

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Shore Hill Community Room**  
**Monday, June 20, 2016 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 37

Elizabeth Amato  
Jumana Bishara  
Allen Bortnick  
Jaynemie Capetanakis  
Paul Cassone  
Christopher Castaldi-Moller  
Shirley Chin  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Khader El-Yateem  
Ann Falutico  
Carmen Feliciano  
Michael Festa  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Stephen Harrison  
Bob Hudock  
June Johnson  
Brian Kaszuba  
Brian Kieran  
Stella Kokolis  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Ryan Mahoney  
Ruth Greenfield Masyr  
Iris Mulé  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Dean Rasinya  
Hani Sarji  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Lawrence Stelter  
Sandy Vallas  
Brian Walsh  
Mary Ann Walsh  
Lori Willis

Board Members Excused: 9

Kevin Peter Carroll  
Donna Mae DePola  
Ronald Gross  
Habib Joudeh  
Ramsey Joudeh  
Katherine Khatari  
Rhea McCone  
Nick Nikolopoulos  
Husam Rimawi

Board Members Absent: 4

Greg Ahl  
Victoria Hervas-Castaneda  
Adil Oualim  
Jonathan Yedin

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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Susan Frances & Diana				Coral's Head Horticulture Group
Carolyn Kerrigore				install of new member C. Felician
BOB CASSARA	917-882-8993		bobcassara@VERIZON.NET	BROOKLYN HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
Jeffrey Kravitz	718-234-6001 911-579-7342		JK-ur @ h>sec. & .gov	Staten C. Lh
Eleanor Adams				Community -
Penney Santo Assistant Speaker Assemblyman	Felix Ortiz			Assistant Speaker Assemblyman Felix Ortiz
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COL JOSEPH DAVIDSON	718-638-4900		joseph.d.davidson.mil@mail.mil	Fort Hamilton

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Peter Lovett				
Fran Vella-Margre				Cong Dorothy
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CRAIG ESTAN	917 903 4700			
ROSA CASELLA				N/A

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Lizzie Cofrancesco			ecofrancesco@ brooklynambler.com	Brooklyn Chamber
NICHOLAS MASSAB			nlmassab@gmail.com	PRESIDENT 98ST BLOCK ASSN

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2016 – SHORE HILL COMMUNITY ROOM  
MINUTES**

Chair Kieran called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and welcomed new Board Members Christopher Castaldi-Moller, Carmen Feliciano, Ryan Mahoney, Ruth Greenfield Masyr, and Iris Mulé. He then invited Janine Kieran to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the amended agenda. Motion by BM Vallas, seconded by BM D'Amelio.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the May 16, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Sokoloski, seconded by BM D'Amelio.

**PRESENTATION**

Chair Kieran invited BM Collins up to present the updated version of the Community Board Ten Military and Veterans Affairs Discount Booklet to Colonel Joseph Davidson, Garrison Commander – Fort Hamilton. DM Beckmann noted that it is a resource guide that tells all about our community with great discount offers for active military personnel. Colonel Davidson thanked the Community Board saying it has been a great two years for him at Fort Hamilton because of the people. It is a very special place and a wonderful place for our military members to be. Bay Ridge would not be the community it is without the people who take time out of their own schedule to make this a better community. He then presented DM Beckmann with the Commander's Award for Public Service, saying that she is one of the true unsung heroes in the community who does a lot, takes a lot of grief, and gives it as well. He thanked her for everything she does for the community. Chair Kieran said we will miss the Commander. We share a wonderful relationship with the Fort which is an essential part of our community.

Chair Kieran then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Eleanor Schiano for 28 years of service to Community Board Ten. As a testament to her dedication to the community, he knows she will remain involved whether or not she is on the Board. Eleanor thanked Community Board Ten and congratulated Doris Cruz, the new Executive Board, and the new Community Board members. She knows with Josephine at the helm, ably assisted by Dorothy and JoAnn and all the Board Members, Dyker Heights, Fort Hamilton and Bay Ridge are in very good hands. She said she will be around because this is her community too.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council Member Vincent Gentile said that this morning he testified at the MTA Bus and Transit Committee in favor of extending the late night R train service starting at Whitehall Street into Bay Ridge. It gives more opportunity to reach the R shuttle because after 10:00 PM, there is no regular R train service into Bay Ridge. If you work around downtown Brooklyn you can now have a one train, one seat ride into Bay Ridge. The potential is there to be a good benefit for riders who ride after 10:00 PM. He also testified about the return of the weekend express X28 along Cropsey Avenue in Bensonhurst and Bath Beach. They are looking to do a six month trial and then possibly return it permanently.

The Councilman announced that he will introduce a new bill tomorrow that will attack illegal conversions. The Aggravated Illegal Conversion Bill will levy a fine on a building owner for any structure that has three or more illegally converted units in the building. They will be fined \$15,000 per unit. Those penalties become a lien on the property upon a judgement by the Environmental Control Board. If that judgement is not paid, the City has the right to sell the lien which could ultimately lead to the loss of the property to the owner who created the illegal conversion in the first place. Hopefully this will be a message to those who want to illegally convert their homes that we will not stand for this. Another aspect of the bill is if the case is closed because the

inspector from the Department of Buildings cannot gain access to a building to inspect it, the Department of Buildings can request and seek a warrant from Corp Council. If Corp Council determines there is enough evidence to proceed with a warrant, they are required to make that application to the court. If the court grants the warrant, that becomes a really strong enforcement tool for Department of Buildings' inspectors to gain access to the buildings that they could not gain access to before. This bill is co-sponsored and endorsed by Borough President Eric Adams and the Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committee, Jumaani Williams.

Finally, the Councilman said it is always amazing to have people volunteer to be part of the Community Board because it is not a one-time deal. It is week after week and month after month of meetings and responsibilities. He congratulated and thanked those who have served before and welcomed the five new Board Members.

Fran Vella-Marrone said Congressman Donovan wishes everyone a happy and fun filled summer. She reiterated what Councilman Gentile spoke about saying that the Congressman was at the press conference today and was happy to be there to stand with the Councilman to fight the illegal home conversions. We will all be in this working together to support this legislation and whatever we can do to correct this problem. She announced that the Congressman will be sponsoring a rain barrel distribution on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call their office to sign up for a rain barrel.

Daniel Abramson from the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit thanked Chair Kieran for all his service, and Janine for supporting him. It is people like him who make Community Boards possible. This month is the holy month of Ramadan, and it is also pride month. This City really came together after the Orlando tragedy. There were many vigils celebrating the unity of our LGBTQ community, our Muslim community, our Latino community, and it really showed that even in the hardest moments our diversity is what keeps us strong. This Sunday they will be having hopefully the largest and most vibrant pride parade that this City has ever seen in Manhattan. He congratulated Eleanor Schiano for her many years of service. He said that the AP For All Program was announced. Its goal is to increase college readiness among New York City students by offering AP classes in all NYC public schools by 2021.

