

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Shore Hill Community Room
Monday, April 28, 2014 – 7:15 pm

Board Members Present: 36

Greg Ahl
Liz Amato
Allen Bortnick
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Kevin Peter Carroll
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Ida D'Amelio
Khader El-Yateem
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
Barbara Germack
Judith Grimaldi
Ronald Gross
Stephen Harrison
Robert Hudock
Habib Joudeh
Brian Kaszuba
Katherine Khatari
Brian Kieran
Stella Kokolis
Nikolaos Leonardos
Rhea McCone
Mary Nolan
Susan Pulaski
Dean Rasinya
Jean Ryan
Eleanor Schiano
Joanne Seminara
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Sandy Vallas
Fran Vella-Marrone
Mary Ann Walsh
Lori Willis
Jonathan Yedin

Board Members Excused: 4

Doris Cruz
June Johnson
Susan Romero
Dilia Schack

Board Members Absent: 7

Anna DeMetz
Luigi Lobuglio
Adil Oualim
Mary Quinones
Husam Rimawi
Linda Sarsour
Tony Wu

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

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COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2014 – Shore Hill Community Room
MINUTES

Chair Kieran called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and invited Cody McCone, Community Leader, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council Member Vincent Gentile noted that Saturday was the “Charles Ahl Way” street naming ceremony. Charles Ahl, who was the father of Board Member Greg Ahl, was the first Chair of Community Board Ten. It is a reminder of all the work Charles Ahl did, and a reminder that we stand on the shoulders of the previous generation on all the good work they did and hopefully carry forward. Another street naming ceremony will be held on May 17th at 11:00 AM for Firefighter Michael Behette. The FDNY ceremonial unit will be at the ceremony and opera star Daniel Rodriguez will be there to sing the National Anthem.

Councilman Gentile encouraged everyone to try the Brooklyn Ferry at the Brooklyn Army Terminal. Five boats go out in the morning and five boats come back in the evening. There is still free parking, and people can lock their bike there or take it on the boat. The fare is now \$3.50 but it is still less expensive than the express bus. He noted that there is an RFP that the City is reviewing for a long-term permanent ferry service, and he asked them to make shuttle service part of that proposal. If that happens, he thinks the ferry service will be accessible to everyone. All the information is at bayridgeferry.com.

The Councilman joined Mayor de Blasio at a news conference to announce that after five years the Macy’s Spectacular Fireworks are coming back to the East River and will be visible to Brooklynites once again. He also announced that the Greenmarkets begin again on Saturday, June 7th at the Walgreens parking lot in Bay Ridge, and on Sundays on 81st Street and 18th Avenue in Bensonhurst.

Councilman Gentile announced that the Eco Dock is set and the opening ceremony will probably be toward the end of June. This will be the first full season that we will have activities at the Eco Dock. The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance has hired an associate who will be there to do different programming during the summer, and historic ships will come in so the community can enjoy new summer activities.

The Councilman announced that the City Council gave a response to the Mayor’s preliminary budget and he highlighted a few things from that response. One of the things is seeing that we as a City hire 1,000 more police officers across the City and put those police officers in the precincts. This would mean 13-15 more officers per precinct which can be significant. Also, they have called for the creation of a commission to study the property tax equity issue and come up with proposals in time to change the system for next year. Finally, they called on the Department of Education to put more money into capital rehab and one thing they told them to focus on is fixing and upgrading school bathrooms.

As far as reappointments and appointments to Community Board Ten, Councilman Gentile said he is still working very diligently with the Borough President. They are close, but they still have to have a couple of more sit-downs.

Before continuing with the Public Session, Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the amended Agenda. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Sokoloski and seconded. Minutes adopted as written.

Andrew Gounardes from the Borough President's office officially said goodbye to all, stating that he truly enjoyed being on the Community Board which was one of the highlights of his life. He will still be around and actively involved. He was here tonight as president of the Bay Ridge Historical Society to announce a field trip to the Theodore Roosevelt birth place on Saturday, May 10th.

John Quaglione from Senator Marty Golden's office made the following announcements: Sunday, May 4th is the Asian Pacific Heritage Festival at PS 176 on 12th Avenue and Bay Ridge Avenue. Thursday afternoon May 9th is the senior fair at St. Patrick's, and there will be a multitude of City and State agencies there to assist individuals. The State Legislature allocated \$300 Million for Universal Pre-K. They increased the income eligibility for SCRIE and EPIC. They passed a bill today that would prevent criminals who are incarcerated or on parole from changing their name.

Linda Lupia from Assembly Member Alec Brook-Krasny's office announced the Military Spouse Bill that was written and sponsored by the Assemblyman and will hopefully pass during this legislative session. The purpose of this bill is to permit an individual who quits work to accompany the individual's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

Today the Assembly announced the passage of legislation to help law enforcement identify speeding vehicles in school speed zones through the use of high-tech cameras. This measure will allow New York City to increase the number of cameras to 140.

Another bill that passed is the Body Scan Bill, which is an act to amend the penal law in relation to the unlawful dissemination of a security body scan. This bill will provide the State of New York with the ability to criminally prosecute those employees who take advantage of their position of authority.

Nicholas Chamberas from Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis' office noted that Little League season has begun and he was able to participate in the St. Anselm's and the 68th Precinct Council kickoffs. It was great to see so many players and the diversity that represents Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and other communities. He reminded everyone that the 17th of May Parade is on May 18th, and the Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade is on May 26th.

Maruf Mitu Alam from Assembly Member Felix Ortiz's office announced an update on a bill which would mandate 6% of the state contracts be allocated for disabled veterans. They were able to pass this legislation this year and are waiting for the Governor to sign it hopefully within the next two weeks. They will be conducting seminars for veterans who are looking for state contracts once the Governor signs the bill.

He thanked DM Beckmann, her husband John, and BM Hudock who were there at the big park cleanup with 40 kids from Telecommunications High School. They did an amazing job cleaning up the parks and streets.

With regard to Universal Pre-K, the Assemblyman is pushing to have guidance counselors, social workers and health providers in every school with the money that the state has allocated.

Jorge Muniz from Council Member Manchaca's office announced that we are on the verge of some historic legislation passing to create the City's first municipal ID program, which will be the largest in the country. It would provide ID cards for every New York City resident. He invited the public to attend the second hearing on this topic on April 30th at City Hall. He also announced that they just wrapped up the participatory

budgeting in our district and they had the highest turnout in the whole history of participatory budgeting in New York City.

Pastor El-Yateem announced that there will be a free respiratory health symposium on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM at Salam Arabic Lutheran Church at 80th Street and 4th Avenue.

Fran Vella-Marrone announced the Dyker Heights Community Fling, which is a fundraiser for the Dyker Heights Military Postage Fund. The fund pays the postage on packages sent to military personnel. In addition, the other organization benefiting from the fundraiser is the Boy Scouts of America. It will be held on Friday, May 9th from 7:00-11:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus on 86th Street and 13th Avenue. The Rhapsody Players will perform and food is included. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$35.

