to have a blood drive every year in honor of Mathiew. She decided on a blood drive because she and her sons have been giving blood every 56 days for the past several years, and numerous times they went to Sloan Kettering to donate platelets. She encouraged everyone to donate blood on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Vincent Gentile announced that the City will have an Animal Abuse Registry by the end of the year. His bill was passed two weeks ago, becomes law immediately, and it will be about nine months before the registry is in place. This registry will track those who have been convicted of cruelty to animals and prevent them from adopting or having any type of contact with animals for five years. Studies have shown that people who abuse animals can also be abusive to people. This is one way for defenseless animals to be protected.

The Councilman announced that there will be a presentation on how to appeal property taxes tomorrow at 7:30 PM at McKinley Intermediate School, 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway, by former Community Board 10

Chair and New York City Tax Commissioner Kirk Tzanides. He noted that the appeal process ends on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Gentile stated that we sent a message out this weekend by shutting down Café Remy, which was a problem location. He contacted investigators at different agencies who looked at Café Remy and found significant violations of workers compensation laws. The Workers Compensation Board put a stop work order out and shut it down. There are also some issues with the SLA license because it was given to the new owner who did not apply for the new license.

The Councilman announced that the ferry service looks to be permanent. On Friday, the Economic Development Corporation sent out a request for proposals for a permanent ferry service from Rockaway to Brooklyn to Manhattan. What is key here is that he convinced them to put in a provision to have operators include in their bid a shuttle service to the Brooklyn Army Terminal. This is due March 21<sup>st</sup> and he will keep us up to date.

The Councilman stated that he has been working with Community Board Ten and the MTA with regard to the vibrations from the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue subway. The MTA has told him that they are doing the repairs, and DM Beckmann will have more to say on this issue in her report. We are on top of this and will keep putting pressure on the MTA to try to resolve the vibration issues along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Councilman was able to have a one-on-one meeting with Police Commissioner Bill Bratton last week along with DM Beckmann. They spoke about the drug problem on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and ways that the Commissioner can help us with more resources regarding the drug and gang-like problems. They spoke about the problem we have been having with the surveillance camera locations. They spoke about Vision Zero for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the 65<sup>th</sup> Street problems, and the lack of crossing guards we have in District 20, which is something he brought up today to Chief Chan who is now the NYPD Chief of Transportation for the entire City. We have had four new schools in District 20 in the last five years. The Councilman will sit down with Chief Chan tomorrow and request a new allocation of crossing guards.

Finally, Councilman Gentile reminded any Board Member who is up for reappointment this year to submit their application, and asked that they let him know if they want to continue because he will be seeing the Borough President within the next two weeks to go over some names.

Bob Hudock spoke about plastic bag recycling. DM Beckmann was able to obtain information on the New York State law that governs this issue, which is called the New York State Plastic Bag Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act. This law requires that any store that gives out plastic bags must collect and recycle them. You can also reduce your use by not double bagging at grocery stores, and reusing them as trash liners. He encouraged people to make the effort to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic bags.

George Politis represents the Itty Bitty Kitty Committee and spoke about their organization, whose website is ittybittykittyny.com. They are a grassroots organization based in Bay Ridge that does animal rescue via TNR and adoptions, and also provides medical care. Most of their animals are currently cats because their space is limited. He volunteers with the Toby Project which is a non-profit that spays and neuters at low cost. Most of their work is in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Coney Island, however they cover all of Brooklyn and have ventured into the Bronx and Manhattan as well. They are trying to attain 501C status and are hoping to find an attorney who might file for them pro bono, as they have been told the cost for this is \$4,000-\$5,000 which they simply do not have. Medical costs are their biggest expense. Dr. Giangola of Narrows Animal Hospital on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue works with them and other rescue groups and has alleviated some of the medical costs that they incur. Since they started six to eight months ago, they have adopted out 50 cats to forever homes. They accept food, litter donations and monetary donations. He asked if anyone can help them in any way, as an attorney, or by providing food, it would be greatly appreciated. They are located on 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, not on street level. They are also seeking a larger space, hopefully from a property owner, so they can rescue

dogs as well. Chair Kieran told Mr. Politis that we may be able to add an announcement to our website asking for pro bono help.