Nicholas Chamberas from Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis' office congratulated Chair Kieran on three years of terrific service and commitment to Community Board Ten. He congratulated his neighbor, Eleanor Schiano, on a terrific job and he is going to hold her to continuing to be involved. He also congratulated the District Office. They work very hard and he added to Colonel Davidson's remarks by saying that if someone is the subject of Josephine's grief, they have more than earned it. He announced that the State Legislature finally passed a law regarding pension forfeiture for public officials convicted of corruption. Once again, the Assemblywoman is sponsoring Yoga in the Park at Shore Road and 79<sup>th</sup> Street. They expanded it this year and there are multiple dates in July, August and September. He invited anyone with questions to call their office at 718-987-0197.

Patrick Rheume from Borough President Eric Adams' office thanked Chair Kieran for his distinguished service over the past three years. On behalf of the Borough President, he thanked Councilman Gentile for his incredible leadership on illegal conversions. One very interesting thing that he saw, which is reflective of Community Board Ten, is that we had all levels of government involved: Federal, State and local; and multiple members of both parties. They all listened to the community and sprang into action. It shows what kind of communities Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights are.

Jeff Kraus announced that Senator Golden is sponsoring Yoga in the Park and Concerts in the Park this summer. People can check their website for dates. He wished everyone a good summer.

Kevin Elkins said he is looking forward to meeting everyone as the Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Fort Hamilton representative for Comptroller Scott Stringer, and is very happy to be representing our community. He previously worked in Staten Island and thankfully knows a lot of people here. He is good friends with Councilman Gentile, and he thinks is one of the best Members we have in the City Council. If anyone has any

issues he would be happy to assist in any way possible. BM Cruz said she hopes he will be with us for a long time because we have had many representatives from the Comptroller's office. She noted that the Comptroller held a round table in this community in March and we are waiting for answers on every question that was asked. Kevin said he will follow up on them.

Jay Filan from the Fort Hamilton Branch of the Library said they had a very successful summer reading club kickoff on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They had an interactive music program for the kids and what made it really special was that they had 35 guests – children from the Fort Hamilton Army base. They are hoping to do a lot more programs with families and children on the base. The library will be doing expanded story times in all branches on Saturdays. All branches in the system can really use volunteers to do story time with the children, so anyone interested can contact the library. Finally, they have a wonderful program called Ready Set Kindergarten, which will be starting again for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. It is a six session series with a wonderful teacher. It will start at the Fort Hamilton Branch on July 8<sup>th</sup> and run through August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Eva Xu spoke about the Falun Dafa exercise and meditation free program for the community, which is a high level traditional practice to increase energy and improve physical health. It is no church, no office, no fee, no membership, no obligation. It will be at the Fort Hamilton Library every Thursday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and all are welcome.

Assembly Member Pamela Harris said that the six months she has been in office has been phenomenal. She is honored and humbled to have everyone in her corner. It has been amazing to be able to get the bills out and do as much as she can for the district. She thanked her landlord Sandy Vallas for their wonderful office at 8525 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. They are raring and ready to go. If anyone has any concerns, they are there for you. She looks forward to seeing everyone. She introduced her Chief of Staff, Alexandra Larkin.

Bob Cassara thanked Councilman Gentile for the bill he will be introducing and all the elected officials for their great support on the illegal conversion issue. At the last agency task force meeting, they reported 448 illegal conversions in Community Board Ten in 2015. The DOB was able to access 246, a 25% increase from 2014. Where the DOB got access, 35.6% were issued code violations, an increase of almost 20% over 2014. One hundred fifty-three stop work orders were issued, 121% increase over 2014. Eight hundred fifteen Environmental Control Board violations were issued, representing an increase of 59%. Since 2014 there has been a 300% increase in vacate orders. We are making a difference. The vast increase in violations issued during 2015 is due to the fact that the DOB is receiving a far greater number of credible complaints from the community than 2014. As a community, we are able to make a real and tangible difference, so we need to keep it up.

Susan Frances announced that they will be having Make Music NY tomorrow at Owl's Head Park. They will have Yoga in the Park on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly they will have a Doggie Shenanigans dog pageant. If you would like to enter your dog there is a \$10 entry fee, and they also have sponsorship levels.

June Johnson thanked various groups who helped out at our parks this year. James Chin helped out in the fall working on his Eagle Scout project. In April Joseph Donofrio and his Boy Scout troop did extensive work by the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct field at 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Shore Road. The latest project was done by the Bay Ridge Lemonade Coalition who has been working this year and last year on various projects. Their latest project was doing extensive work on the benches from 69<sup>th</sup> Street to 100<sup>th</sup> Street. There were over 300 benches that needed repairs. They started working on them and did over 35 benches on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It shows how young children get out there, do a great job, help their community and are really getting involved in our parks. There are activities in the parks all year and she encouraged all to volunteer some time. She went to Family Fun Day sponsored by the NIA and the Councilman which was wonderful. She saw hundreds of families out taking advantage of the beautiful parks facilities we have here in Bay Ridge. Chair Kieran added that the Lemonade Coalition makes

the work fun. You cannot get things done unless you work cooperatively with our Elected Officials, our community and other organizations including the NIA which is always there for us.

Eleny Romanos-Sirakis commented on the Zoning Text Amendment to remove Community Board Ten from the Special Permit. She understands the Community Board's position on abuse of this permit under ZR 73-622, but she respectfully urges the Community Board and City Council to support grandfathering applications pending at the BSA at the time of City Council approval. This will allow those who are at the initial stages of the process to move forward with plans for modest enlargements as originally intended which would not otherwise be feasible through a variance or other special permit.

Ilene Sacco said that she is stepping down from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council and thanked Community Board Ten and all the people who attended the farewell party last week. She thanked Josephine, Dorothy, JoAnn, Brian and all the other Chairs through the past ten years for all the support and cooperation. They took the Precinct Council a long way. Eleven years ago there were 90 people at National Night Out. There were more people at the party than there were for a night where this community celebrates their Police. She did not do it by herself; she did it with lots of organizations and people. It has been 10 years of amazing support and she wants to say thank you very much for everything.

Robbie Salameh introduced the new Bay Ridge Hyundai dealership on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will open on June 25<sup>th</sup>, and invited everyone to the opening. They will have give-aways and ice cream trucks for the kids. They are donating a car to the family of an NYPD police officer who recently lost his life. He is aware of everyone's initial reaction to car dealerships and cars on the sidewalk. He is the store manager and he invited people to contact him with any complaints. He sees we have a strong community and he would love to be part of it. The ribbon cutting will be Saturday between 4:00 and 5:00 PM.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Kieran said if there is no opposition, he would like to give his report at the end with New Business. Hearing and seeing no opposition, the agenda was amended.

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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Willis rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

With regard to the Prince Hotel, Committee Chair Willis explained that basically in a building that has single room occupancies the owner is supposed to get a Certificate of No Harassment every three years. She noted that this issue was not on the agenda for their Committee meeting so this will be a motion from the floor. She discussed this with DM Beckmann and they would suggest sending a letter to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development outlining some of the information that might be relevant to this issue such as the drug issues, the law suits that have been going on with regard to enforcement of fines and various violations, and other relevant information. Motion from the floor by BM Vallas, seconded by BM Harrison.