Allen Bortnick said that we have a problem in the City with the Department for the Aging. They claim they have an RFP and will not say who wrote it or what started it, which is going to change how we get our aids and help. The problem is that they told the agencies they can only handle clients in the borough they are assigned to. That is the only way they will pay, and you have to start switching between agencies, which creates a big problem. Seniors are rather timid and nervous and generally afraid to stand up for themselves. He has taken it upon himself to go after the DFTA and would be happy to speak with seniors and can be reached 24/7 at 800-alacarte. Chair Kieran said anyone with information can also forward it to the District Office, and he will see if we can add something to the Committee's agenda to find out more on this issue.

Tondalaya London from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce announced their Good Help Program which is free employment service for companies to find qualified employees. They have approximately 180 work force agencies. She encouraged anyone looking for employment or business owners looking for employees to reach out to them. They will be able to assist them with the job description, on the job training, and things of that nature.

Helen Moskovites-Kehagias, a mother of two children with autism and disabilities, spoke on advocacy for autism and children with disabilities. One out of 68 children has Autism Spectrum Disorder, and it is five times more common in boys, one out of 42. She is a special needs children's advocate and activist because if we do not stand firm for the needs of these children, who will? She invited anyone interested in this issue to see her after the meeting. The ultimate goal is to create a coalition of parents and activists to raise awareness of these issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SUB COMMITTEE ON OUTDOOR CAFES

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

Motion: CB10 to approve the DCA Renewal Application, License #1220615-DCA, for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 chairs at Little Cupcake Corp., 9102 3rd Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Falutico rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

Michael Nacmias, representing the applicant, showed photographs of the rear of the property and explained that they want to enlarge the property to put the second dwelling in the basement level. They can basically box out the house so there would be enough room to have a proper bedroom and living room area, and then the person

living on the first and second floors would essentially have a larger dining room. He noted that there is an existing garage however, driveway is not usable.

BM Hudock asked what the purpose of this extension is and was told it is to increase floor area to the rear and fill in the missing piece at the basement level, an extension that flushes up to the back of the basement first floor level, increase in floor area, and conversion from a one to two family home.

BM El-Yateem asked if there were any objections from the neighbors and was told there was one resident present, but there have been no specific objections. BM Hudock asked about the parking situation and was told there is an existing garage, however they cannot use the driveway because the front yard is too close to the sidewalk so you cannot park a car there without blocking the sidewalk. Committee Chair Falutico noted that the original construction is a closed garage, but the parking pad in front of that garage does not have enough depth. A question was asked if the property was originally overbuilt and the response was yes. Committee Chair Falutico noted that in a zone that allows .75 they already have 1.05, and the application would make it 1.24. BM Harrison asked if there is a rule with a special permit that you cannot increase a property in non-compliance. Committee Chair Falutico responded that she believes they have satisfied the parameters of the special permit application. Mr. Nacmias said that essentially you have to not create a new non-compliant. It is already non-compliant with regard to the floor area. They did a study of other homes in the area within 400' - 108 properties. Forty-one of those properties were .9 FAR or greater, and some were as large in FAR as this one.

BM Carroll asked if there is any way we can support the building of the extra footage, but say we do not want it to become a two-family. Chair Kieran asked if making it a two-family is part of the application. Mr. Nacmian replied that the application is to have the increase in floor area and there is a legal right to convert it from one family to two family. The Certificate of Occupancy right now is for a one family. BM Sokoloski asked if the garage is staying, and was told that it is.

Motion: CB10 to disapprove the BSA Application #45-14-BZ for a Special Permit for 337 99th Street seeking to enlarge an existing semi-attached two story and basement dwelling in an R4-1 Zoning District. 31 in favor; 2 opposed – BM McCone, BM Willis; 2 recusals – BM Stelter who works for the Department of Buildings, BM Rasinya who is a friend of the applicant; 1 Abstention – BM Bortnick who does not want to get involved. Motion carried.

Chair Kieran thanked the members of the Committee, and the neighbors and representatives who come to the meetings to give us valuable information. They have busy schedules as well.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

With regard to scams, BM Bortnick reminded people not to leave their computers on when not in use because Microsoft has admitted that all these programs are open to be taken over by an outside source. They can steal your numbers and money in the process. On May 13th they will be putting out the update to cure that problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Vella-Marrone rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Motion: CB10 to approve the SLA On Premise License Application for Gabriel Olivera or entity to be formed, 8402 3rd Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: CB10 to approve the SLA On Premise License Application for Leif Bar Inc., d/b/a The Leif, 6725 5th Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to the new SLA application for Crown KTV, it was noted that the Committee voted unanimously to disapprove this application. Discussion followed.

Chair Kieran asked if the District Office has received any correspondence from the applicant and was told they have not. DM Beckmann stated that there is a \$5,000 outstanding judgment against the establishment. If it is not paid, the SLA will issue an order to cancel the license. They have a few days of "grace period". As of today, the District Office received an email from the SLA; the license has not been canceled. If the license is canceled, they cannot have a transfer or change of corporation application because all things would stop. They could have a new application, but that would go to the full SLA board for review. Committee Chair Vella-Marrone believes they said in the email that it would be going to the full SLA board because of the adverse history. This has been a problem location for many many years. We have tried to work with them but at this point we feel that every few months there is a new applicant. We do not know who these people are or what type of experience they have, if any. At this point, the Committee felt that we would just disapprove it and go to the full SLA board and fight it there.

BM Sokoloski asked why the doors are still open, with all the drug busts. Chair Kieran replied that the drug busts are going against the current licensee. DM Beckmann responded that the new owner only took effect in February. We are still dealing with 2011 violations, so we have not adjudicated those yet. BM Nolan said that from day one there is not one iota of truth that comes from anyone associated with Crown KTV. It's a new face; it's another story. This place has to go. Committee Chair Vella-Marrone thinks part of it is that we never had the right ammunition. We are in the best possible position to have the SLA deny this. BM Bortnick asked how they have gotten away without paying all this time. DM Beckmann responded that they did pay approximately \$35,000 in fines; they have another \$5,000 that they have not paid yet. BM El-Yateem called to move the question.

Motion: CB10 to disapprove the new SLA On Premise Application for Empire KTV Inc., d/b/a Crown KTV, 848 64th Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic and Transportation Committee Acting Chair Stelter rendered the Committee Report in Committee Chair Cruz's absence. See attached. Discussion followed.

With regard to the upcoming work on the Verrazano Bridge, Chair Kieran asked if this has already been approved. BM Stelter replied that about 1 ½ years ago the MTA came to the Committee when they first started the design and now they are starting construction. BM Hudock stated that during the meeting he brought up the issue of pedestrian access to the bridge and he was not satisfied with the answer. He wanted to bring up a motion and it was recommended that he do so during New Business.

With regard to the proposed CityBench site at 6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway, BM El-Yateem asked for clarification on the location. DM Beckmann stated that it would be in front of the MRI center, which requested it, and across the street from 3 Guys from Brooklyn market.

