

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Norwegian Christian Home**  
**Monday, May 19, 2014 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 34

Greg Ahl  
Liz Amato  
Allen Bortnick  
Jaynemie Capetanakis  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Shirley Chin  
Judith Collins  
Ida D'Amelio  
Khader El-Yateem  
Michael Festa  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Stephen Harrison  
Robert Hudock  
June Johnson  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kaszuba  
Katherine Khatari  
Brian Kieran  
Stella Kokolis  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Mary Nolan  
Susan Pulaski  
Dean Rasinya  
Husam Rimawi  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Linda Sarsour  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Lawrence Stelter  
Sandy Vallas  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 8

Doris Cruz  
Ann Falutico  
Ronald Gross  
Rhea McCone  
Mary Quinones  
Dilia Schack  
Joanne Seminara  
Lori Willis

Board Members Absent: 4

Anna DeMetz  
Luigi Lobuglio  
Adil Oualim  
Tony Wu  
Jonathan Yedin

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

## COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**May 19, 2014 – Norwegian Christian Home**  
**MINUTES**

Chair Kieran called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and invited Frankie Marra, legendary musician, community activist, and President of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

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

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the April 28, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Grimaldi, seconded by BM Johnson. Minutes adopted as written.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Linda Lupia from Assembly Member Alec Brook-Krasny's office announced that the Assemblyman introduced a bill that would direct the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse to create a public awareness and educational program on the dangers and costs of heroin use, and allocate the funds necessary for such program. With heroin addiction reaching epidemic levels throughout the State, it is critical for New York State to use every possible tool at its disposal to focus on its impact on the lives of users and their loved ones. One of those crucial tools is Public Service announcements (PSAs) that will retain viewer attention and can be easily reproduced and transmitted through social media. It is going to be based on the Montana Meth Project. This legislation requires OASAS to use a similar approach to highlight the dangers of heroin use in New York. This bill is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Kevin Parker.

Jill Maxwell, an attorney from the Department of Consumer Affairs' new Paid Sick Leave Division, spoke about the Paid Sick Leave Law that went into effect April 1, 2014. In general, if you work for an employer who has five or more employees you are entitled to receive paid sick leave under this act. If your employer has one to four employees, it is unpaid sick leave. Domestic workers are also entitled to leave but it is on a slightly different system. The law covers all types of employees and she encouraged people to go to their website [nyc.gov/paidsickleave](http://nyc.gov/paidsickleave) to find out more about the specifics. Sick leave is accrued on the basis of one hour for every 30 hours worked. You are not entitled to use the leave until you have worked for the employer for 120 days or July 30<sup>th</sup> which is 120 days from April 1<sup>st</sup> when the law went into effect. On May 1<sup>st</sup> employers were required to give a Notice of Employee Rights under the act. Sick leave can be used for a broad range of purposes all related to medical necessities. The Department of Consumer Affairs is now doing an outreach trying to educate as many people as possible so there is compliance with the law and no confusion. If you are interested in setting up training, contact the DCA by either calling 311 or visiting their website.

Andrew Gounardes from the Borough President's office announced that the Greenest Block competition is open again this year sponsored by the Borough President's office and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. The deadline is Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and the website is [bbg.org/greenestblock](http://bbg.org/greenestblock). On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Brooklyn Day, Piers 2 through 5 at Brooklyn Bridge Park are opening. It will be a full day of celebration, events and activities for kids. He reminded everyone that their Constituent Service Center is open at Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM, 718-802-3777, if you have any concerns or issues.

One thing that Borough President Adams is looking at is using sports as a vehicle to help combat youth delinquency. As part of that initiative, he invited all the sports commissioners and coaches throughout the borough to have a meet and greet at Borough Hall. As a result of that, they are asking anyone involved in sports across the borough to send Borough Hall reports if the field they play on is not maintained or if there are issues with the field.

The Borough President has also convened a Renewable and Sustainable Energy Task Force for the borough of Brooklyn. The goal is to put together a road map for the future of renewable and sustainable energy across the borough. Brooklyn is the fourth largest city in the country. A lot is happening at the City and State level, but they want to focus on this at the borough level because Brooklyn is so huge.