Eileen Kassab from the Brooklyn Public Library announced that DM Beckmann will be reading "Whistle For Willie" by Ezra Jack Keats on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Dyker Library.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the January 27, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Sokoloski, seconded by BM D'Amelio. Minutes adopted as written.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

In the matter of DCA Renewal Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Spartan Souvlaki Corp., 6818 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Subcommittee on Outdoor Cafes Chair Gross rendered the committee report. See Attached.

**Motion: CB10 to approve the DCA Renewal Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café at Spartan Souvlaki Corp., d/b/a Spartan Souvlaki, 6818 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, License #1142568-DCA. All in favor. Motion carried.**

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015, Chair Kieran called for a motion that we reaffirm Community Board Ten's Fiscal Year 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Motion by BM Bortnick, seconded by BM Schiano.

**Motion: CB10 to reaffirm Fiscal Year 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. All in favor. Motion carried.**

BM Grimaldi noted that the response to all the parks requests on the Capital Budget Priorities was that there is no money for the project and asked if there is anything that can be done about that. Chair Kieran replied that we can forward our requests to our elected officials and reinforce our message. DM Beckmann noted that we have to get the letter in by March 10<sup>th</sup>. When we respond to the Office of Management and Budget and our elected officials, we list all our parks items first. She noted that the motion that was just voted on includes writing a letter to OMB and our elected officials, and parks will be highlighted in that letter. Chair Kieran asked that anyone who has an idea on how to make that letter stronger contact the District Office before the letter goes out.

## **PRESENTATION**

A presentation was made by Brett Mons from the Department of Sanitation regarding recycling program changes including the organics recycling pilot program. The City last year spent approximately \$336 million exporting our trash to landfills, 30% of which is organic and can be recycled into compost or renewable energy. It is also a lot cheaper than sending it out of the region. By April or early May the City will deliver an outdoor container and a small kitchen container to houses and buildings of nine or fewer units. The program currently has approximately 30,000 housing units, and they are currently in 350 public schools. By April or early May they are going to expand to a total of 100,000 households, a portion of which will be here in CB10. They take any organic waste: food scraps, food-soiled paper, meat, bones, pizza boxes. Any clean paper should stay in regular paper recycling. He noted that if you do not receive the organic recycling container after waiting one or two weeks, and you live in the pilot area, contact 311 and someone will get back to you.

BM Harrison asked what the City does with the scraps and was told that recently they put out an RFP for composters in the region. They are sending a portion of it to upstate New York and another portion to a facility in the region. It is composted, aerated and turned into carbon dioxide as opposed to methane gas. A small portion is going to be turned into bioslurry which will be sent to the Newtown Creek Waste Water facility and used to create renewable energy for about 500 homes.

BM Cruz asked how they determine what stays and what goes since it is only one can, and was told it is dumped at a station where it is sorted.

BM Seminara asked how often it will be picked up and was told that they are now in talks for twice a week collection, however right now it is once a week on recycling day. They will be announcing if it will be once or twice a week at the beginning of March. He also noted it is completely voluntary and we will be provided with the materials to participate. The question was raised about whether the containers are raccoon proof and it was noted that they are.

BM Cruz stated that when they came to the Environmental Committee with this, the Committee had requested that the organics be picked up on the same schedule as the regular garbage because of the odor, and were told that if we request it, we would get it. Mr. Mons replied that they are requesting it and will have that decision the first week of March. BM Cruz said that if they want a successful program, they need to keep our streets odor free. Mr. Mons replied that they have been doing this program in other parts of the City and they have not had any complaints about the smell.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

BM Ryan noted that she was not at the Committee meeting and asked if the MTA said they would be able to prevent the same thing from happening in the tunnel in the future. Committee Chair Cruz replied that BM Hudock had asked about measures being taken to prevent future flooding and the MTA said yes, measures are being taken, but those measures did not involve the Montague Tunnel rebuilding and therefore they could not comment at the meeting.

With regard to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Summer Stroll 2014 application, a motion to support the Committee's recommendation was made by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Yedin.

**Motion: CB10 to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Summer Stroll 2014 application, with the following stipulations:**

- **the closing time must be no later than 10:00 PM**
- **the District Office would be provided with a list of sound permit locations**

**36 in favor; 1 recusal – BM McCone. Motion carried.**

With regard to the "Vision Zero" safety plan, Chair Kieran asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a vote on this issue. Motion by BM Sokoloski, seconded by BM Joudeh.