**Motion: CB 10 to send a letter to the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development regarding an Application for a Certification of No Harassment prior to the Department of Buildings**

issuing permits for the property at 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street (Prince Hotel), Application #68/16 under Administrative Code Section 27-2093, providing them with information relevant to drug issues, law suits, enforcement of fines and various violations, and other relevant information. 36 in favor; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.

### ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

BM Harrison recognized Eleanor Shiano's dedication to the Board, commenting that in 2003 when Community Board Ten was going through zoning changes with the document called the Case for Preservation Zoning, which was the basis for our zoning, Eleanor was one of the instrumental people on that document. If it was not for Eleanor we would not have the wonderful zoning here that we have today. He then rendered the Zoning and Land Use Committee report. See attached.

### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Capetanakis rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

With regard to the proposed CityBench site of 220 86<sup>th</sup> Street, DM Beckmann stated that the building owner called and is against it. She noted that the Community Board usually does not support the site if the building owner does not support it. Committee Chair Capetanakis called for a motion from the floor to oppose this bench location. Motion by BM Rasinya, seconded by BM Sokoloski. BM Hudock asked why the business owner and building owner objected. DM Beckman replied that the building owner explained there is bus stop at the corner that gets very crowded at school dismissal. The sidewalk becomes very jammed and she felt that there is not enough room to add any kind of street furniture with that kind of volume. There is a side entrance and Casa Calamari has windows and doors that open, and there is a bus stop. The building owner did not feel it was safe. Committee Chair Capetanakis noted that along the 86<sup>th</sup> Street side the sidewalk is narrow to begin with, and now we have the business owner and building owner objecting, so we were respectfully taking their wishes into consideration. The question of who proposed this site was asked, and Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that it was a 311 request.

**Motion: CB 10 to oppose the proposed CityBench Installation at 220 86<sup>th</sup> Street. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the proposed CityBench Installation at Coffey Square, Bravo Boulevard and Fort Hamilton Parkway. 36 in favor. 1 abstention – BM Masyr. Motion carried.**

With regard to the proposed new commuter van service operated by HCWC, DM Beckmann noted that the company sent the map with the route today and it will be put on the website. BM Falutico asked if it will be Brooklyn to Staten Island and was told that is correct. Committee Chair Capetanakis said it operated out of Jackson Heights, Queens which is where they have other van services. Now they are moving to the northern part of Staten Island and into Brooklyn, part of Community Board Ten but more into Community Board Seven.

BM Rasinya made a motion to approve the van service. BM Seminara asked how people access service and what the jurisdiction of Community Board Ten is for something like this. Committee Chair Capetanakis said it is her understanding that this is the second or third time a commuter van has come to us. DM Beckmann said it is basically like a franchise. It is licensed by the New York City Department of Transportation and they notify us of the applicant's intent to run this commuter service. Our goal is to comment on the route, any concerns about the route, the number of vehicles, our concerns of where they discharge passengers. It is similar to a car service where you call for service, some set up an account, some have certain meeting points. She thinks we now have three in Community Board Ten. BM Vallas asked if there are any complaints against them from their other routes and was told not to our knowledge.

BM Kaszuba stated that he was the opposed vote at the Committee meeting. They said you can call, but without a route or specific drop off spots he is concerned on where they plan on dropping people off. He thinks without specific details on their route and where they are planning to load and unload passengers, it is a concern. At the same meeting, the committee spent considerable time talking about sanitation issues at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Staten Island Expressway, the Verrazano. These are vans that will probably be coming off in that area and he thinks it is something we should consider. Committee Chair Capetanakis thinks some of the questions he raised should be raised by the City. Our role was to look at a person who has had a viable business who wants to bring part of that business to our area and might be providing a service to some of our residents.

BM Cruz said in the past we have had similar applications. Do we know if any of these are overlapping services, and are we going to be causing problems on these streets? They are not allowed to use bus stops to drop off and pick up. Committee Chair Capetanakis said the purpose of this type of commuter van is to provide service to an area that is underserved by the City buses or trains. BM Rasinya noted it is predominately in Sunset Park.

Committee Chair Capetanakis noted that there will be five vans that will be available daily. There will be a public hearing held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Staten Island Borough Hall. Those opposing the application must clearly specify why the proposed additional van service will not meet present and/or future public necessity. BM Falutico thinks it seems to bring more chaos and why shouldn't more pressure be put on transit to specify the routes. Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that this reminds you of Uber and other kinds of services that are trying to help meet the needs of the many commuters across the City. It seems to be that there is an underserved pocket going to another underserved pocket in Sunset Park.

BM Harrison said the use of the word route is incorrect; it is really a zone to a zone. There is an enclosed area in Brooklyn and an enclosed area in Staten Island, and they are allowed to take people from that area in Staten Island to the area in Brooklyn. They are asking for permission so that they can operate in this area. They cannot pick up or drop off outside those two areas. It is a combination of cab, van, Uber, etc. There is no hailing; it is all pre-arranged.

Committee Chair Capetanakis read the boundaries that were submitted to Community Board Ten. See attached.

BM Bortnick thinks it is a benefit to the community since we are having so much trouble with parking that these people will have a means of transportation without having another car on the street. Committee Chair Capetanakis said the fare is \$4.00 and she is sure they will not take a van with one passenger. It would have to be cost effective for them. BM Brian Walsh said the S53 bus runs quite frequently. If this van were to take riders away from the S53 bus they would have to reduce that schedule. He thinks everyone has managed with the S53 bus just fine. DM Beckmann said that the service on the S53 does not encompass all the area as conveniently as you would think. The ridership on the S53, S93 and S79 has gone up incredibly to the point that area on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 86<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Streets is now up to 88<sup>th</sup> Street. We have actually asked the MTA NYC Transit to take a look at all the bus routes there because during peak hours there are buses double parked on both sides of the street. Ridership has gone up 300% on the S53 and S93. Sometimes people are lined up on 87<sup>th</sup> Street, and we get complaints from those residents that commuters are waiting. We do hear that riders who travel to Staten Island do not have the accessibility they would like to have. It is a connection point, an intermodal hub, but there is such an increase in ridership from Staten Island to Brooklyn that she thinks that is why it makes commuter vans like this a need.

BM Cassone said they must have done a market study to see if the need exists. Committee Chair Capetanakis said it is a business. If the business is going to do well they will continue. If they do not have the ability to flourish in the area, they are not going to continue.

BM Cruz respects that they have a business to run, but we have a community that we serve, and she thinks we have to look carefully at our community. One of the areas is 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue by PS 170 where there are major traffic problems. We do not know how this will impact areas that we know are problematic. BM Harrison thinks BM Cruz raises a valid question, but the point is they do not want to go to an area that is crowded; they want to move along. The idea is to go faster and make money. He thinks they see a need for it and a market for it. He would rather see 15 people in one van than 15 people in separate cars. To him it cuts down on traffic. BM El-Yateem asked to call the question.