Andrew announced a Brooklyn Volunteer Fair on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Park Slope Armory with 100 organizations. He asked anyone interested in participating in that event to email [specialevents@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:specialevents@brooklynbp.nyc.gov). Finally, he announced that the Historical Society is having its next meeting, which is on Coney Island, this Wednesday, 7:30 PM at Shore Hill. They are having their first Oratorical Competition on June 18<sup>th</sup> and the first prize is \$250.

John Quaglione from Senator Golden's office announced the Concerts in the Park begin on July 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be yoga in the park beginning on June 3<sup>rd</sup> sponsored by the Senator and Assemblywoman Malliotakis. On July 12<sup>th</sup> the Wounded Warrior Soft Ball Team will be coming to Bay Ridge, for their first trip to New York City. They will be at the field near Xaverian at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, which will be a celebrity game. Finally, he announced that the Senate passed a bill last week increasing penalties for leaving the scene of an accident. This bill passed in the Senate last year however it stalled in the Assembly. He encouraged everyone to contact their Assembly Member to ask them to pass this bill.

Council Member Vincent Gentile noted that on Saturday the Viking Fest was held at Owls Head Park, where they honored George Jenson from the Norwegian Christian Home, and Sunday was the Norwegian Day Parade. Bay Ridge is the only community left in our City that has a Norwegian Day Parade. The Councilman said that as we mourned the death of Maureen Stramka this weekend, we also took time out to unveil "Firefighter Michael G. Behette 9/11 Memorial Way" on 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Saturday.

The Councilman was excited to announce that the Police Department will be giving us a third surveillance camera. They are going to evaluate locations and will make a decision in a couple of weeks. They are considering five locations: 84<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bay Ridge Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bay Ridge Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are currently two cameras up. One thing they will be talking about tomorrow in City Council is funding in the budget for 1,000 more police officers, which would add 13-15 more police officers in the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Councilman Gentile announced that he has joined forces with the Public Advocate and several other Council Members in promoting the Campus Safety Act, which is a series of things we would do to make students safer through education and preventing sexual assaults on campus, and to make colleges more responsible in dealing with these assaults. The Public Advocate has come up with a series of reforms which he has signed on to. He hopes to use his background and experience as a prosecutor to help get the Campus Safety Act passed.

Finally, with regard to new appointments to Community Board Ten, the Councilman said that he is on the queue to meet with the Borough President, so once that is done they will announce appointments.

BM Johnson asked the Councilman if there is anything we can do to have NYPD seriously consider a camera on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the 70's. The Councilman said that their response to him was that those locations have been looked at but it is not possible because of the tree cover. BM Johnson asked about possibly pruning the trees. The Councilman said that their response to him was that NYPD does not trim trees. It takes multiple agencies to make a decision, and he will make sure we get that kind of decision. It seems to him that this is not an insurmountable problem; if we need a second pole we will put one up. BM Bortnick thinks all they have to do is add an extension to an existing pole.

Liam McCabe from Congressman Grimm's office spoke about prescription drug abuse in our community. This issue is not only on the legislative level, but on the community level. We will have to stay on this issue

continuously. If anyone knows someone in trouble, he suggests they reach out to his office and they will provide them with information.

Nicholas Chamberas from Assembly Member Malliotakis' office noted that on May 8<sup>th</sup> the Assemblywoman along with Senator Golden met with religious community leaders and residents at St. Anselm's regarding the vibrations of the R train. This is a serious cause of concern and time is of the essence, so Assembly Member Malliotakis has reached out to the MTA urging them to review what is going on, take safeguards, and look into compensating owners whose property has been damaged.

He then noted that the "Green Dot" money scam is still prevalent in Southwest Brooklyn. He urged everyone to spread the word and to contact the Precinct immediately if they are contacted. Yesterday was a great Norwegian Day Parade and he is happy that this tradition still continues in Bay Ridge. He invited everyone to the Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jorge Muniz from Council Member Menchaca's office noted that their office will be relocating next week to 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He announced that Councilman Menchaca and Councilman Brad Lander are co-hosting a forum to discuss segregation in public schooling on June 5<sup>th</sup> at John Jay High School. Finally, he noted that one big issue the Councilman has been very active on is a resolution he issued to have speed cameras near school zones be in operation at all hours, 24 hours a day, and not just during school hours.