**Motion: CB10 to request the NYPD Highway Division do enforcement in the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, specifically on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 65<sup>th</sup> Street and on Fort Hamilton Parkway. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Vella-Marrone rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Discussion followed.

BM Grimaldi noted that the issue of wheelchair accessibility had been discussed previously with regard to SLA applications but there was no action on that issue. She wanted to make a motion to include something in our toolbox when voting on SLA applications to tie in handicap accessibility. Committee Chair Vella-Marrone replied that the items we put in the stipulations are related to SLA matters, and this is not really an SLA issue. BM Willis added that this is not appropriate to address here but maybe another committee can address it, possibly Health and Welfare. The SLA does not look at this. BM Falutico feels it is beyond the Committee's knowledge as to what is feasible in that facility. Chair Kieran noted we certainly do not have the information on this particular report. BM Ryan said that a lot of times the establishments raise the floors and make themselves inaccessible. We are a NORC and if we do not find a way to deal with this then our seniors cannot get into those places and our businesses cannot get those customers.

BM El-Yateem commented that as a Board Member he would like to educate himself on the requirements and asked if they can receive an email with a link to read about this topic. DM Beckmann replied yes. BM El-Yateem feels it is important to move certain decisions on what we hope to accomplish since they become time consuming. We need to move this to be addressed. Chair Kieran said this does not pertain here but it can be added to an appropriate committee if possible.

**Motion: CB10 to approve the new SLA Wine & Beer Application for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Salumi Inc., d/b/a Zitos 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 7604 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.**

With regard to the new SLA On Premise application for The Hen House, BM Willis asked what other establishments are there and was told they are Yellow Hook, Glow Thai, Brooklyn Beet Company, and AM Bar. BM Cruz asked if this is the same owner as Mussels and More, and was told that it is.

**Motion: CB10 to approve the new SLA On Premise Application for The Hen House, 7302 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Chair Kieran noted that there is the one add-on to this report, Café Remy. DM Beckmann explained that a stop work order had been issued to Café Remy on Saturday by the New York State Department of Workman's Compensation for failure to adequately provide workman's compensation insurance for the premise. In addition, a change of signage appeared, seemingly overnight, at 7110-7112 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to The Ridge Bar & Grill.

The District Office was notified by a 30 Day Notice on February 7<sup>th</sup> that new owners intended to take over ownership of Café Remy. There was not enough time to provide adequate public notice for the scheduled Police and Public Safety Committee meeting. In a situation like this, we reach out to the owner that submitted the application. We first request that they resubmit their 30 Day Notification so we have enough time to schedule a public meeting. In the past, if the applicant is not willing to resubmit the notification, a motion to deny the application is made until such time that a hearing can be scheduled at the Community Board. We only have 30 days, and right now our response is due by March 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a date scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and have notified the owner who has agreed to come to the meeting.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to deny the application. Motion by BM Harrison, seconded by BM Vallas.

**Motion: CB10 to deny the SLA On Premise license for 360 Sunset Partners LLC, d/b/a The Ridge Bar and Grill, 7110-7112 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, until such time as the applicant can appear before the Police and Public Safety Committee to present the application. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**JOINT SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – AND –  
YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

Before rendering the Committee report, BM Vallas congratulated former Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Chair Gouardes on his new position with the Borough President. See report attached.

With regard to Community Board Ten's Prescription/Illicit Drug Abuse Task Force and proposed subcommittee, Chair Kieran noted that this is an ongoing process. The members of our community are getting together on different levels trying to do what they can to help combat the problem. This is really a start, not a complete plan. The intent is to reach out to the community in a more energetic way to get community members in these subcommittees, to get their input and knowledge of what is going on, and what we can possibly do to combat this issue. There was a tremendous turnout including Assembly Member Malliotakis, and basically everyone there was willing to do whatever it takes to address the problem. He noted that the Committees' recommendation is to establish these subcommittees.

BM Romero asked for a general description of what these three subcommittees would try to accomplish. Chair Kieran replied that what was discussed at the meeting was that they would develop agendas, try to get resources to get things that we do not have now such as multi-language information pamphlets. It is a beginning phase. DM Beckmann said that school education is another example; what programs do we have in local schools; is someone in charge of education in local schools. One of the thoughts was to reach out to young people before they get to street level age. BM Vallas noted that we had representation from the NYPD, Congressman Grimm's office, and Councilman Gentile's office, and our elected officials all showed very high levels of enthusiasm to help and do whatever is necessary to assist the Community Board in attacking this problem. Chair Kieran said there was a recommendation from BM Capetanakis to get in touch with the Department of Education, and the District Office has reached out to them. They supposedly have resources for counseling and mentoring, and we will have them come to speak to the Committee. BM Capetanakis said we should look at the three different points of view, enforcement, education and treatment. BM Rimawi noted that this year so far we've had eight drug related deaths in our community.