Motion: CB10 to approve the proposed CityBench site at 6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway. All in favor. Motion carried.

In the absence of Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz, Chair Kieran rendered the informational report on the Vision Zero Plan. See attached.

Chair Kieran noted that his own impression after leaving the workshops was that there was a little more flexibility than DOT, and a little more improved dialog.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Chair Hudock rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

BM Bortnick noted that Emily Lloyd resigned her job as Commissioner and he found out last week that she has been re-employed by DEP. He asked if we can find out how and why this happened. Committee Chair Hudock asked Senator Golden's representative, John Quaglione, to check on this.

CB 10 DRUG TASK FORCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT

Drug Task Force Ad-Hoc Committee on Treatment Chair Willis rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Motion to support the Committee's recommendations by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Vella-Marrone.

Motion: CB10 to support the Committee's goals to learn about local treatment options and to produce a source guide in various languages of the different available treatment options, to expand the Narcan (Naxolone) pilot project into our area, and to create a "Treatment Prescription Pad" for our community. All in favor. Motion carried.

CB10 DRUG TASK FORCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT

Drug Task Force Ad-Hoc Committee on Enforcement Chair Vella-Marrone rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

Chair Kieran noted that although the agenda noted a vote, this was an informational report only. BM El-Yateem said that he heard on the news the District Attorney will propose that if someone is caught with pot in Brooklyn they will not be prosecuted if they do not have any other open warrants. Committee Chair Vella-Marrone responded that there was a lot of frustration in the room by law enforcement personnel saying that marijuana is almost legal because of the way the trend is going and the way arrests are not going. This is causing a problem and seems to be a concern for law enforcement.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Seminara noted that during the last year we spoke about the massage parlors and if you walk around now you see more than ever. She feels like they are being accepted in our neighborhood. We had 19 arrests a year ago and she thinks it was in part because we kept hammering the DA's office about this issue. She thinks we should form a task force. Unless we continually report these things and compile lists and think of other ways to keep them at bay as much as possible, it is just going to become a fact of life in our neighborhood. If you walk around on a Friday or Saturday night, these places have the lights on and are open.

BM Ryan said that one month ago someone got into her yard and the extension outside her bedroom window. She called the police, who came but did not take it seriously. They told her the person was very intoxicated and they get this all the time where intoxicated people go onto people's properties. These kinds of things are happening so often that our police are treating them like the usual.

BM El-Yateem asked if we know what happened to the people who were arrested. DM Beckmann replied that when the District Attorney had the joint operation it was our understanding that a lot of the women arrested were referred to different counseling programs. Of the 14 locations, 12 of them remain closed today. The arrests made for operating without a license from the State carries a stronger penal weight than a prostitution charge. We have about 14 more that remain plus new ones. Chair Kieran said that maybe through the actions that led to the closings and arrests, we can do this periodically and ask the new District Attorney. BM Falutico thinks there is an architectural solution that there should be transparencies 12' deep in commercial establishments, with the exception of medical offices. DM Beckmann noted that right now there is a provision in the zoning resolution that requires a special permit for any physical cultural establishment, and all of these locations have been reported to the Department of Buildings with a letter to the Commissioner, with a news article from the local paper, and yet none of these places have been inspected. It is not working. BM Amato agrees with BM Seminara and thinks we should do something as a Board. BM Seminara thinks we should form an ad-hoc committee to bring attention to this issue and keep pressure on the Buildings Department and Department of Health. It is just not happening on any timetable that is making a difference. BM Sokoloski said we have to realize that each establishment meets the landlord's rent. These establishments can pay the landlord the rent and the landlords do not care.

Chair Kieran thinks a multi-faceted attack would be most effective. He knows personally that there are organizations that assist sex traffic victims. There is a charity in Westchester that has a safe house. If we make a phone call we can get the literature to the establishments or have the police department committed to do it; it would give anyone who is in a trapped situation some hope of escape. BM Seminara said we are not seeing a crackdown. BM Willis said that basically the way it was handled to get attention to it was that DM Beckmann would make a list and report it. The Police then send it to Vice and they will send undercovers to make the arrests. The problem is that they have to catch them in the act.

BM Seminara noted that when she was chair they had a summit meeting, and she thinks it would be good to have a committee to plan a number of actions around the issue including enforcement. DM Beckmann agreed because it involves so many different agencies, and vice operations take a very long time. She thinks the culmination of all the agencies – City, State, and the Buildings Department – is most effective. BM El-Yateem asked if these places are still closed and were there illegal issues. DM Beckmann replied that all of them had either prostitution as part of the investigation, and others were closed for not having State Department Workman's Compensation. Criminal activity has been confirmed for prostitution. BM Vella-Marrone asked if the best way to approach it is to have an ad-hoc committee that concentrates on this on a regular basis, or to have the District Office do it on a regular basis. Chair Kieran said we can try to make it a periodic thing. DM Beckmann thinks we need to call all those agencies in around one table again. BM Seminara said we should do that periodically, maybe quarterly. Motion by BM Seminara to have a periodic joint meeting with all enforcement agencies with regard to the operation of massage parlors. Motion seconded by BM El-Yateem.

Motion: CB10 to have periodic joint meetings with all enforcement agencies with regard to the operation of massage parlors. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Hudock spoke about pedestrian access to the Verrazano Bridge, which is an issue this community has been concerned about for many years. In the 1980's there were signature petitions supporting this, Marty Golden was in favor of it, and we tried to bring this to the TBTA many times. He thinks having pedestrian access would be a big benefit to this community as well as people on the Staten Island side. He made a motion that the Community Board send a letter to the TBTA and its governing authorities requesting that Community Board Ten be given an opportunity to provide input during the feasibility study that is going on right now so our community's wishes can be considered as early in the process as possible. Chair Kieran noted that there is a feasibility study that is being put in place now. DM Beckmann noted that the TBTA representative at the meeting thought that it might be premature to provide comments because the feasibility study has just been

awarded. The study has been funded and the study is to see if it can be done. That report will then be brought to the public. BM Vella-Marrone asked what the timeframe is and DM Beckmann responded that the representative thought the timeframe was about 18 months. BM Hudock said that his concern is that they have this study and they do not consult with us and then come to us and say it is not feasible. Then we do not have a chance to say anything.

BM Rasinya recommended sending this to the Traffic and Transportation Committee. Chair Kieran asked if there would be enough time. DM Beckmann replied that the feasibility study was put out to bid in October and awarded the end of December. Right now a company is working on looking to see if a bicycle lane could be put on the Verrazano Bridge; that is the plan. If we were to comment she is not sure if it is at a Committee meeting; would we invite the contractor to come to the meeting. BM Vella-Marrone asked if the representative thinks there will be public involvement, and DM Beckmann said she would inquire. BM Seminara said that we should ask to be involved. BM Bortnick said that he agrees with BM Hudock that the sooner we jump in and handle the hard questions and demand a common sense answer, we are going to force them to talk to us because otherwise we will have to wait until the last minute when the study is over and we will lose the opportunity to get this done. He would also recommend that first we find out who is in charge, approach them and invite them to a Community Board meeting; and secondly, we want to offer suggestions that we think are feasible today before the study gets further along. Chair Kieran said that maybe we should find out who has the contract, invite them to a meeting and take it from there. They can report back to us and we can let them know what we recommend or not recommend because we really do not know what is going on. BM Bortnick seconded the motion.