John Mancuso from the Public Advocate's office introduced Chief of Staff Laura Acosta. Their office handles major issues with City agencies and he encouraged anyone having a problem with a City agency to contact their Constituent Services Unit. He noted people can sign up to join their mailing list. He asked anyone who has ideas on what they should be working on to please let them know. They have been running a series of Town Hall meetings with two more to be held in Staten Island at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Bayliss Avenue. Finally, he noted they have launched a series called "Talk to Tish" which will be here in Brooklyn sometime in July or August.

Donna Mae DePola, President and CEO of the Resource Training and Counseling Center on 39<sup>th</sup> Street in Sunset Park, said they have been open 20 years as a training facility and three years ago opened an outpatient substance abuse facility in Sunset Park. She has been involved in the community for many years, was one of the founders of BRAVO and co-founder of Bensonhurst Volunteer Ambulance. Two months ago she was approached by DM Beckmann and Dr. Rimawi about the urgent need for something to be done about substance abuse that is killing our youth in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park and Dyker Heights. She proudly announced that they are about to open their first office in Bay Ridge on 77<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and will take possession on June 1<sup>st</sup>. She extended her sincere thanks to DM Beckmann, Dr. Rimawi, Dr. Jabar, Pastor El-Yateem, Larry Morrish and Jack Malone. She appealed to everyone to be together on this issue; help the kids and be there for them. She has been a member of Community Board Seven for the past eight years and now she would like to be part of Community Board Ten since she is a Bay Ridge resident.

June Johnson noted that Saturday was "It's My Park Day" at Owls Head Park. They had so many volunteers working, and she hopes that they will have as many volunteers at "It's My Park Day" on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM at the Narrows Botanical Gardens. She urged anyone with young teenagers to encourage them to go see the beautiful park and everything it has to offer, and to volunteer that day.

Allen Bortnick spoke about voting, noting that this year we are going to have an extremely critical election. Geographically Brooklyn is one-half of the district and has a huge number of registered voters. The problem is that not enough of them come out to vote. He asked everyone to start talking to neighbors and even help bring them out to vote in November. He began to speak about current and former elected officials to which BM Johnson objected saying this is not the place for this type of speech.

Bob Hudock spoke about the Owls Head Connector at the southwest corner of Owls Head Park. He thanked everyone on the Community Board for helping to bring the changes to that very dangerous intersection, and

especially DM Beckmann for keeping it on DOT's radar. The second topic he spoke about was charter schools, which were originally intended to bring choice to parents who are in failing school districts. A lot of charter schools have helped to bring about reforms, but the way they have been implemented City-wide has started to leave that mission behind. They really are public schools; they get public resources and are in a position now where they are competing for these resources. There was a hearing at City Council two weeks ago on charter schools and he passed along some information. Co-locations are when they move a charter school into a school building, and frequently there is not enough room so the public school loses all their resource space - the art room, music room, library. Another problem is that charter schools have a pattern of counseling out students who have special needs and English language learners. This artificially raises the charter school's test scores. It is separate and unequal. The CEC passed a resolution calling upon our elected State leaders to rescind a part of the State budget law that requires charter schools to have free rent.

Tom Greene announced a cleanup at Denyse Wharf on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9AM – 12PM and invited everyone to come out. He noted that he has met with Jonathan Viguers from the Mayor's Office to speak about his vision for a science lab at Denyse Wharf.

Josh Levin from the Comptroller's Office announced a monumental first-of-its-kind undertaking that they have begun. The Sandy Oversight Unit will focus on disaster aid coming into the City that should be going to help people rebuild their homes as well as protect natural barriers and coastlines from further natural disasters. They will be having hearings for the next few months. Their intention is to make sure the money is going out to the people who need it. As of this moment, only six homeowners have gotten money from Build It Back funds. He also announced that they released a housing report and an arts education report. At this point 28% of schools do not have a full time art teacher. Rents have risen by 75% between 2000 and 2012. In these reports, the Comptroller made recommendations to the City Council and Mayor.