BM Walsh asked if anyone is worrying about the doctors who are writing prescriptions. Chair Kieran noted that there is something called ISTOP which is a state program for tracking prescriptions. BM Willis feels it is premature to have subcommittees if we are not really sure what their roles are going to be. We need to hash it out a little bit and she feels it is too early to decide. Chair Kieran said that is a point well taken, but nothing is carved in stone; it is just a starting point.

BM Vella-Marrone thinks the way to attack this problem was those three points: education, enforcement and treatment. That is the reason they came up with that. However, they felt they needed to separate the committees into these specific parts because they are different. This is a work in progress and they will move on from there. They felt that this is the best way to address the issues.

BM Collins noted that another aspect of the evening was that BM Quinones brought a psychiatrist from Lutheran Medical Center. Chair Kieran added that the psychiatrist spoke about the crisis that is going on. BM Joudeh said that the problem he hears from parents is that the rehab centers are not doing their job, and he thinks we should look into that. DM Beckmann stated that during that meeting they spoke about some treatment problems when you have a family member who is addicted who is over 18 years of age. There is no mechanism that compels them to participate in rehab, and once they are in rehab they can sign themselves out. They also spoke about Staten Island because the problem is so severe that the Police Department now has a pilot program for a Narcan shot, which is an antidote to prescription drugs for a person who is addicted to get them out of an overdose. It is something that Councilman Gentile spoke with Commissioner Bratton about to see if we can have that pilot extended to our section of Southwest Brooklyn which is seeing a sharp increase in overdose deaths. These are the topics we would put into that treatment and look to advocate for. This is going to be very swift; we are hoping by next month to have each subcommittee convene and start with some new

recommendations. We have already spoken with education people in District 20 to see what we can bring into our schools here and we will look at treatment options. We do not have rehab facilities right here in our community which is a big problem.

BM Bortnick said that we might want to reach out to the local sports teams because a lot of the players are very interested in coming out and speaking to the young people. BM Amato commented on enforcement saying that maybe there are things going on that we do not know about. Chair Kieran said that we are not voting on action or recommendation, we just want to get the process moving as quickly as possible. He noted that the motion before the Board is to begin the subcommittees as quickly as possible. BM Khatari said to make sure the pharmacists are under surveillance also. BM Ryan said one of the main ways kids are involved with drugs is through their parents' and grandparents' medicine cabinets. BM Willis called to move the question. BM Joudeh said as pharmacist he does not honor them when they come into his store; they can go someplace else.

**Motion: CB 10 to establish a Drug Abuse Task Force Committee to include three Subcommittees: Education, Enforcement, and Treatment. All in favor. Motion carried.**

BM Vallas urged any Board Member who is interested in serving on one of the subcommittees to contact the District Office and get on a committee so we can tackle this issue, save our young people and make Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Fort Hamilton the great neighborhood it always was and always will be.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Bortnick made a motion to have the District Manager send a letter representing the entire Community Board inviting Eric Adams to come to our Community Board meeting.

**Motion: CB10 to send a letter to Borough President Eric Adams inviting him to a Community Board Ten Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

BM Grimaldi asked the Chair to refer the question of ADA compliance. Chair Kieran said the question may be to set up a joint task committee between the Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee and Zoning to give us an informational report at some point on ADA compliance. BM Willis asked if that would be zoning and DM Beckmann replied that the building code is a big part of ADA rules and regulations. That is the enforcement agency for ADA compliance. In our Committee structure matters pertaining to the Buildings Department would be referred to ZALUC.

**Motion: CB10 to set up a Subcommittee to address the ADA questions within Community Board Ten. 36 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Falutico. Motion carried.**

BM Ryan said she is not sure that is the best way to handle this. Chair Kieran said that we will start there and see how we should be handling it. BM Falutico noted that the ADA requirements are building application driven. When you are doing alterations you are required to comply with regulations according to the percentage of the project. People are not following the plans. Chair Kieran asked what we can do about that. He is hoping that the subcommittee can help us. BM Willis said that in some instances ADA construction requirements are a hardship on businesses.