The question was asked if we were aware of any issues with the current service and was told there were none. The question was asked where the vans are when they are not active. Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that it was not discussed as to whether they had a particular depot.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the proposed new Commuter Van Service operated by HCWC, 89-08 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York, with five vans daily/24 hours between Staten Island and parts of Community Board 10. 31 in favor. 6 opposed – BM Amato, BM Cruz, BM Falutico, BM Kaszuba, BM Brian Walsh, BM Mary Ann Walsh. Motion carried.**

As a point of information, BM Harrison stated that on the Right of Way Law it is state law throughout the State of New York that if someone steps into a crosswalk, you have to stop to allow that person to cross. He does not think it is clear in the City of New York if the driver is required to stop if the person steps into the crosswalk. It is just going to back things up. Does it have to be when they are legally in the crosswalk? Committee Chair Capetanakis said that after Commander Ellis mentioned this, she looked it up and it did not say that we should halt; the language was exactly as she read it. The bigger change being that the police officer did not have to be there, they could go by witness testimony and physical evidence.

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Parks Committee Chair Johnson rendered the Committee report. See attached. BM Falutico asked if the field is locked. Committee Chair Johnson replied that it is not locked. The school locks the gates that border the school and the field at 3:00 PM. During the school day only students use the field. After 3:00 PM the field is open. You need permits to use the football field and baseball field. She believes anyone can use the track. In the evening there is some disagreement among some of the neighbors that the gates should be locked just as they are in the park that borders in the back. But you must remember that you need very dedicated volunteers to do that, as they do in the park behind it. It is locked at night and opened in the morning. Until someone steps forward with that proposal and volunteers it is not locked.

## **SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Chair Vallas rendered the Committee report. See attached.

With regard to the NYC Smoke Free Housing resolution, a motion from the floor was made by BM Sokoloski, seconded by BM Collins. BM Willis asked if we are voting to encourage people for smoke free housing. Chair Kieran replied that it is to encourage owners to adopt regulations. BM Kaszuba asked if we know whether or not they reached out to other Community Boards. DM Beckmann replied that there are 17 Boards who have signed on for this, as well as the Brooklyn Borough Board. She said that the Smoke Free Partnership is very ambitious with this proposal. They have met with a lot of new developers and have close to 100 on their website. There are apartment buildings throughout the City who have signed up to do voluntary smoke free provisions in their leases. They are asking us to help get the word out and encourage this in any way we can. We were thinking of ways we can do things at future committees, but signing on to a resolution says we recommend or advocate smoke free housing. We thought it was timely because we had two seniors who died

this year in Community Board Ten and the cause was smoking in bed. We also have a list of management companies that we will talk about in committee if we want to send this resolution out just as a form of encouragement.

**Motion: CB 10 to support the NYC Smoke Free Housing resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Committee Chair Vallas thanked DM Beckmann and the intern, Nancy Marangelli, who put in a lot of time with the proposals and the resolution. The District staff deserves a big thank you from all of us.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Kieran said we have been drawn to serve our neighbors and fellow citizens here in Community Board Ten by a love and a sense of duty. We are dedicated to do something to make our community, our City, and our world a little bit better than how we found it. He thanked Josephine, Dorothy and JoAnn for their unwavering support, diligent work day in and day out. It made his job easy, and they work all the time to make Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Fort Hamilton a better place to live. He will not forget the dedication and hard work of the officers and committee chairs who gave up their time to expend considerable effort to make a difference. He cannot fully express his gratitude to each and every one for everything they have done and continue to do. You are not compensated for it, except for the satisfaction of doing good things for your fellow citizens. Lastly, we as a Board cannot produce results without the support and cooperation of our Elected Officials and their wonderful staffs, especially Vincent Gentile, Borough President Adams, and Congressman Dan Donovan. I pledged to deliver my best effort and that is what I have done. I look forward to passing the responsibility of this position into the able hands of Doris Cruz. I know she will only succeed if she receives the same dedication and devotion to responsibility that you have exhibited in the past three years and before. It is absolutely essential to preserve and improve the quality of life for all the families who are fortunate enough to call this corner of Brooklyn home. He anticipates the sweet enjoyment of resuming his responsibilities from those seats there. He is comfortable leaving office knowing that your dedication to each other as well as to fairness, quality of life, and fulfillment of our dreams no matter what they may be remains intact. He wished everyone a blessed Ramadan, a safe, restful and fun summer, and he thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Bortnick said that in the 1950's New York was in gridlock. We are in the same condition today because DOT no longer stands for anything better than destroyers of traffic. They will not listen or accept new ideas, and with no disrespect intended, they do not know what they are doing. We had sadist Khan who never loved a car she met, and now we have Polly's folly who is following in exactly the same conditions. He would like to see the Community Board become active in doing something because right now Bay Ridge is so bad that there are people in this room who are parking a half mile to one mile away from their residence in order to find a parking space. The condition can be alleviated but DOT will not listen. We have to get some sort of mob action to let them know they have to change. Chair Kieran said we will dedicate ourselves. We have never forgotten the needs of commuters and the safety of pedestrians.

BM Stelter asked about the 86<sup>th</sup> Street buses and DM Beckmann replied that we will be addressing that in September. The MTA is looking at relocating and taking a look at that intersection. Chair Kieran said that all the work we do is a work in progress. Even when we have success sometimes we have to go back and make sure it is carried on.

Motion to adjourn by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Vallas. With no further business, Chair Kieran adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

**June 20, 2016**

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the District Office, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Board Members to Community Board Ten.

This has been a busy month for the District Office staff. We were very busy preparing for the extensive public notice regarding our application to the Department of City Planning for the Text Amendment to remove Community Board Ten from ZR Section 73-622. In total over 6,000 pieces of mail were sent to the affected areas announcing our Public Hearing which took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus. The mailing was quite effective at over 120 residents were in attendance with a great number who had never been to a Community Board meeting.

The District Office has also received many complaints from local residents complaining about loss of parking spaces associated with film shoots taking place in CB10. These permits are issued by the Mayor's Office of Film – and while Community Boards are provided with information about the permits – we do not have an advisory role in the application process. Tomorrow June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a film shoot at 9216 7 Avenue and 42 88 Street – for television show “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver Season. Parking Requests include Battery Avenue between Fort Hill Place – Battery Avenue between Fort Hill Place and Dead End.

Trench Restoration – Good news and a step in the right direction - \$60 million citywide funding approved for trench restoration in this year's preliminary budget. The identification of trench restoration projects in the city's capital plan formerly fell under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection. Trench restoration capital repairs to the street bed are necessary when the wooden sheeting surrounding city sewer pipes installed decades ago decays causing the street surface to settle – creating a distinctive pattern of street depression and/or recurring street depressions.

DEP had previously budgeted approximately \$5 million per year specifically for trench restoration contracts in Brooklyn and Queens. DEP ceased funding trench restoration capital projects in 2012. This issue has been a topic raised at the Brooklyn Borough Service Cabinet and by local elected officials including at a recent interagency meeting with DOT, DEP and DDC which was organized by Council Member Vincent Gentile. Of course, we resubmitted our list to DOT to ensure that those that we have identified that may be in need are inspected.

### **NEWS FROM TBTA VZ BRIDGE**

Starting this Wednesday (6/22), our contractor will be milling and paving the Westbound Lower Level of the Verrazano Bridge. This work will be completed during the nighttime hours (it would create huge jams if we closed lanes and worked daytime) and will take approximately 2 weeks.