Lenny Cheng from the Chinese American Planning Council, Brooklyn Branch said they are a community based organization located in Sunset Park that is working with the Brooklyn Smoke Free Partnership under the NYC Smoke Free Coalition. They raise awareness at Community Boards of the tobacco control bill to a small populous of the communities that are not being addressed, like the Asian American community which has among the highest smoking rates in the City. Brooklyn has one of the highest smoking rates as well. He encouraged people to get in touch with them and left information at the meeting.

Bob Cassara discussed the troubling and widespread issue that is affecting the area, which is illegal home conversions. These conversions include illegal basement excavations without the proper city permits. He specifically spoke about an illegal conversion across the street from his home where a two-family house was completely gutted from the basement to the second floor. This type of excavation can dangerously impact the integrity of both this building and the home that shares the party wall. It seems the Department of Buildings does not have adequate resources and manpower to efficiently enforce the types of permits being issued, which is troubling. Contractors, architects, and new owners are aware that the Buildings Department is overburdened and undermanned, and are able to rapidly start and complete an extensive renovation beyond the scope of their permit before the Buildings Department can inspect and assess the construction. He also noted that 11 dumpsters have hauled away debris and been replaced although the dumpster permit has expired. He asked that the Board schedule this topic for immediate discussion and action with the Zoning Committee and for a full board review and action prior to the summer recess. He asked neighbors to be vigilant and report any construction work that seems excessive and out of character to the Buildings Department. The following residents also spoke about the problems and frustration with this issue: Susan Cassara, Jeffrey Cassara, Clare Mazza, and Mark Dekki. Chair Kieran stated that this is an important issue and committed this to the Zoning and Land Use Committee for next months' agenda.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT ZONING AND LAND USE AND SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEES**

In the absence of Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Falutico, Zoning and Land Use Committee Member Pulaski rendered the joint Zoning and Land Use, and Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committees report. See attached.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

In the absence of Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz, Committee Member Capetanakis rendered the committee report. See attached.

**Motion: CB 10 to support the Committee's recommendation to approve the application to add additional vans to an existing commuter van service with authorized territory that falls within Community Board Ten submitted by BQE Bus Service Inc., 8908 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion: CB 10 to deny the proposed CityBench site at 9208 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion: CB 10 to deny the proposed CityBench site at 9021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the proposed CityBench site at 8202 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nominating Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the committee report. See attached.

Committee Chair Grimaldi moved to open up nominations from the floor and asked if there were any nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair respectively. Seeing none, she moved to close all nominations. Motion by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Ryan. Committee Chair Grimaldi asked Treasurer Ahl, in the absence of Secretary Gross, to cast one vote for the slate brought forth by the Nominating Committee. Committee Chair Grimaldi accepted that vote on behalf of the Board.

**BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Budget and Personnel Committee Chair Walsh rendered the committee report. See attached.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the FY 2014 and FY 2015 Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Kieran thanked BM Collins for her help and attendance at the New York State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by BM Stelter to adjourn. With no further business, Chair Kieran adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

CB 10 Brooklyn

May 19, 2013

Good Evening,

Welcome everyone to our May meeting, our agenda tonight is manageable but, I want to move it along and keep our speakers on point so that everyone present may have an opportunity to stop by Clavin Funeral Home tonight and say farewell to Maureen Stramka one of our own, a dear board member who just passed away after valiantly battling illness for a very long time. She was a dedicated community worker and a wonderful woman who left a mark here in our neighborhood with her hard work. She will be missed. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

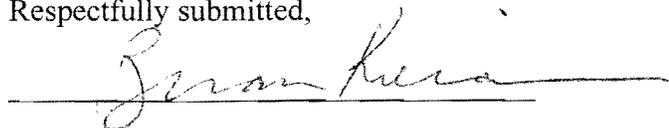
I want to thank the Nominating Committee: Judy Grimaldi, Michael Festa, Liz Amato, Mary Quinones and Dean Rasinya for their hard work and extra effort. A big thank you to our incredible district office staff for staying on top of all the SLA license applications and renewals happening now. It is vitally important that each and every one of **you** share your knowledge and information with the public and let them know how important it is for them to inform the district office staff and public officials <sup>when</sup> ~~about~~ things are not going well with our commercial neighbors. If you see something you have to say something.