Motion: CB10 to draft a letter to the contractor requesting that Community Board Ten be given an opportunity to provide input during the ongoing feasibility study regarding pedestrian/bicycle access to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge so that our community's wishes can be considered as early as possible in the process. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to the family DM Beckmann spoke about who organized a community cleanup of the 76th Street Step Street in their son's memory, BM Seminara suggested sending them some type of commendation. DM Beckmann said Chair Kieran already thought of that and we said we will definitely have him come in.

BM Khatari announced that she has flyers in the back regarding updates on the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Bureau and Elder Abuse Unit. She stated that tomorrow she will go back and give our concerns about the spas in Bay Ridge.

BM Ahl noted that this October is the 50th Anniversary of the Verrazano Bridge. On the 25th Anniversary on a Sunday they closed the upper level so people were allowed to use it as a stroll. He made a motion to write a letter to our politicians asking them to approach the City and ask them to do that this October. Motion seconded by BM Khatari.

Motion: CB10 to write a letter to our elected officials asking them to approach the City and ask them to close the upper level of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to be used for a pedestrian stroll in October for the 50th Anniversary. All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Amato announced a Memorial Day Parade fundraiser on Sunday, May 4th at The Salty Dog. The raffle costs \$10 and the prize is 16 \$100 gift certificates to restaurants in Bay Ridge. She also announced that Summer Stroll is coming; July 18th and 25th, and August 8th and 15th. If there is anyone who is an artist or wants to show their goods, please see her. Finally, she noted that the pretzel store on 5th Avenue and 75th Street closed. She does not know who they were, but the pretzels were great. She encouraged people to shop local.

Motion from the floor to adjourn. With no further business, Chair Kieran adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2014

Community Board 10 Offices – 7pm

The ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés met on 28-Apr-2014. 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 Cupcake Corp located at 9102 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. The Consumer Affairs License Number is 1220615-DCA.

The applicant WAS | WAS NOT present. *Marc S Glazer*

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 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

Ronald Gross
Chair, ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

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ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn

April 1, 2014

ZALUC Committee Meeting was called to order @ 7:15 on Tuesday April 1

A quorum was met.

TOPIC #1

NYC Board of Standards and Appeals Application for Special Permit for 337 99th Street which is seeking to enlarge an existing semi-attached two story and basement dwelling in the residential zoning district R4-1/Bay Ridge District.

Presentation was made by Michael Nacmias of the office of Eric Palatnik PD

General Description:

The application proposes an increase beyond the current noncompliant floor area total. With the maximum floor area ratio allowable being .75, the current floor area ratio is 1.05 and the proposed would be 1.24.

The proposal seeks to extend the basement level and first floor to the rear, "squaring-off" the building at the rear, up to the 30' rear yard line. Although, not the subject of the application, the project also proposes the conversion from a one family dwelling to a two family dwelling.

Committee Action:

Motion was made to recommend that the full board approve the application as submitted.

Vote = All opposed, 2 abstentions (JS and DR)

Committee does not recommend approval of this application.

Discussions:

Despite the fact that the extension is in the rear, not visible from the street, observes side and rear yard requirements and does not alter the overall height of the building, the committee had concerns about the following aspects:

1. Addition of the dwelling unit is without the addition of a parking space. Committee interpretation of the parking requirements differs from the interpretation of the applicant.
2. The additional floor area requested under the Special Permit application makes the additional dwelling unit feasible. The additional dwelling unit, in this case, is not necessarily intended for a family member but rather, will be a rental unit. Therefore, although the application technically satisfies the parameters of Special Permit, it is not in alignment with the spirit of the permit which was "to allow families to grow in place."
3. The existing additional floor area already exceeds the allowable floor area and there was no substantiation from the applicant that the current extension was approved by the Dept. of Buildings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann Falutico

Committee Chair Zoning and Land Use Committee



Committee Members Attending:

Josphine Beckman

Ann Falutico

Steve Harrison

Brian Kaszuba

Susan Pulaski

Dean Rasinya

Joanne Seminara

Eleanor Schiano

Fran Vella-Marone

Chairman's Report
CB 10 Brooklyn

April 28, 2014

Welcome members, neighbors, friends and representatives,

We have been busy with community activities and issues during this past long and cold Winter. Although April has been called the cruellest month it really is a time of hope, growth and renewal. We are going to experience some growth and renewal this Spring in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights.

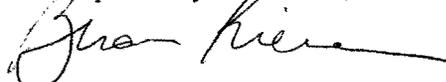
We should be hopeful about the future despite the intimidating nature of the unknown because we have proven that we can meet all challenges. The unknown here in South Brooklyn will definitely be filled with opportunities to work, learn, improve and shape a better future for our fellow and for our future citizens. We in Community Board Ten possess a clear vision of what we want for the future: cleaner and safer streets, better transportation, respect for people and property as well as development which benefits all citizens without destroying the character of the community. You ladies and gentleman are on the front line of the battle to accomplish these goals. We believe the future will be better and that a positive attitude pulls us forward to a positive outcome. We may not be able to control the future but we control our attitude toward it and a positive one has consistently helped us shape a positive future.

There is always something to do here in Community Board Ten and we manage to get the important things done with the assistance of our district office and elected officials. The Department of Transportation should begin the safety improvement project along the Fourth Avenue Corridor very soon. Meanwhile, work on the bridge entrance to the Belt Parkway at 100th Street is proceeding well with only a minor interruption of traffic, the track replacement work on the R line is continuing which will eliminate recent vibration complaints, the rehabilitation of the Montague Street subway tunnel is on "track" and Mayor DeBlasio's VisionZero promises to provide better tools to make our streets safe.

Our committees have addressed serious quality of life issues and tonight the votes on the motions presented to the board will send a message to the city about what sort of community we want in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights.

Life challenges us in many ways but these challenges are no match for the power of action, fortitude and faith ... a faith in each other, a faith in our strengths and a faith that things get better when we work together. I'm proud to be part of this little problem solving group called Community Board Ten and I'm confident that we will have a purpose filled and productive Spring.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Kieran

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DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT
APRIL 28, 2014

NEW ORGANIC RECYCLING – began in community Board Ten today. The District Office has fielded many phone calls with questions and comments. While most comments are positive.. there are some concerns about the cost and difficulty in finding new composting bags. We have learned of some stores selling if you have any questions please contact the District office.

Sanitation will include all single family homes and apartment buildings under 10 residential units in the pilot area. These home in the neighborhood south of 74th Street to 101st Street from Shore Road to 7th Avenue should have already received a free “starter kit” including an outdoor organics bin, an indoor kitchen collector, and detailed information on how to participate. Sanitation will collect the material once a week, on the local recycling day. Residents can set out food and yard waste in the brown bin, and can set out extra yard waste in paper bags or other unlined bins.