BM Schiano announced that there will be a benefit beer tasting and buffet for the Guild for Exceptional Children on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Schiano. With no further business, Chair Kieran adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2014 

Community Board 10 Offices – 7pm

The ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés met on 12-Feb-2014. A quorum  WAS |  WAS NOT met.

A  NEW |  RENEWAL application for an  ENCLOSED |  UNENCLOSED sidewalk café was discussed for 13 tables and 34 seats at Spartan Souvlaki Corp located at 6818 8th Avenue Brooklyn 11220. The Consumer Affairs License Number is 1142568-DCA.

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.

- After discussion, the committee voted  UNANIMOUSLY |  2 TO 1 to  RECOMMEND |  DENY approval of the application for this café permit and thereby so moves.
- After discussion, the committee's recommendation is to  SUPPORT |  DENY approval of the application for this café permit. As quorum was not met, a motion from the floor is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Gross  
Chair, ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

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Good Evening,

I want to commend every member for coming out and attending committee meetings despite ice storms and blizzards. This city never sleeps and our problems and issues never sleep, as well. On this balmy evening you will hear some very important reports especially the one delivered by Sandy Vallas concerning drug abuse among young people in our community.

CM Gentile, Rep. Grimm, Sen. Golden, Deputy Inspector DeBlasio Dr. Ramawi, Linda Sarsour, Kathy Khatari, Pastor ElYateem, DM Beckmann and I met with the public at the Islamic Center to discuss appropriate responses to this scourge which has increased drug overdose deaths in our community. The meeting was just a first step in a long campaign to incorporate Awareness, Cooperation and Education (ACE) to combat the problem. We will be asking for your help as well as help from parents, young people and concerned citizens to stop this problem.

Tonight we will address the response from the city to our annual budget and capital request priority lists. As usual, the city responded that there is no money to act on the requests and our next step is to forward the requests to our elected officials so that they may add their voices to our list of needs for funding in the community.

I will ask to add an item to tonight's agenda along with a request that the agenda as amended be adopted so the Board may discuss some troubling information recently discovered about Café Remy on Third Avenue. Apparently it was closed over the weekend and there has been a change of ownership without notice to the SLA or CB 10.

The Winter Olympics have closed in Socchi and the most wonderful thing about these Games is the fact that they were held without incident. Representative athletes from around the world were able to compete ferociously with each other without discord or violence. In the not so distant Republic of the Ukraine the government there has been overthrown after violent protests which now may spark a civil war. We are blessed with peaceable democratic republic that functions (for the most part) without any threat of violence. We should be grateful for the history and future of our grand republic and hope the people of the Ukraine will survive these tumultuous times without any more violence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Kieran", written in a cursive style.

Brian Kieran

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **February 24, 2014**

Good Evening Board Members:

This has certainly been a very harsh winter. I want to first say that the District Office has worked very well with our local Department of Sanitation BK 10 Superintendent on all issues and complaints that were made to our office.

There have been many areas that were complained about including sidewalks that have not been shoveled. There are always jurisdictional questions that arise following a snowstorm. The rules are quite clear. After the snow stops falling, property owners must clear a path for pedestrians and remove snow from sidewalks next to bus stops and hydrants as follows:

- If snowfall ends between 7 AM and 5 PM, property owners must clear sidewalks within 4 hours.
- If snowfall ends between 5 PM and 7 AM, property owners must clear sidewalks before 11 AM.

The City may issue property owners a summons for a failure to clear the sidewalks within these time frames. We reported many non-shoveled residential and commercial properties at the request of local residents.

During each snow event, I have been in contact with DSNY to remind them of the importance of shoveling the pedestrian overpasses as well as the overpasses adjacent to the subway stations within Community District 10.

Now to potholes... as you know the Mayor is urging everyone to report potholes. This is done very easily through 311.. it is also available online or by using 311 app. DOT is working around the clock to fill pot holes in our community and highways.

We were also notified this month about a capital pedestrian safety project at 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road. Work commenced February 7<sup>th</sup> and is near completion. The project was funded in 2008 and includes neck downs and additional safety enhancements. As you know, Community Board Ten recently asked for a study at this intersection for a traffic control device to improve pedestrian safety.