Café Remy, a night club known to most members, recently hosted a "teen night" for thirteen to eighteen year olds, without alcohol served because their SLA license is on deposit with the Authority due to problems the business has encountered. The old owner, Eddie Batiz, has reportedly made assurances that it will be business as usual there real soon whether he reopens and operates it or a new owner opens it under a different name. All I have to say to that is: Not on my watch! The Community Board supports our merchants and our commercial neighbors but they must be good neighbors. The SLA licencing process for this establishment has generated hundreds of signatures on petitions asking the SLA not to issue a new license or renew the old one for this night club.

Mr. Batiz may have good reason to feel confident that it will be business as usual for him there soon since the SLA has taken the position that the new owner/applicant will not be required to have a 500 foot hearing due to the grandfather rule. The SLA has not explained to the district office staff why the **new application** for the **new owner** would not need a 500 foot hearing when the 2004 Café Remy SLA application submitted by Mr. Batiz did require one! The reaction of the community requires us to pay close attention to this situation as well as <sup>to</sup> other ones like it in the neighborhood.

Congratulations to Mayor De Blasio for fashioning a contract solution for the teachers and the Department of Education. Hopefully he can resolve the remaining collective bargaining agreement negotiations quickly and concentrate on running the city.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Kieran, Chair

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**  
**May 19, 2014**

Good Evening Board Members,

I first want to share with you that the District Office participated in "Safe Sleep" Campaign an education awareness event led by Borough President Eric Adams partnering with Delta Children. Delta Children generously donated free cribs and play yards to families in need. The Campaign included educating parents on important safety tips for providing infants with a safe sleeping environment. We reached out to Community Based Organizations in CB10 area that provide help to mothers in need. 25 mothers in need applied for the program and were accepted. The cribs and play yards will be distributed later this week and we have offered our office space to be a distribution site.

Update from MTA track team has almost completed the work on both tracks south of the 77th Street station. As you know, they are replacing the existing rails with Continuous Welded Rail (CWR). To date, they have replaced about 2,225 feet on the Northbound track, and about 2,510 feet on the Southbound track. They have just one more section of CWR to install on the Southbound track. In addition, to help alleviate noise, they have been tamping the track. They've tamped the Northbound track, and will complete tamping on the Southbound track in the next 3-4 weeks. They've also replaced several hundred plates with upgraded noise abatement plates and will be replacing more.

There are three emergency repair projects taking place – two were set to begin today and may take approximately 5 days to complete. The first is on 74<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues and the second between 74<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Ridge Blvd. The third sewer break is on 79<sup>th</sup> Street between Ridge and Colonial.. we are awaiting word from DEP about repairs.

I want to take a moment to remind you all about the prescription drug drop box at the 68 Precinct. As you know as a result of our Drug Task Force meetings with treatment specialists and representatives from the New York City Department of Health, we have learned that opiate abuse often begins by adolescents/teens going into family members' medicine cabinets and taking unused prescribed medication. It only takes one pill to get hooked on opiates.

Please help spread the word and take advantage of the Prescription Drop Box service made possible by DA Kenneth Thompson and a grant from Covanta in a collaborative effort with the 68<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. Tonight I have left in the back a stack of flyers announcing the prescription medication drug box.. please share with your email distribution lists, face book, social media, etc..