SCAMS – Pay attention.. we have heard about many scams taking place right here in our community and they are happening to people we know and care about and I cannot reinforce how important it is to be cautious, attentive and alert. BM Rhea McCone gave me permission to let you all know that she was scammed when her home Verizon landline was forwarded to a strange number and the individuals gained access to her bank account that was linked to pay her Verizon Account. Additionally, the individual opened up a Pay Pal type of account under her Social Security Number and made over 1300 worth of charges.

GREEN DOT SCAM continues and it is important to get the word out as we heard of a merchant who we at the District Office are friendly with was called by a person he believed to be a representative from Con Edison. He immediately paid the outstanding charges of \$1,500 not once but twice when they called back to state that they had not received the first payment. Local investigations have not been successful adding to the frustration of those victimized.

On Saturday, April 26th Bay Ridge resident Bert Halliday organized a community clean up of the 76th Street Step Street and surrounding area in memory of his 19 year old son who died from cancer a few months ago. As many of you know, this location is listed as a top priority in our Capital Request list for complete refurbishment and was submitted to the Department of Transportation for future project. The clean up and maintenance of this area in memory of a local community resident is beautiful and I wanted to share with all of you!

I joined the High School of Telecommunications for their community clean up on Sunday, April 27th. Nearly 40 students were present and did a fine job organized by Katrina Vogel with dedicated teachers, neighbors and new principal Xhenete Shephard to clean up sections of Leif Ericson Park as well as the streets surrounding Telecomm 67th Street, Senator Street and Bay Ridge Avenue from 3rd to 4th Avenues.

Thank you to those Community Board Ten members who came out to honor the first Chair of Community Board Charles Ahl – father of our Treasurer Greg Ahl.. it was a beautiful ceremony – arranged by Council Member Gentile and his staff. It was truly touching ceremony and nice to meet former Community Board Ten members, staff and members of the Ahl family.

12th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 74th Street has been the site of recurring cave-ins and depressions. After many appeals and complaints filed by our office.. DEP has informed our office that they will be conducted a inspection of the sewer line in this area. I will keep you apprised of their findings. In addition, we have also filed recurring complaints about 13th Avenue from Bay Ridge Parkway to 76th Street and were told by DEP that nothing further is warranted as it relates to sewer work at this site – and DOT completed a center strip pavement. Since this time we have received more complaints from area residents and have once again asked for a reinspection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

68 Precinct has a new commanding officer Captain Raymond Festino. I had the pleasure of meeting him at the recent 68 Precinct Community Council.

NYPD 2014 Community Career Day will take place Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 11am to 4pm at Lafayette High School 2630 Benson Avenue.

FIVE BOROUGH BIKE TOUR is this Saturday, May 4, 2014 – if you plan on travelling please take note check our website for street and highway closures.

DYCD Summer Youth Employment deadline has been extended to May 2, 2014 – if you know any young persons age 14 to 24 please make sure they go to NYC.gov/dycd to complete an online application.

Bay Ridge Norwegian Day Parade

Sunday, May 18, 2014 - Steps off at 80th Street and Third Avenue at 1:30 PM, rain or shine, and proceeds along Third Avenue, turns right at Bay Ridge Ave (69th street) up to Fifth Avenue, makes a left onto Fifth Avenue, marching along Fifth Avenue to 67 Street, makes a right on 67 Street - marching along the park up to the reviewing stand between 6th and 7th Avenues.

E-Waste Recycling Event -Lower East Side Ecology Center presents a FREE E-Waste Recycling Event on Sunday, May 4th, 10AM-4PM - rain or shine. Drop Off Site: Poly Prep Country Day School, 7th Avenue at Baseball Field South of 92nd Street.

Fort Hamilton Army Garrison Gate Closure -Fort Hamilton 101st Street gate will be closed from April 20 to May 19 for construction.

NYC Department of Sanitation annual SAFE Disposal Events for NYC residents with a one-stop method to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. NYC residents should bring products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, oils, electronics, and medications to this year's SAFE Disposal Events – Brooklyn event is Sunday May 4th McCarren Park Bedford Avenue N. 12th Street.

Weekend closure to the W/B entrance ramp to the Gowanus Expressway at 3rd Avenue and 61st Street began on Friday April 25, 2014 and will last until September 30, 2014. 9:00 PM Friday continuously to 1:00 PM Monday; Monday to Thursday weeknights from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM Detour – to alternate southbound BQE entrances -along 4th Avenue to Bay Ridge Parkway to 7th Avenue entrance or 4th Avenue to 92nd Street entrance.

20th Annual Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest – sponsored by Brooklyn Botanic Gardens Green Bridge Program and Borough President Eric Adams- competition free to enter –deadline is June 1, 2014 – info will be on our website.

5th Avenue Bay Ridge SAW – Fifth Annual Storefront Art Walk – May 17th through June 28th.

STREET RENAMING for the late Fire fighter Michael Behette will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 11am at the corner of 5th Avenue at 85th Street.

Next meeting of Community Board Ten will take place on Monday, May 19th – 7:15pm at the Norwegian Christian Home 1250 67th 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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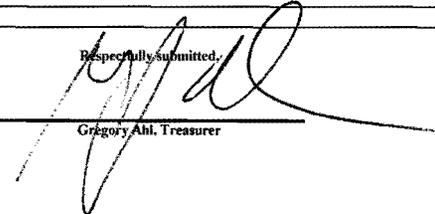
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,902.49	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36				
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,480.22	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84				
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	\$1,380.80	\$1,380.80				
Total Personal Services	\$18,970.63	\$21,705.00	\$14,470.00	\$14,470.00	\$14,470.00	\$14,470.00	\$21,705.00	\$14,470.00	\$14,470.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$149,200.63

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	200.79	201.36				
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		150.00				
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	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	28.70	28.34				
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	160.00	160.00				
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance													
676	Awning													
Total Other than Personal Services		\$410.18	\$728.66	\$578.11	\$1,114.88	\$652.88	\$691.69	\$650.99	\$582.90	\$733.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	19,380.81	22,433.66	15,048.11	15,584.88	15,122.88	15,161.69	22,356.99	15,052.90	15,203.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	155,344.03
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TOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE													\$51,550.97
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Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Ahl, Treasurer

**Community Board Ten
Police and Public Safety Committee
April 23, 2014**

The Police and Public Safety Committee met in quorum on April 23, 2014. The meeting commenced at 7:10 PM.

The meeting began with a presentation from a representative of the NYC Family Justice Centers, Alice Hawke, Esq. The Family Justice Centers are walk-in centers for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking. There is presently a location in every borough except for Staten Island. However, there will be one in Staten Island in the near future. They provide case management, counseling and legal services. NYPD domestic violence officers and prosecutors from the District Attorney's Office are also at the centers. All services are free of charge. The Brooklyn Center is located within the offices of the Brooklyn District Attorney. They service 1800 clients per month. Literature providing additional information was given to the committee and the Community Board office for distribution.