The work will start at the Brooklyn Anchorage and will proceed west toward Staten Island, so moving away from the Brooklyn shore as they go.

## CONSTRUCTION IN CD10

National Grid work continues on Bay Ridge Avenue at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

The Siphon Project is moving along with and work continues in the vicinity of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road. The work will involve continuation of activities related to installation of new water mains.

As part of the abandonment of the siphon near 79<sup>th</sup> Street, the contractor will begin working within the basketball courts at 79<sup>th</sup> Street on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Installation of temporary fencing and signage around the work zone will be done on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 a.m. Regular work hours (7:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.) will resume on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. **The work will require the temporary closure of the two (2) northernmost basketball courts;** the third court will remain open to the public throughout construction. Completion of the work, including restoration of the two courts, is expected to take approximately six (6) weeks, weather permitting. Access to the playground will not be impacted.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> will be the first Taste of Fifth Avenue – Weekend Summer Walk on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 73<sup>rd</sup> Street to 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – and CB10 will be participating. Anyone interested in joining me at the CB10 table please let me know.

Not only will CB10 have a new Chair effective July 1, 2016, we will also have a new website. We have been working with the NYC Department of Information and Technology – designing a new website. We will be going through formal training in the weeks ahead –

The full listing of Summer Stroll events will also be listed on our website.

Next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Shore Hill 9000 Shore Road.

Respectfully Submitted,



Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Budget Appropriation for FY 16	\$229,895.00
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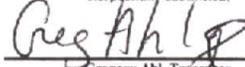
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$12,757.46	\$8,495.56	\$8,495.56	\$8,495.56	\$8,495.56	\$12,743.34	\$8,495.56	\$8,495.56	\$8,495.56	\$10,232.36	\$8,707.92		
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$7,713.71	\$5,136.78	\$5,214.76	\$5,265.22	\$5,265.22	\$7,897.83	\$5,265.22	\$5,265.22	\$5,265.22	\$5,265.22	\$5,265.22		
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$2,166.00	\$1,444.00	\$1,455.25	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00		
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$22,637.17</b>	<b>\$15,076.34</b>	<b>\$15,165.57</b>	<b>\$15,240.78</b>	<b>\$15,240.78</b>	<b>\$22,861.17</b>	<b>\$15,240.78</b>	<b>\$15,240.78</b>	<b>\$15,240.78</b>	<b>\$16,977.58</b>	<b>\$15,453.14</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$184,374.87</b>

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/15	8/31/15	9/30/15	10/31/15	11/30/15	12/31/15	1/31/16	2/28/16	3/31/16	4/30/16	5/31/16	6/30/16	Y - T - D	
10B	Telephone	205.93	205.65	205.10	207.92	201.50	206.26	204.93	205.66	209.24	205.93	205.83			
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
109	Supplies & Materials			583.41					642.80			102.07			
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage										2,000.00				
170	Cleaning Supplies										209.18				
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment											762.00			
319	Security Equipment		75.00		75.00			75.00			75.00				
332	Data Process Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		386.82	149.00	237.00	193.00	193.00	193.00	193.00	193.00	149.00	193.00			
417	Advertising														
431	Lensing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures														
602	Telecomm. Maintenance		63.14	31.61	31.61	31.48	31.48	31.48	31.48	31.48	31.48	31.48			
613	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual						180.00			525.00					
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	240.00	160.00	160.00	240.00			
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$385.93</b>	<b>\$890.61</b>	<b>\$1,129.12</b>	<b>\$711.53</b>	<b>\$585.98</b>	<b>\$770.74</b>	<b>\$664.41</b>	<b>\$1,312.94</b>	<b>\$1,118.72</b>	<b>\$2,830.59</b>	<b>\$1,534.38</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$11,914.95</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTS EXPENSES</b>	<b>23,003.10</b>	<b>15,966.95</b>	<b>16,294.69</b>	<b>15,952.31</b>	<b>15,826.76</b>	<b>23,631.91</b>	<b>15,905.19</b>	<b>16,553.72</b>	<b>16,359.50</b>	<b>19,808.17</b>	<b>16,987.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>196,289.82</b>
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<b>TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>													<b>\$33,605.18</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

  
 Gregory Ahl, Treasurer

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
COMMUNITY BOARD 10**

Date/Time: April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Called to Order: 7:10 p.m.

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

Quorum: Yes (attendance sheet attached)

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**Renewal Review of SLA On Premises License for 8025 Tavern Inc. d/b/a No Quarter**

**Premises: 8025 5th Avenue**

200 Foot/500 Foot Hearing: N/A

This is the review of the liquor license for No Quarter. The licensee appeared by its owners. There have been approximately 7 or 8 calls to 311 for noise during the last renewal period, and there were no 311 calls regarding the premises within the 28 days preceding the meeting. Public Notice of the review was given, and two residents appeared to voice their issues and concerns with the establishment. The residents expressed that in the past there have been problems with disorderly patrons departing the establishment causing issues of fighting, urination, vomiting, and noise in the surrounding area, and also noise coming from the rear yard area. The residents stated that these issues have not been occurring more recently, but that they fear that they will resume now that the weather has gotten warmer. In addition, the residents complained of the noise coming from motorcycles and motorcycles parking and driving on the sidewalk, most often when the establishment, which has a predominant “biker” patronage, holds events. The owners stated that they have made attempts to address the residents’ concerns, which has resulted in the reduction of these issues, and that will continue their efforts to abate these problems, by making attempts to disburse the patrons from the area, and the owner provided a cell phone number for residents to call should any problems arise. In addition, CB10 requested that the police precinct increase patrols in the late night and early morning hours when the licensee holds an event at the premises. The District Office will continue to monitor the situation and liaise between the residents and the owners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Request for Comment for NYC DHPD’s Issuance of a Certification of No Harassment for 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street (the Prince Hotel) pursuant to NYC Admin. Code § 27-2093, Application #68/16**

This request was received by the District Office after the committee meeting, and thus, it was not heard by the committee, so will be heard for the first time at the full Board meeting on June 20, 2016. I provide the following information in order to assist the Board in its discussion and vote.

The District Office received a request from the NYC Division of Housing Preservation and Development for the Board’s comment regarding an application for a Certification of No Harassment, pursuant to NYC Administrative Code section 27-2903, with respect to Singe Room

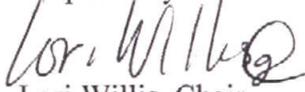
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COMMUNITY BOARD 10

Occupancy Multiple Dwellings for 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, which address is being operated as the Prince Hotel. Upon the filing of such application the DHPD, there is a 30-day comment period, and notice is sent to interested persons and the local community board for their comment on whether harassment of any occupants or former occupants of the premises have been “harassed” by being subject to conduct which causes or is intended to cause interference or disruption to the “comfort, repose, peace or quiet of any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a dwelling unit in the use or occupancy of such dwelling unit” and causes or is intended to cause such person to vacate or surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy, within the 36 month period prior to the application. (See NYC Admin. Code §27-2093). Such acts can be the use or threat of force, interruption or discontinuance of essential services, or “any other conduct which prevents or is intended to prevent any person from the lawful occupancy of such dwelling unit or causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such dwelling unit to vacate such unit or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy...” If any such acts have occurred within the 36 month period prior to the application, there is a presumption that they are committed on behalf of the owner with the intent to cause the person to vacate the unit, or to surrender or waive a right in relation to their occupancy.