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Donna Mae DePola, Executive Director of the Resource Training and Counseling Center, Dr. Husam Rimawi, Habib Joudeh, Dr. Jabbir, Larry Morrish and all who worked on establishing a satellite office to provide immediate referral services right here within the Community District Ten area. As you know Donna Mae DePola is a Bay Ridge resident and she stepped up to provide her expertise at every drug task force meeting held in our office. She is one of many treatment providers that have been assisting us with the Community Board Ten Drug Task Force to tackle the opiate/heroin epidemic in our community. We are proud that efforts of Community Board Ten and all those who were involved in advocating to bring desperately drug counseling and referral services led to establishing a counseling office in place so quickly..

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reaching Out Community Services located at 7708 New Utrecht Avenue in Brooklyn is a 5 day a week full service food pantry. They help feed 5,300 low income families. They asked that I announce that their annual fundraiser gala will be held Friday, May 30, 2014 at 7pm.

Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 11 AM – Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> on 87th Street and Third Ave. goes to Marine Ave. then up to Fourth Ave. and over to John Paul Jones Park, for a memorial service that includes a Wreath Laying, Flag Raising, Playing of Taps and a 21 gun-salute by Soldiers from the US Army Fort Hamilton Garrison

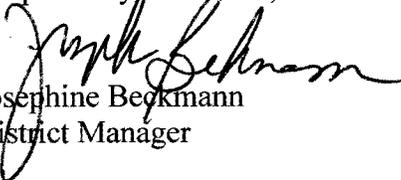
Fort Hamilton Army Garrison Gate has reopened!

**20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reminder.. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bay Ridge SAW** – Fifth Annual Storefront Art Walk – May 17<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting of Community Board Ten will take place on Monday, June 16th – 7:15pm at the Shore Hill Community Room – 9000 Shore Road.

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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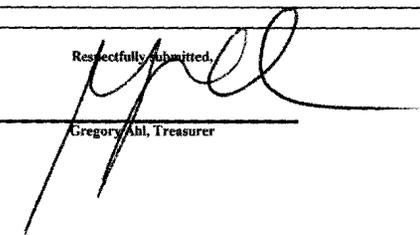
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,902.49	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36	\$8,157.36			
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,480.22	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84	\$4,931.84	\$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	\$1,380.80			
<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>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$14,470.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$163,670.63</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	200.79	201.36	204.83				
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials						115.47								
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage										2,000.00				
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	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	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	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	240.00				
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
<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>\$650.99</b>	<b>\$582.90</b>	<b>\$733.11</b>	<b>\$2,741.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$8,884.98</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>15,052.90</b>	<b>15,203.11</b>	<b>17,211.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>172,585.61</b>
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<b>TOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>													<b>\$34,339.39</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory Ahl, Treasurer

ZONING AND LAND USE &  
SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn  
May 13, 2014

Joint Meeting of Zoning and Land Use Committee and the Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee was held on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the district office.

A quorum was met.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To become more informed about city, state and federal regulations related to disability access in order to better promote accessibility in the district, especially for commercial establishments.

**Guest Speakers:**

Commissioner Victor Calise

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities ( MOPD)

MOPD is a NYC agency that works with other NYC agencies to assure that the voice of the disabled community is represented and that policies and programs address its needs.

Mr. Ted Finkelstein

Director of Disability Access , Human Rights Commission

The New York City Commission on Human Rights is charged with the enforcement of the NYC Human Rights Law

Commissioner Calise of MOPD announced the new Restaurant Accessibility Promotion (RAP) program which will allow a restaurant to advertise that fact that it is wheelchair friendly by displaying a wheelchair sticker on its window. The goals to encourage restaurants to make required and voluntary improvements, primarily focusing on access to the floor level of the entry, width of entry doors and other doors at 32" minimum and also table seating.

NYC Building Codes, beginning with Local Law 58/1987, require wheelchair accessibility as part of building design, "kicking-in" based on floor area of the space and extent of the alterations taking place.

Therefore, some noncompliant conditions may be permitted to remain (grandfathered)

The NYC Human Rights Law goes beyond NYC Building Codes, as was explained by Mr. Finkelstein. The NYC Human Rights Law requires that persons with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodation. The Disability Access division of the commission assists complainants who feel that they have been discriminated against based on their disabilities. Attempt is made to assist commercial, public and residential establishments in addressing the complaints without the complainant having to resort to a law suit. An establishment may be excepted based on financial hardship and/or lack of technical feasibility. The concept of grandfathered conditions is not applicable to human rights and grandfathering is not a basis for appeal in meeting ADA guidelines.