Corporate Change Application for 8402-8404 Corp. d/b/a Blue Zoo Lounge, 8402 3rd Avenue

This is a corporate change application. The current owner, Patrick DeFilippo is selling his entire interest in the business to two individuals, Gabriel Olivera and Jigar Patel. Mr. DeFilippo anticipates staying involved in the business in a managerial and advisory capacity. The establishment has a maximum occupancy of 74 with 12 tables with 24 seats, one bar with 15 seats. Hours of operation are 6:00 PM – 1:30 AM Monday – Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM Thursday and 6:00 PM – 3:00 AM Friday – Saturday. There will be recorded music. The location has been the Blue Zoo Lounge for 18 years and the applicant states that they intend to continue to operate in the same fashion as it has in the past. The only change is that they will serve additional food items and coffee selections. There is no adverse history. There was one complaint logged with the Community Board office from a resident on 84 Street between Ridge Boulevard and 3rd Avenue that was a more general complaint that could not necessarily be attributed to this establishment. No one from the public was present to speak on the matter. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

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Police and Public Safety Committee
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New SLA On Premise License Application for Leif Bar Inc., d/b/a The Leif, 6725 5th Avenue

The application is for a new liquor license. This is the former location of the Corner Kitchen. However, prior to that it was The Leif for many years. The applicants worked at the establishment when it was The Leif for 20 years and want to operate as they did in the past. The establishment has a maximum occupancy of 70 with 14 tables and 54 seats, one bar with 16 seats. Outdoor space has 4 tables and 8 seats. The hours of operation are 12:00 PM – 4:00 AM seven days per week. The side yard hours will be 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM Sunday – Thursday and 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM Friday and Saturday. There will be recorded background music. There is no adverse history. There was one member of the public who was present and his concern was that they run a successful business and remain operating because in recent years the business model at that location has failed and he wants to see them succeed. There were other members of the public present who were there in support of the application. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

New SLA On Premise License Application for Empire KTV 88 Inc., d/b/a Crown KTV, 848 64th Street

On January 27, 2014 Community Board Ten voted to support a new SLA On Premise License for this establishment with a very long list of stipulations and after much debate. Only three months later, there is now a new application with a new owner. The most recent adverse history pertaining to this location dating from the last application approval of January 27, 2014 to the date of the committee meeting are as follows: February 2, 2014 – 2 SLA violations for Possession of Controlled Substance on Premise; February 4, 2014 – 2 SLA Violations of Controlled Substance on premise; March 9, 2014 – 2 SLA Charges failure to comply with applicable health, safety and government regulations; April 22, 2014 2 SLA Violations Issued for Possession of Controlled Substance on Premise. The 68 Pct. conducted a March Operation on March 8, 2014 and yielded 7 SLA forms. Year to date there have been 8 arrests for Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance at the location. There were 3 remaining charges with the SLA from 2011 which yielded a penalty of \$5,000.00 that was due to be paid on April 23, 2014 the date of the committee meeting and at the time of the meeting, the penalty had yet to be paid. If it is not paid, the penalty will be cancellation of the license.

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The questionnaire and documentation presented by the applicant to the committee was incomplete and had many inconsistencies and errors. The applicant was not present but rather sent a representative from ABC License. When inquiry was made regarding the applicant's experience, the ABC License representative stated that the applicant has five years of experience in the restaurant business. The applicant has no experience in running a large Karaoke Bar or any establishment of this type and since the applicant was not present, the committee was unable to question the applicant. The representative from ABC License stated that he wanted to withdraw the notice of application and come back at a later date. The committee chair informed the representative that if the applicant wished to withdraw, it would have to be done in writing but that the committee would proceed to vote on the matter before it. It was the consensus of the committee that the long adverse history of this location combined with the lack of experience of the applicant was cause for disapproval. The committee voted unanimously to disapprove the application.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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

COMMUNITY BOARD 10
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR APRIL 28, 2014

The Community Board 10 Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum at district headquarters during the evening of April 24, 2014.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by MTA Bridges and Tunnels about upcoming work on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge ramps.

MTA has awarded an \$84.3 million contract of 33-months duration to El Sol Contracting. Work will commence in mid-2014 with a 2017 projected completion date.

The project scope entails:

1. Demolition of the existing ramps from the Belt Parkway to the upper and lower bridge levels.
2. Construction of replacement ramps with a different alignment.
3. Construction of a new Bus/HOV ramp linking the upper bridge level with the Gowanus Expressway at 92nd Street. This will effect a continuous Bus/HOV lane from Richmond Avenue, Staten Island to the Battery/Carey Tunnel in Brooklyn.

With respect to traffic management, all lanes will remain open except for some nighttime closures of the ramps to and from the Belt Parkway.

The park on Fort Hamilton Parkway and the Fort Hamilton Senior Center will be safed-off when construction occurs in those area.

The work staging area for the contractor will be situated under the bridge ramps east of Fort Hamilton Parkway.

In that same area during the daytime, the contractor will also drill 600 piles for foundations for the new ramps.

The drilling of piles will be less noisy than the traditional pounding with pile drivers.

All work will comply with the NYC Noise code and other paint removal work at the higher ramps will comply with environmental regulations.

The work regular day is 7AM to 3:30PM Monday through Friday

This project requires inter-agency coordination between NYC-DOT, NYS-DOT, NYC-DEP, NYC-DPR, USA-FHAB and MTA B&T.

The project will not effect MTA local or express bus services.

The contract has bonus and penalty provisions.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels has other related projects underway or planned for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge:

- Staten Island Toll Plaza and expressway approach (completion 2015)
- Reconfiguration of the upper deck to seven lanes for Bus/HOV lane
- Repairs to structural columns and bents of ramps east of Fort Hamilton Parkway

Patricia Ryan, a 32-year resident of 9962 Fort Hamilton Parkway produced photos of the small contractor sign and large trucks on Fort Hamilton Parkway and exiting the staging area.

She reported trucks have remained idling at the entrance at 4:30AM and trucks have sideswiped parked vehicles on Fort Hamilton Parkway.

She also speculated that the trucks damage the underground utility lines.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels requested that Ms Ryan maintain a dialog about such incidents with bridge operations staff, the project resident engineer, MTA Bridges and Tunnels Community Liaison and Community Board 10 district office.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will consider the suggestion of committee member Stelter that a larger informational project sign be erected.

Ms Ryan inquired of noise monitors and complained of a fine dust that has settled at her home, on cars and in the vicinity which has aggravated asthma rates.

District Manager Beckmann noted NYC-DEP enforces the NYC Noise Code and the 68th Precinct has a noise monitoring device.

William McCann of MTA Bridges and Tunnels that a "dust separator" is on site for on-going paint removal projects. During these projects, the contractor must encapsulate the work areas and spray with water. No manufacturing concrete components occurs in these areas.

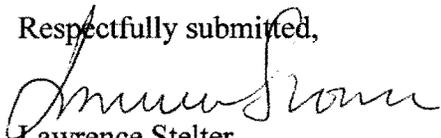
The second item of business concerned the proposal by NYC-DOT for a curbside CityBench at 6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway.