After the comment period, the DHPD commissioner can determine that no “harassment” (within the meaning of the statute) has occurred and issue the certification of no harassment, deny the certification if there has been a prior determination of harassment, hold a hearing or further inquiry to determine whether harassment has occurred, or in certain circumstances, determine that there should be a waiver (pursuant to the statute under certain circumstances that do not appear to here apply).

In the event that the certification or a waiver is not issued because the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that harassment has occurred, then upon the request of the commissioner, the commissioner of buildings shall not approve any plans or issue any alteration or demolition permit for the building, or can issue a stop-work order on approved plans.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Willis, Chair

Community Board 10

ZALUC Committee Report

Meeting Date: June 15, 2016, Report Date: June 20, 2016

Good evening zoning fans.

My name is Steve Harrison. I am a member of ZALUC. I recently chaired the meeting of ZALUC that took place on June 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 105 86th Street. The Committee met in quorum. Although ZALUC Chair Ann Falutico was present at the meeting, because of a significant personal commitment Ann was unable to prepare for this meeting and asked me to chair same and to deliver this informational report. There is no vote or recommendation in connection with this report.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing concerning the Board's zoning application to remove CB10 as one of the 4 community districts in the City to which the home enlargement terms of the Special Permit defined by ZR 73-622 *apply*

You may recall that this is the special permit the Board has consistently criticized over the past 13 years as having the potential to nullify our hard won zoning because it has always been granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals regardless of the relevant facts, regardless of the objections of neighbors, regardless of the intent of the special permit and, perhaps most importantly, in complete disregard of the Board's recommendation concerning the proposed development's effect on community character. It was this last factor -our input on community character - that our Board saw as the chief limitation on abuse of the special permit. Because of that the Board voted to be included in the few Boards to which the permit applies. But we were wrong. The BSA did not and does not see the Board's input as a limitation to be observed but as a trifle to be ignored. As a result, with the canny aid of Council Member Vincent Gentile, the Board recently found itself in a position to apply to eliminate the Special Permit's application to our District. Thank you Council member. That application was filed after an arduous effort by DM Jo Beckmann and her intrepid staff. They deserve our thanks and applause.

The ZALUC meeting of June 15 commenced with opening remarks of Chair Brian Kieran to a packed house of interested citizens.

Chair Kieran then turned the podium of over to me. In my opening remarks I briefly explained the history of the Special Permit. Most importantly I explained that the meeting was, indeed, a strange public hearing because the body holding the hearing, CB10, was also, ironically, the applicant for the zoning change. And as the applicant we were already on record as favoring the application.

That, however, is how the process works. By law, all land use applications that effect our

District are referred to the Board by either the BSA or City Planning, as the case may be, for a public hearing. Because of that, after our Board submitted this application, it was referred right back to us, as a matter of course for a public hearing.

I also explained that, while the public hearing would not result in any further action by CB10, all comments at the hearing would be forwarded to City Planning for its consideration on the application. I advised that the Board's public hearing served the purpose of allowing a local venue for comments and that a further hearing would take place before the City Planning Commission at a time and place to be announced by the Commission.

I then turned the podium over to Council Member Gentile who carefully explained why both he and CB10 support elimination of this Special Permit in our Community. He explained that despite the claims of some, homes in our community will still be enlarged under multiple other sections of the Zoning Resolution but those enlargements will be subject to greater oversight and scrutiny and limitations that are less onerous on our community. Importantly, those additional sections give greater voice to the concerns of neighbors and to our Board.

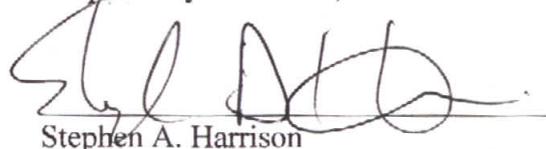
I then introduced General manager Beckmann who gave a Power Point presentation which she and the staff prepared. The presentation clearly showed the history of the Special Permit, the other types of procedures that can be used to enlarge a home, the concentrations of these permits, the number of times CB10 has objected and been ignored and last but not least, some rather egregious examples of enlarged homes under this section showing the significant effects on neighbors who subsequently had to live with these structures. As one later commentator later stated, those who oppose the elimination of the special permit see that as unfair to those who have the money to use this permit, but, in reality its existence is even more unfair to those neighbors whose light and air is affected and who must live with the consequences.

The podium was then turned over to the public hearing. Each witness was given about three minutes to comment.

I will not go through each witness's testimony. Suffice it to say that 13 people testified at the podium. Of those 10 spoke in favor of the Board's application to repeal and 3 spoke in opposition. *10 emails & letters in support, none in opposition.*

A count was then taken of the entire array and it was determined that of those present 80 were in favor of the Board's application to repeal the Special Permit and 5 were opposed to the Board's application.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen A. Harrison

## Traffic and Transportation Report: June 20, 2016

Chair: Jaynemie Capetanakis

**\*This is a consolidated report from 2 meetings held on May 18, 2016 and June 13, 2016.**

May 18, 2016 Attendance:	June 13, 2016 Attendance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lizabeth Amato (Excused)</li> <li>• Jumana Bishara (Absent)</li> <li>• Doris Cruz</li> <li>• Judith Grimaldi (Absent)</li> <li>• Steve Harrison</li> <li>• Victoria Hervas-Castaneda (Excused)</li> <li>• Brian Kaszuba</li> <li>• Nick Nikolopoulos (Excused)</li> <li>• Dean Rasinya</li> <li>• Hani Sarji</li> <li>• Joseph Sokoloski (Excused)</li> <li>• Larry Stelter (Excused)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lizabeth Amato (Excused)</li> <li>• Jumana Bishara (Absent)</li> <li>• Doris Cruz (Excused)</li> <li>• Judith Grimaldi (Absent)</li> <li>• Steve Harrison</li> <li>• Victoria Hervas-Castaneda (Absent)</li> <li>• Brian Kaszuba</li> <li>• Nick Nikolopoulos (Excused)</li> <li>• Dean Rasinya</li> <li>• Hani Sarji (Excused)</li> <li>• Joseph Sokoloski</li> <li>• Larry Stelter</li> </ul>

Members of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. We did not have a quorum were unable to vote.