Commissioner Calise and Mr. Finkelstein were pleased to be meeting with the community board committees and intend to increase cooperation and contact with the boards, as well as local BIDs, in achieving increased accessibility goals.

They suggested two specific ways in which CB10 could be particularly helpful:

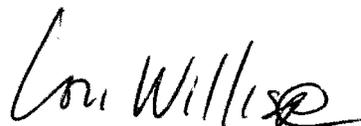
1. Raise awareness in general; and
2. Encourage participation in the Restaurant Access Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ann Falutico

Chair, Zoning and Land Use Committee



Lori Willis  
Chair, Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare  
Committee

## Traffic & Transportation Committee Report May 19, 2014

The committee met in quorum at the District Office on May 15, 2014.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of BQE Bus Service. The presentation was made by Bernard Hui of BQE Bus Service. This bus company operates 15 seat passenger vans between Brooklyn and Queens and Brooklyn and Manhattan. The fare is \$2.50. They serve the Sunset Park community and a small area of Dyker Heights. BQE Bus service currently has 8 vans, they want to expand to 20 vans and the New York City Department of Transportation has asked for CB10's comments.

They have regular service in Sunset Park, mostly along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In CB 10, in the north east part of Dyker Heights, they do not have regularly scheduled service, but service by demand. Customers call them and the vans go to that area to pick them up. This "on demand service" uses 3 or 4 vans on weekdays and 4 or 5 on weekends. They do not see any change in this level of service at this time. On weekdays, the heaviest demand is during the morning and evening rush hours. They do not have published routes and they are not allowed to use bus stops to pick up or discharge passengers.

Their company name is prominently displayed on the back of their vans. They were asked about their safety and maintenance records. They have regularly scheduled maintenance. BQE Bus Service did not have their accidents statistics available, but said they have had few accidents, a good safety record and their insurance premiums have not been impacted. All of their drivers are licensed with the appropriate TLC licenses. Mr. Hui said to please contact them if we see any problems with their vans.

District Manager Beckmann told them that commuter vans operating on 65<sup>th</sup> Street are a concern of this Board. Vans operating on 65<sup>th</sup> Street stop unexpectedly. Some do not pull over to the curb and load passengers in the street.

Because of other issues with TLC licensed services, the committee asked many questions about off-site parking, double parking and related operating issues. Their drivers take the vans home. Because many drivers are from the Sunset Park area, they rent overnight space at the supermarket at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bernard Hui gave the committee a lot of information about TLC and livery operations and rules. He was very helpful to the committee.

BQE Bus Service has been operating in CB 10 for approximately 3 years. There are no complaints against BQE Bus Service. There is no negative history. The committee voted to support their request to increase the number of vans that they operate for 8 vans to 20 vans.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion of Black Sea Car Service whose base is located at 512 74<sup>th</sup> Street.

In recent months the District Office has received many complaints about this car service. The base of this car service is on a residential block. Drivers park many cars on the block at all times, sometimes just sitting in their cars. They also double park on the 74th Street 500 block. Some cars are parked for days. Livery cars are not prohibited from parking overnight on residential streets.

There had been similar problems with the prior owner of Black Sea, but after complaints from neighbors, the owner cooperated and the complaints were greatly reduced. Black Sea Car Service has new ownership and their renewal is due later this year.

Car services are required to have off street parking for 50% of their vehicles.

Committee members recommended that someone create a form that neighbors can use when making a complaint, and that residents be assigned a day and time to check out the problems and make 311 complaints. These suggestions are meant to simplify the reporting process and include more neighbors. Neighbors should take pictures and use the 311 app, rather than calling 311. By using the app, pictures can be included in the complaint.

It was also recommended that a base show the number of cars assigned to the license. Then we can determine how many vehicles are parked on the block and if they are in violation of TLC rules.