Salt is a wonderful compound to remove snow but it also causes many problems with street lighting and underground electricity. There are many streetlights that are compromised because of salt corroding wires. We have reported many streetlights out. If there is an associated Con Ed issue with a street light it can take several months to be repaired. It is important to call 311 and notify the District Office if there is an outage of a streetlight immediately so that it can be tracked and followed up.

We were notified by Time Warner Cable that a project to install a vault on 77<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue will begin this week and work should be completed by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I joined Council Member Gentile at a meeting with Police Commissioner Bratton. It was a wonderful opportunity to add Community Board Ten's voice and address the need to address the problem of drug use in our community, the need for cameras as well as Vision Zero in Community Board Ten. The District Office continues to receive complaints about increased vibrations along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Each complaint is referred to the MTA for review. According to MTA/NYC Transit, track repairs continue. They began along 86<sup>th</sup> Street and are working toward Bay Ridge Avenue. This is a time consuming repair job as work is done during off peak hours. We continue to receive updates and will coordinate with our elected officials offices and residents. I will continue to keep you posted as well. Once the work is completed, MTA will report to the members of the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Jerry Allred from BP Eric Adams office was not able to attend tonight's meeting but wanted me to remind you that reappointment applications or letters of resignation are due by this Thursday, February 27, 2014.

### **Announcements**

Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue proceed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 67<sup>th</sup> Street at 12:00 noon and kick off at 1PM.

\*\*\*The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 24, 2014 at Norwegian Christian Home 1250 67<sup>th</sup> Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Budget Appropriation for FY 14	\$206,895.00
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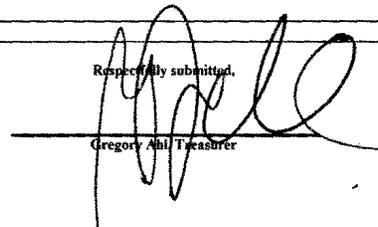
	7/31/13	8/31/13	9/30/13	10/31/13	11/30/13	12/31/13	1/31/14	2/28/14	3/31/14	4/30/14	5/31/14	6/30/14	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,902.49	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$12,236.04						
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,480.22	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$7,397.76						
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,587.92	\$2,071.20	\$1,380.80	\$1,380.80	\$1,380.80	\$1,380.80	\$2,071.20						
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$18,970.63</b>	<b>\$21,705.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$21,705.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$120,260.63</b>

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/13	8/31/13	9/30/13	10/31/13	11/30/13	12/31/13	1/31/14	2/29/2014	3/31/14	4/30/14	5/31/14	6/30/14	Y - T - D	
10B	Telephone	181.13	201.61	200.06	201.47	199.81	198.15	197.56							
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials						115.47								
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	75.00		75.00							
332	Data Process. Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	44.41	342.41	193.41	193.41	193.41	193.41	193.41							
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures				400.00										
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	24.64	24.64	24.64	25.00	24.66	24.66	25.02							
613	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process. Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual														
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00							
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
414	Water, Sewer, Utility														
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$410.18</b>	<b>\$728.66</b>	<b>\$578.11</b>	<b>\$1,114.88</b>	<b>\$652.88</b>	<b>\$691.69</b>	<b>\$850.99</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$4,827.39</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,380.81</b>	<b>22,433.66</b>	<b>15,048.11</b>	<b>15,584.88</b>	<b>15,122.88</b>	<b>15,161.69</b>	<b>22,355.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>125,088.02</b>
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<b>TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>														<b>\$81,806.98</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory Ahil, Treasurer

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2014

The committee met in quorum at the district office.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation and discussion of the Montague Street Tunnel repair project. The flooding of the tunnel during super-storm Sandy caused serious damage to the tunnel. A band-aid solution allowed the MTA to open the tunnel and resume full R service. But they knew that a larger project was needed. The current project is more than a repair of the tunnel, it is a complete rebuilding of the interior of the tunnel. All of the interior will be replaced. The total value of the contract is \$106 million. It is an amazing feat of engineering and logistics.

They have removed existing wiring, lighting, signals and concrete down to its cast iron ring installed over a century ago. The demolition is 99% complete and debris clean up should be completed this month. Demolition includes removing all the debris, not an easy task in a tunnel. Court Street is the southern limit of the project and Whitehall Street is the northern limit. Two segments of the tunnel, designated B1 and B2 are each 6,000 linear feet, more than a mile. The reason the R train runs over the bridge on weekends is to allow them to work on the edges of the tunnel near the platform without impacting passengers at those stations.