- Proposed City Bench Installation at 220 86<sup>th</sup> Street: This proposal came through a 311 request. This is adjacent to Casa Calamari. The owner of Casa Calamari is NOT in favor of this request. We have reached out to the building owner and are awaiting their response to the proposal. The committee will postpone this vote until we hear from the building owner.
- Proposed City Bench Installation at Coffey Square, Bravo Blvd. and Ft. Hamilton Parkway: This proposal was requested by a resident. It is across from residential buildings. In our discussion, we noted there is a similar triangle park on the other side of the highway that does have benches. From our discussion, we recommend to approve, but were unable to vote.
- Proposed New Commuter Van Service operated by HCWC, from 89-08 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY with 5 vans daily, offering 24 hour service: The operator was present for this meeting with a translator. The proposed service area would be between Staten Island and parts of CB 10, bounded east of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 73<sup>rd</sup> Street; bounded on the south of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 40<sup>th</sup> Street and back to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This would be from northern Staten Island and come into parts of CB 10 and neighboring CB 7. The operators do not have a specific route map. We discussed that the commuter vans operate more like a car service and unlike city buses that have a specific route. The cost is \$4.00 per ride, cash only. It was noted that HCWC has a public hearing in Staten Island on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee recommendation out of quorum was 5 in favor and 1 opposed. This recommendation is subject to HCWC sharing a more defined map of their service area with us and the general board vote.
- Informational update on the submission of pre-final contract drawings by DDC (the Department of Design and Construction) for the Owls Head Connector Project (ID HWK1048G), on 2nd Avenue between 58th Street and Wakeman Place, and along Wakeman Place from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Colonial Road: In October 2015, we voted for a general approval of the DDC proposal for the Connector Project, which is part of the larger DDC project.

asked DDC to return to give a follow-up to our committee and they declined. The DDC responded via email. They took our suggestion and eliminated benches along Wakeman Place, which we were concerned would lead to loitering; updated plans include a safer bicycle path in respect of the Belt Parkway exit; and they have reduced the number of eliminated parking spaces from a total of 46 to 42. Of these parking spaces, about 12 parking spaces are within CB 10, and the majority of the eliminated parking is along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue within the confines of CB 7. While we support the Greenway Project and beautification of our community, especially in light of the new ferry route and NYU Langone Lutheran Hospital upgrades in that area, we remain concerned that the elimination of so many parking spots may be a burden for the residents and workers in that area. In our committee discussion, we would urge the DDC to consider if alternate design elements, including an above ground ramp, can be added to the plans. The DDC has not yet returned to CB 7 and we will monitor this issue for further developments.

Members of the Traffic and Transportation Committee also met on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

- Update on 65th Street Traffic Issues including placement of traffic control agents, hours of assignment, double parking issues, and enforcement along the 65th Street corridor:
  - About a year ago, we met with DOT to discuss corridor safety along 65<sup>th</sup> Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We noted the changes included Sanitation doing daily sweeps of 65<sup>th</sup> street from 7:30 to 8:00 and after 8:00, those spaces get filled and it eliminates another lane that was used for traffic; there are pedestrian intervals at the crosswalks that provide pedestrians with a 7-second head start to cross on 65<sup>th</sup> Street at each corner from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue; there are new markings along 65<sup>th</sup> Street and also a new crossing guard by Christa McAuliffe Intermediate School.
  - Concerns since these changes include traffic congestion on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; double-parking on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 65<sup>th</sup> street; and concerns about double-parking on Fort Hamilton Parkway and 65<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Compliments were noted for the presence of traffic control agents along 65<sup>th</sup> Street.
- NYPD Section Commander Joseph Ellis spoke to us about the DOT emphasis on traffic calming that creates a safety barrier, including bollards, improved signage and often greenery. He shared with us that years ago, the emphasis was on moving traffic quickly, but now we try to slow it down and control congestion, keep it manageable, move expeditiously, reduce pedestrian and vehicular injuries and fatalities. He noted that there are only a limited number of agents and that the department does not have the resources to put people at all the intersections full-time. At 65<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there are agents on shifts to help with that area of construction, however, they have asked for the construction company to pay the cost to have agents there. At 65<sup>th</sup> Street, there are three agents from 9:30-2:00 Monday through Friday. They are at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and their post change is at McDonald Avenue/Fort Hamilton Parkway and over by McDonald and Caton Avenue; they are also split to other areas, as needed. The good news is that they are expecting another 54 agents to be hired city wide in the next month and that this will help the department overall.
- Detective Kirshner and Sargent Pabon spoke with us regarding the statistics from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct. From January to May, there have been just over 39,000 summonses issued, including Double Parking, No Standing, Bus Zone, Street Cleaning and blocking a hydrant. They noted that there is an increase of 11 accidents along 65<sup>th</sup> street; there were 125 accidents last year and 136 this year. The accidents are happening during the daytime, about 10 accidents happened in the 3:00-4:00 time period. Most of the accidents along 65<sup>th</sup> Street involved improper turning and several were on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where there have been instances of failure to yield. When discussing 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, we noted the concerns around the loading zone by Form Grocery supermarket, which is the former site of the Americana Diner. Josephine suggested they make it "No Stopping" and will speak to the store owner; there was also discussion to have some of the signage in Chinese. A concern was raised about left-hand turns being part of the problem, plus the stream of traffic from the highway exit and cars coming from 65<sup>th</sup> street.

- Commander Ellis added that we campaign to improve knowledge of the “Right of Way Law.” New York City’s Right of Way Law helps protect pedestrians on dangerous city streets. The law makes it a misdemeanor crime when a driver fails to yield and injures or kills a person walking in the crosswalk or bicycling with the right of way. The law is known as *Sect. 19-190 of the NYC Adm. Code or Local Law 29 (2014)*. This creates real consequences for careless driving, which is the best way to encourage safer driving. Before the Right of Way Law, many drivers would only face a small fine and 3 points on their driving record or even **no consequences at all**. Now, if a driver fails to yield but doesn’t cause an injury, the driver may be fined up to \$100; if the driver causes physical injury or death, the driver may be fined up to \$250 and in theory be sentenced to up to 30 days in jail. If the officer finds probable cause to believe the driver negligently failed to yield and violated the victim’s right of way, that driver could be arrested at the scene of the crash. Before the Right of Way Law took effect, police officers were required to have personally witnessed the crash that caused an injury, despite witness testimony or physical evidence of failure to yield.
- There is no vote at this time. This was an informational update.
- Update on CEMUSA Public Pay Toilets
- We can submit up to three locations to review. 69<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road will not work due to the requirements for sanitation.
  - The location near Leif Erickson Park on 66<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is still a possibility; there is a new comfort station in the park, but it closes at 4:00 pm and there are often night games in the nearby fields, plus the tennis courts are being refurbished, which may bring a demand for the availability of a toilet.
  - The building on 100<sup>th</sup> and Shore Road that had a comfort station may be condemned; however, there are a number of seniors who have requested that location; so that is still
  - It is possible along Shore Road near the crossing points; however, we are also concerned about the aesthetics of this in residential areas.
  - As a reminder, the cost of the pay toilets is 25 cents for 15 minutes. There are several guidelines that the proposed site must meet:
    - The amount of space required is 16 feet x 21 feet to accommodate ADA accessibility.
    - There needs to be an 8 foot clear path in front of the pay toilet for pedestrian flow of traffic.
    - The pay toilets cannot be in purely residential zones; however, they can be adjacent to city property, such as parks.
    - In our committee discussion, we also spoke about locations closer to Cannonball Park, however there is a growing homeless outreach in John Paul Jones Park.
    - We will return to this issue and appreciate the Board’s suggestions for possible locations. There is no vote at this time. This was an informational update.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaynemie Capetanakis  
June 20, 2016





## Department of Transportation

POLLY TROTTENBERG, Commissioner

May 23, 2016

Chairperson Joanne Seminara  
Brooklyn, Community Board # 10  
8119 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11209

Dear Chairperson Seminara:

This is to notify you that the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) is reviewing an application from HCWC, Inc, for additional vans for their commuter van service in Staten Island and Brooklyn. Your written comments in support or in opposition to this service will enable NYCDOT to determine the public convenience and necessity for the service. Please see the enclosure which fully explains the commuter van application process.