The District Office has contacted the 68<sup>th</sup> precinct and TLC enforcement about the problem. There is no action to be taken now. Because of the volume of complaints, the office is creating a log, a history of problems with Black Sea Car Service for review during their license renewal.

The committee will review the TLC regulations at a future meeting.

The next item on the agenda was City Benches. The District Office received three requests for City Benches.

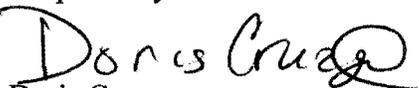
One is at 9208 Fourth Avenue. Joe Sokoloski went to the site. None of the merchants requested the bench. One, a realtor and manager of the building objected to the bench for safety reasons. Based on the fact that none of the merchants requested the bench and that one merchant is opposed to the bench, the committee recommended that the request be denied.

The second request is for a bench at 9021 Fifth Avenue. Again, Joe Sokoloski visited the site. There is no 9021 Fifth Avenue. It is in front of a side yard of PS 104. The school did not request the bench. The committee voted to deny the request for a bench at a non-existent location.

The third request is for a bench at 8202 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Liz Amato visited the site. It is by the library and a bus stop. The committee felt that this was a good site for a bench and voted to approve a bench at 8202 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The committee will look at the regulations for City Benches.

Respectfully submitted



Doris Cruz

Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

May 19, 2014  
Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met in quorum on Monday May 5th to discuss the procedure for reaching out to Board Members to inform them that nominations would be accepted during the month of May for officer positions for the 2015 fiscal year.

Members of the committee present were Lizabeth Amato, Michael Festa, Mary Quinones and myself. Dean Rasinya was connected via telephone during the discussion.

It was decided that each current officer would be called the next day to determine if they were interested in running for the position each currently holds. It was also decided that the District Office staff would e-mail or hard copy mail all Board Members on Tuesday, May 6th announcing that the nomination period is open and would remain open until close of business on Tuesday, May 13th. Anyone interested in running for a position would have to respond in writing to the District Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13th.

Brian Kieran, Chair; Doris Cruz, Vice Chair; Ron Gross, Secretary; and Greg Ahl, Treasurer each informed us that they were interested in running for the position they currently hold. There were no further responses from anyone wishing to be considered for an officers' position.

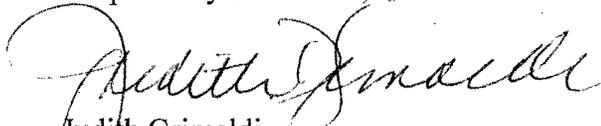
The second meeting of the Nominating Committee was held this evening, just prior to the Board Meeting. In attendance were:

Lizabeth Amato, Michael Festa, Dean Rasinya and myself.

Since there were no additional candidates and each of our current officers expressed a desire to run for the position they currently hold, the slate being put forward by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

Chair	-	Brian Kieran
Vice Chair	-	Doris Cruz
Secretary	-	Ron Gross
Treasurer	-	Greg Ahl

Respectfully Submitted,



Judith Grimaldi  
Chair, Nominating Committee

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET AS OF May 13, 2014**

**Total budget amount: 206,895.00**

**Total unallocated OTPS budget amount: 4,840.00**

**Proposal:**

**\$100 for cleaning supplies**

**\$425 for additional matching file cabinet in conference room**

**\$1,170 for floor maintenance - \$595 for wood floor screening and two coats of polyurethane  
- \$575 for carpet cleaning and shampooing upholstered chairs**

**\$3,145 for new computers**

## STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Mezcals Dos Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Mezcals, 7508 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	5/14/14	Renewal
Chill Corp., 7810 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5/15/14	*New Application (Wine & Beer Only)
6510 Food Corp., d/b/a La Sorrentina Pizzeria & Restaurant, 6506 – 6510 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5/16/14	Alteration
Peony KTV Inc., 6314-6324 Fort Hamilton Parkway	5/19/14	*New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
8015 Tavern Ltd., d/b/a No Quarter, 8015 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	5/20/14	*Renewal
Good World Inc., 834 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street	6/2/14	*Renewal
Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill, 463 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	6/2/14	*New Application

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