For reconstruction, they have stationed a cement truck in the tunnel and bring in cement through the Furman Street fan bank. There are approximately 50 workers at any time. Since the start of the project in August, the only breaks have been Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. The next phase involves finishing the concrete duct bank, then the installation of electrical and communications equipment. In late summer of 2014 new signals will be installed. The project is on schedule to be completed in 14 months. If the project is not completed on time, there are liquidation damages of \$63,000.00 per day.

A question that is frequently asked is "will there be increased capacity on the R line now that the tunnel has been repaired". The MTA said that in order to increase service in Brooklyn they need replace the existing signals. *in Bay Ridge*

Also discussed was the problem of vibrations reported by many residents of Fourth Avenue. The MTA said that the vibrations are usually track related and they are working on the tracks in Bay Ridge now. There is some infill

work, placing gravel and other materials under the tracks and creating a continuous welded rail. DM Beckman gave an update in her report

We do not know the status of this project, what parts have been completed. There are still many complaints from residents.

The second item on the agenda was an application by the Merchants of Third Avenue for Summer Stroll 2014. Ray Reily attended representing the applicant. As required by the city, the application was submitted in December 2013. This year the program will be increased to 6 nights. The application calls for same beginning hours, but this year's application extended the closing time to 11 PM. DM Beckmann noted NYC noise regulations require them to close at 10 PM. Mr. Reily agreed to this. He also agreed to supply the District Office with a list of sound permits.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the application for Summer Stroll 2014, with the noted stipulations.

Mr. Reily advised that there is some interest for a Summer Stroll on Fifth Avenue. This demonstrates the success of the Third Avenue Summer Stroll. These are preliminary discussions.

The committee continued its discussion on pedestrian safety and the new administration's Vision Zero project.

In a comparison of moving violations issued for the most recent two years, the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct has greatly increased the number of tickets issued, especially for speeding and failure to yield to pedestrians in intersections. But more needs to be done, so the committee voted to request that the NYPD Highway Division do enforcement in the 68<sup>th</sup>.

The committee voted unanimously on this request and to ask specifically for enforcement on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 65<sup>th</sup> Street and on Fort Hamilton Parkway.

The committee also discussed community education programs. Are there existing programs for school children? Could these programs be extended through parent organizations to the parents and the entire community? What other venues are possible for community education of pedestrian safety and safe driving? BM Capetenakis advised that her school has had safety assemblies in the past presented by The Apple Corp. We will reach out to the DOT on any education programs that they have.

## Old Business

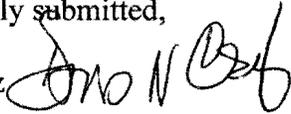
Faded Crosswalk lines need to be repainted. Some have been identified, especially 86<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and have been reported to the DOT. Painting does not resume until spring.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance and exit to the Foodtown parking lot is very dangerous. The committee thinks that there should be one entrance and one exit. DM Beckmann will reach out to Foodtown.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Cruz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doris Cruz', written over the printed name.

**Community Board Ten  
Police and Public Safety Committee  
February 12, 2014**

The Police and Public Safety Committee met in quorum on February 12, 2014. The meeting commenced at 7:05 PM.

The meeting began with a presentation from a representative of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). The CCRB investigates and mediates complaints from the public about misconduct by NYPD officers. It is independent and impartial and is not a part of the NYPD. There are 13 members appointed to the CCRB. Five are appointed by the Mayor, five by the City Council and three by the Police Commissioner. The board members appoint the Executive Director. In addition to the Executive Director the CCRB employs 113 investigators and 12 prosecutors. The patrol guide is used as the basis for all investigations. All police officers must follow the patrol guide. There are four types of complaints that can be made to the CCRB regarding the actions of police officers. They are excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy or offensive language. There are two ways a complaint can be handled. The first is mediation. 90% of mediations are successful with a low rate of recidivism. In addition, mediation does not stay on a police officer's record. The other option is investigation. When an investigation is completed, a panel of three members from the board will determine whether or not there was misconduct on the part of the police officer. If the CCRB determines that a police officer committed misconduct, it then sends the case to the Police Commissioner, who has the sole authority to impose discipline. The CCRB representative also explained how stop, question and frisk is to be properly conducted. He also spoke about police and public relations in general and that the public and the police need to be respectful of one another.