The district office has received no complaints and the Board of Trade has no objections.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of placing the CityBench at 6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway.

NYC-DOT will install the bench shortly after May 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence Stelter,
Acting Chair,
Traffic and Transportation Committee

Vision Zero Town Hall and Workshop Updates

On April 1, Borough President Adams hosted a Town Hall. The members of the City Council Transportation Committee, Brooklyn Council members, other elected officials, Commissioner Trotenberg, Chief Chan and many other representatives of the DOT, NYPD and the Taxi and Limousine Commission were in attendance. The town hall was very well attended. There were no seats, stadnig room only. Also in attendance from CB10 were Alan Bortnick and Jean Ryan.

After a very lengthy presentation by the agencies and elected officials, the public gave comment for more than one and a half hours. Comments were in support of Vision Zero.

One speaker suggested using the "broken windows" approach to enforcement. A street with litter, graffiti and broken windows is likely to be a crime ridden street. If we started enforcement at the lowest level, it would trickle up. Cars parked on sidewalks, blocking crosswalks and hydrants should be ticketed. This parking behavior demonstrates a sense of entitlement. The same drivers will demonstrate that entitlement on the road and run lights and fail to yield to pedestrians.

Others expressed concern that if a 30 mph speed limit cannot be enforced, how and a 25 or 20 mph speed limit be enforced.

I recommended the hiring of more traffic control and agents and school crossing guards, something CB10 has supported.

On April 24, I attended the Vision Zero workshop at Plymouth Church in downtown Brooklyn. CB10 chair Brian Kieran also attended. It was a very different format. In addition to the Borough Commissioner, there were deputy commissioners many many DOT staff. The NYPD was also well represented including an officer from the 68th precinct.

The attendees were escorted to tables with a DOT presenter, a DOT staffer taking notes and an officer of the NYPD. The presenter, Dan Wagner, went through the basic concepts of Vision Zero with statistics for Brooklyn. Vision Zero is a 10 year project with the goal of reducing traffic fatalities every year. There are 50 safety projects in the plan. Drivers are responsible for 2/3 of all accidents. Sixty percent of all accidents are on arterial/busy streets. Two thirds of all accidents occur in the intersection, a statistic familiar to us from the 4th Avenue presentation.

I made two suggestions, an increase in the number of traffic control agents and crossing guards, and the regular placement of "speed boards". A speed board was placed on 4th Avenue in the 80's some months ago. A speed board shows the speed at which a driver is traveling. If one car slows down, it will slow down other cars. The DOT does not have many speed boards. One of Vision Zero's recommendations is to double the number of speed boards. Doubling is probably not enough.

Another panelist suggested that timed lights be 2-3 mph lower than the speed limit.

Again, panelists were concerned about the ability to enforce any speed limits.

There was also concern about truck traffic.

After the table discussion, panelists were welcome to go to a map and place stickers indicating problems such as speeding, double parking, failure to yield, poor lighting. I was tempted to place a failure to yield sticker at every intersection on 4th Avenue.]

[I asked if these maps would be available on the DOT website and was assured that they would be, but as of today, they are not on the DOT website. Also, the table presentation is not on the website and it had a lot of interesting information.

As of today, three Arterial Speed Zones have been established, Atlantic Avenue, McGuinness-Humbolt and the Grand Concourse. No one could explain how these sites were chosen and what defines an "Arterial Roadway"

Vision Zero has close to thirty "Safety Improvements" and "City Actions".

I have asked DM Beckmann to post the Vision Zero plan on CB10's website.

Respectfully submitted,



Doris N. Cruz

Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

Community Board 10 Environmental Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob HuDock - Chair
April 10th, 2014

The Environmental Committee met on Wednesday, April 9th.

We hosted a presentation by Department of Sanitation Assistant Commissioner Vincent Sapienza, who presented an update on the situation at the **Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Plant**:

- New Superintendent Andy Kittel. We have his number.
- The plant took a big hit during Sandy.
- Digestion area was flooded and major equipment had to be refurbished.
- Increased odor complaints during repair period, Nov '12 – Jan '13.
- The NY Power Authority is installing equipment to enable the plant to burn more self-generated methane.
- This system will allow the plant to generate almost all of its own electricity on-site.
- Work is to be completed in the next few months – expect a “decent summer.”
- Flood-proofing and storm-hardening is planned in order to deal w future storms.
- There is capital funding available to address depressions along the promenade.
- Operations Challenge April 30th 9-noon. Teams will compete in to address operational emergencies. Open to public. ^{WEDS}

Next we had a presentation by Tom Bowers, Construction Manager at the **Siphon Project**:

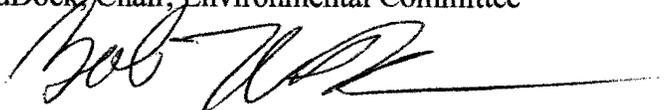
- The siphon project will supplement the 2 existing tunnels bringing water to Staten Island.
- The partially finished tunnel was flooded during Sandy.
- Caterpillar mining division which built the drilling machine went out of business, which necessitated a new drilling company be found to provide a replacement machine.
- The project is now 18 months behind schedule but back on track.
- No work in Bay Ridge this summer. Work will begin in Jan '15 w installation of a 96" riser pipe.
- After tie-ins at 86th and 79th Streets, work is scheduled to be completed in May '15.
- Purpose of the new pipe is to allow deeper dredging of the harbor to accommodate Panamax ships.

Other News:

- City Council introduced a bill to impose a 10 cent surcharge on plastic bags.
- Telecommunications HS held a cleanup at the park across from school w equipment donated by the Parks and Sanitation Depts. The students have a PPT presentation they would like to share with the committee after the event. Bob and Josephine attended.
- CM Gentile has introduced a bill reducing the take-away time for clothing bins following a complaint from 30 days to 3 days.
- We will work with Xaverian Genesis Robotics club for an electronics recycling event in the fall, date TBD.
- Chemical/ paint "Safe Disposal" event McCarren Park, Sunday May 4th.
- DSNY to do outreach to large apartment buildings regarding organic recycling.
- Organic Recycling is VOLUNTARY however I encourage all board members to set a good example by participating in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob HuDock, Chair, Environmental Committee



MEETING OF DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON TREATMENT

Community Board 10 Brooklyn

Date: April 10, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Called to Order: 7:20 p.m.

Place: District Office, 8119 5th Avenue, Brooklyn , NY 11209

Quorum: N/A - Informational

This was an informational meeting to discuss the Committee's goals and ideals and to develop the Committee's plan of action.

The goal of the committee is to learn about local treatment options and to produce a resource guide in various languages of the different available treatment options, and to expand the Narcan (Naxolone) pilot project into our area.

The Meeting was well attended by Board Members, members of the public, and invited guests from local treatment programs and facilities.

The invited guests discussed the treatment options provided by their various programs, the age groups to which they offered their services, and their shared observations of the growing trend of opiate abuse in Brooklyn (including prescription drugs such as OxyCotin and Percocet, and illegal drugs, such as heroin).