New SLA Wine and Beer License Application for 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Salumi, Inc. d/b/a Zito's 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 7604 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

The application is for a new Wine and Beer license. The establishment has 8 tables with 18 seats and two stools. The method of operation is a restaurant. Hours of operation are 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday – Thursday and 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM Friday and Saturday. There will be recorded background music. No one from the public was present to speak on the matter. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

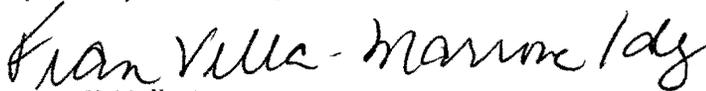
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New SLA On Premise License Application for The Hen House, Ltd, 7302 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

The application is for a new liquor license. This is an existing restaurant. The method of operation is a restaurant. The establishment has a maximum occupancy of 30 with 12 tables, 24 seats and one bar with six seats. The hours of operation are 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 PM – 3:00 AM Friday and Saturday. There will be recorded background music. This application is subject to the SLA 500 foot rule and as such a SLA 500 foot rule hearing is in order. There is no adverse history at this location. No one from the public was present to speak on the matter. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Frances T. Vella-Marrone  
Chairwoman  
Police and Public Safety Committee

A joint committee meeting was held in quorum on February 10, 2014 at the district office between the Youth Services, Education, and Libraries Committee and the Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare Committee.

A presentation was made by Heidi Exline, a representative from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. Items presented to the committee was Take Care New York 2016, this is the City's strategic health agenda to help all New Yorkers live healthier and longer. The web site for this program is [www.nyc.gov/health/tcny](http://www.nyc.gov/health/tcny). TCNY was first launched in 2004 with four year initiatives. The Launch date for the latest TCNY is to be sometime in March of 2014 more information on this program will be forthcoming.

The next item on the agenda was a roundtable discussion to create a prescription/illicit drug abuse task force for CB10. A presentation for the prescription drug/illicit drug crisis that our area faces was given by our District Manager Josephine Beckmann.

The District Office has received an increase number of complaints from area residents regarding street level sale of prescription pills, heroin, marijuana and other synthetic drugs.

The Daily News reported on February 6, 2014 that Brooklyn has the greatest number of fatal drug overdoses across the five boroughs and a massive spike in overdose deaths. As a Community Board we can no longer say that this is not the case in our area.

Complaints received at the District Office include pills sold on the street, heroin needles in front of gardens and sidewalks near nightlife

establishments, and synthetic drugs sold behind the counters of many bodegas with misleading packaging.

This Community Board has taken bold steps regarding hookah and related items. It is now time to look into enforcement the District Office has been receiving about underage sale and use of hookah in local establishments including smoking illicit drugs through hookah.

A lengthy discussion ensued at the committee meeting and a motion was made to establish three sub committees for education, enforcement, and treatment of the drug problem that our area presently faces. This motion was passed unanimously. Anyone interested in serving on a subcommittee should contact the District Office to place your name on the appropriate subcommittee. Meetings will be called to discuss problems and form action plans to insure the safety of everyone in our area. To succeed in our efforts a big role will also be needed from our areas elected officials and our 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Department.

Respectively Submitted

  
Sandy Vallas

Chair, Youth Services, Education, & Libraries Committee  
Acting Chair, Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare Committee

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

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
360 Sunset Partners LLC, d/b/a The Ridge Bar & Grill, 7110-7112 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	2/7/14	*New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Sirico's Catering Inc., 8015-17-23 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/18/14	Renewal
Le Sajj Restaurant Corp., 8221 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/21/14	Renewal
Ciamaltha Inc., d/b/d Kelly's Tavern, 9259 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/21/14	Renewal
Club Cats, 10005-10007 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/24/14	New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Club Cats, 10005-10007 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/28/14	Renewal
Brooklyn 87 Bagel, Inc., d/b/a Sunset Bagels, 8624 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2/28/14	New Application (Beer Only)
ENBA LLC, d/b/a Ponte Vecchio Restaurant, 8810 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3/3/14	Renewal
Pizzeria Uno of Bay Ridge Inc., d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill, 9201 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3/5/14	Renewal
Killarney Pub, 6911 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3/6/14	Renewal

\* Has been invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in March 2014.