The following invited guests spoke:

William Fusco of Dynamic Youth Community. Dynamic Youth has locations on Coney Island Avenue and in Upstate New York, offering an in-patient step-down program for treatment of adolescents and young adults, and weekly support meetings for family members. Mr. Fusco estimated that at present, approximately 95% of the people in treatment with Dynamic Youth were being treated for opiate abuse, and of that number 69% were dependent on heroin, demonstrating a 17% percent heroin dependency increase from 2012.

Steven Sulzer of Bridge Back to Life. Bridge Back to Life has outpatient facilities for ages 13 and up, located in Downtown Brooklyn and Brighton Beach. He stated that treatment for most of the younger people in this program was for marijuana use.

Jo Venturelli and Sloveig Simonsen-McLoughlin of Seafield. Seafield has detox and in-patient facilities in Westhampton Beach and outpatient facilities and sober houses throughout Long Island, specializing in treatment of young adults. Jo Venturelli shared her idea and experience of producing a "Treatment Prescription Pad", consisting of a pad of tear-off sheets, with a list of available treatment resources, which she distributed to the local Police Department, doctor's offices and hospitals, as a quick and easy way to give people the contact information of available local treatment programs. The Committee thought this was a great idea, and discussed the creation of a "Treatment Prescription Pad" for our community should be added to our plan of action.

MEETING OF DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON TREATMENT

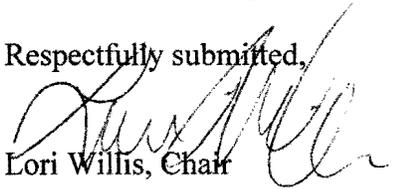
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Donna Mae DiPaola of The Resource Training and Counseling Center. The Resource Center offers walk-in service and out-patient treatment and detoxification, for individuals 13 and up. Ms. DiPaola also spoke about Resource Training's Drug Overdose Awareness ("DOA") program for training on the administration of Narcan/Naxalone, an emergency drug which can reverse the effects of opiates in the event of an overdose. This program is free and open to the public, but primarily intended for providers and family members and friends of individuals who have a history of opiate abuse, in order to not only teach how to administer Narcan, but how to recognize an overdose, respond to an overdose, and provide aftercare.

Inasmuch as the Meeting was informational, there was no vote, but the Committee obtained much valuable information to include in its treatment resource guide, and added the creation of the "Treatment Prescription Pad" to its intended plan of action.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Willis, Chair

Board Members in Attendance:

Josephine Beckmann, District Manager
Lori Willis, Subcommittee Chair & Chair -Senior Issues, Housing and Welfare
Sandy Vallas, Chair - Youth Services, Education & Libraries
Katherian Khatari, Board Member
Mary Nolan, Board Member
Dr. Hasam Rimawi, Board Member
Jean Ryan, Board Member

Invited Guests in Attendance:

Murad Aurawdeh, Sunset Park resident
Bill Fusco, Dynamic Youth Community
Steven Sulzer, Director of Provider Relations, Bridge Back to Life Center, Inc.
William A. Fusco, Executive Director, Dynamic Youth Community, Inc.
Donna Mae DePaola, Director, Resource Counseling Center, Inc.
Sloveig Simonsen-McLoughlin, Assessment Therapist, Seafield
Jo Venturelli, Regional Director of Business Development, Seafield

Others in Attendance:

Murad Aurawdeh, Sunset Park resident

**Community Board Ten
Drug Abuse Task Force Ad-Hoc Committee on Enforcement
April 16, 2014**

The Community Board Ten Drug Abuse Task Force Ad-Hoc Committee on Enforcement met for its first meeting on April 16, 2014. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

In addition to community board members who have asked to serve on this committee, the others in attendance were Joe Piraino and Gloria Rios of the office of the Brooklyn District Attorney, 68 Pct Commander Capt. Raymond Festino, Lt. Gulotta of the 68 Pct. and Lt. Camobell and Det. Sosinski of the NYPD Brooklyn South Narcotics.

A discussion ensued regarding the history of Drug Abuse in the communities within Community Board Ten and the decision of Community Board Ten to move forward with a three prong approach focusing on enforcement, education and treatment via three ad hoc committees mirroring these concentrations.

The representative of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office spoke of the good working relationship that they have with Community Board Ten with regard to reporting drug activity including the use of the hotline phone number. They also stated that the District Attorney's Office has a prescription drug Take Back Box at its disposal that could be used by the community to dispose of unused and unwanted prescription drugs. They suggested that the 68 Pct. may want to host it.

Capt. Festino stated that the 68 Pct. would be willing to host the Take Back Box on a regular basis and agreed to work with the District Attorney's to coordinate this effort. He also spoke about working with the narcotics division with regard to drug activity.

There was a discussion with regard to anonymous reporting of drug activity as some residents fear reprisal from perpetrators. The NYPD agreed to work with the Community Board and the District Attorney's Office in relation to this type of reporting.

The representatives from the NYPD Narcotics talked about how they proceed with regard to arrests. They asked that if anyone sees anything they suspect as drug activity to provide as much information to the police as possible. They look forward to working with the Community Board and the community as a whole.

A discussion regarding the importance of reporting drug activity to 911 and 311 took place. This is important for the purposes of data that will translate into manpower as well as proceeding with arrests.

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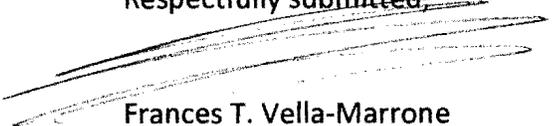
The representatives of the NYPD and the DA all talked about the fact that many that they arrest and convict avoid jail time because the judicial system tends to recommend a drug treatment program over incarceration. Although everyone thinks that drug treatment is important, these individuals who are repeat offenders and are involved with the sale of narcotics know how to game the system. They know what to say in court and how the system works so that they get drug treatment as opposed to incarceration and are out on the street within days back to their illegal activity. Judges are proceeding with drug treatment over the recommendation of the District Attorney in many cases. The NYPD and the DA believe this is occurring due to the change in NYS legislation which took place in recent years giving judges more leeway in sentencing.

The Ad Hoc committee agreed to research the matter and then address the concerns to our state elected officials asking that there be a change in state law to stop the abuse of the system in order to prevent recidivism.

The committee will also follow-up with the 68 Pct. and the DA's office with regard to the Take Back Box.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances T. Vella-Marrone
Chairwoman
Ad-Hoc Committee on Enforcement

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Nico Nadia Restaurant Corp., d/b/a India Passage, 7407 3 rd Avenue	4/21/14	Corporate Change
Dari Mediterranean Corp., 8518 3 rd Avenue	4/23/14	500 ⁺ Hearing
American Golf Corp., d/b/a Dyker Beach Park Golf Course, 7 th Avenue & 86 th Street	4/24/14	Renewal
Candela Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Red Oak, 8305 3 rd Avenue	4/28/14	Renewal