### **Applicant:**

HCWC Inc.  
89-08 Roosevelt Avenue  
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

### **Approved Service Area**

#### **Staten Island to Brooklyn**

**From the Borough of Staten Island** bounded on the west of Willowbrook Road and Forest Avenue to Victory Blvd. From Victory Blvd. to Bay Street. Bounded on the south of Bay Street and Vanderbilt Road to Narrow Road. From Narrow Road to Clove Road. Bounded on the south of Clove Road and Victory Blvd. to Manor Road. From Manor Road back to Willowbrook Road. To a residential area in the **Borough of Brooklyn** bounded on the east of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 73<sup>rd</sup> Street. Bounded on the south of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. From 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 40<sup>th</sup> street and back to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Number of Existing Vans:                      5 Vans**

**Days/Hours of Operation:                      Daily/ 24 hour**

There will be a public hearing held on June 27, 2016 at the Staten Island Borough Hall, 10 Richmond Terrace, Room 122, Staten Island, NY 10301 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm so you may have an opportunity to voice your position on this application. In addition, written comments in support or in opposition to this application may be sent to Ms. Dorothy Szorc at the New York City Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning & Management, 55 Water Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10041 no later than June 27, 2016. Any written comments received after this date may not be considered. Those opposing the application must clearly specify why the proposed additional van service will not meet present and/or future public convenience and necessity.

If you have any questions you may contact Dorothy Szorc at 212-839-7217.

Sincerely,



Charles Ukegbu, Ed.D  
Assistant Commissioner

c: C. Tormey, A.Meola, C.Barrett - TLC

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING -- 6/20/16 --7:15PM---SHORE HILL COMMUNITY ROOM

JUNE JOHNSON -- CHAIR OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

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Community Board 10 ----- Parks Committee Meeting --- 6/6/16- 7pm -- For Hamilton High School

PRESENT -- COUNCILMAN VINCENT GENTILE, DISTRICT MANAGER JOSEPHINE BECKMANN, GREG AHL, SHIRLEY CHIN, HANI SARJI, JUDITH COLLINS, LIZABETH AMATO, SUSAN PULASKI

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\*\*\*\*\* UPGRADE OF THE FORT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD

The School Construction Authority gave a thorough presentation of the proposed 5.5 million project. The upgrade of the athletic field being made possible through capital funds secured by City Council Member Vincent Gentile. The power-point plan made it very clear just what was going to be upgraded, replaced and repaired.

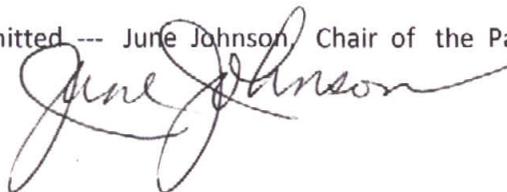
The football field is going to have new turf installed --- The running track is going to be replaced --- The tennis courts are going to be redone --- And the fencing around the field is going to be repaired.

While the project is on Parks property, but the Fort Hamilton School students use the field during the school day, Councilman Gentile brokered a deal to have the School Construction Authority construct the project. The SCA completes their projects in half the time and, therefore, the students and the community will be enjoying this beautiful field in about two years.

As a community we are so lucky to have Councilman Gentile put his time, energy, and money into our beautiful parks. We all get to enjoy them.

\*\*\*\*\* Community neighbors brought their requests, and in some instances complaints, to our meeting. Trash that hasn't been picked up -- Trees that need pruning --- Repairs that need to be made on the Shore Road paths --- And a need for more trash cans. All the requests were noted and we are looking into what we can accomplish and what needs to be put on capital project lists.

Respectfully submitted --- June Johnson, Chair of the Parks Committee



A meeting of the Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare Committee was held on June 8, 2016 at the District Office of CB10, meeting began at 7:10pm.

At our meeting dated March 31, 2016 NYC Smoke Free presented to CB10 and requested a resolution supporting smoke free housing in CB10. NYC Smoke Free is a program of public health solutions that works to protect the health of New Yorkers through a tobacco control policy, advocacy, and education. The committee has reviewed a resolution that best protects our Community Board. (SEE RESOLUTION OF COMMUNITY BOARD 10). Review and Vote by full Board

The Committee also discussed the community health profile and came up with the top 8 Department of Health Assessments for CB10. (SEE THE TOP 8 HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR CB10). I would like to thank our District Manager Josephine Beckman and Nancy Marangelli an intern at the district office for the numerous hours that they spent in reviewing the vast amount of information presented.  
Informational Report

A presentation was made to the committee by representatives from Maimonides Medical Center for a trial for epilepsy patients they were Mr. Illya Pushkar and Mr. Antonios Likourenzos. Established Status Epilepticus Treatment Trial or (ESETT). (SEE ESETT FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION). Informational Report.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandy Vallas', written in a cursive style.

Sandy Vallas  
Chairperson, Senior Issues, Housing,  
Health and Welfare Committee

## **Resolution of Brooklyn Community Board No. 10**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. National Toxicology Program and U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke has been classified as a known human carcinogen. Prolonged exposure increases the risk of lung cancer, heart attack, stroke and chronic lung disease; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke is completely eliminate smoking in indoor spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, non-smokers whom are exposed to secondhand smoke on a regular basis will still absorb nicotine and other harmful substances due to seepage through hallways, vents, air ducts, outlets, and walls; and

**WHEREAS**, owners who enact smoke free apartments will reduce property damage and turnover costs caused by smoking. They can also save money on insurance by decreasing the chance of fire since smoking is the leading cause of home fires.

**WHEREAS**, those living in multifamily dwellings don't have any power or authority to stop or prevent their exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Fire Protection Association found that cigarettes are the leading cause of home fire fatalities in the United States, killing 700 to 900 smokers and non-smokers each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooklyn Community Board 10 strongly encourages all owners and landlords of both current and future multi-family dwellings (including cooperative housing corporations and condominiums) within Community District 10 to adopt policies, and lease provisions that prohibit the use of tobacco and tobacco products in any apartments, units, or other areas of such dwellings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brooklyn Community Board 10 recommends and strongly encourages all owners and landlords, of both current and future multi-family dwellings (including cooperative housing corporations and condominiums) within Community District 10 to consider taking steps toward smoke-free housing.

Top 8  
Departments of Health  
Assessments for CB 10

# 1. Adult Educational Attainment

## Facts:

- ▶ 1 in 5 (20%) DO NOT have a high school degree
- ▶ 2/5 (43%) of adults have college degrees
- ▶ High school equivalency diploma has changed recently
- ▶ NYC Department of Education touts \$47 million on adult education but last school year only 299 high school equivalency diplomas were awarded.
- ❖ This is an issue brought to CB 10 attention by local residence

## Recommendations:

- ▶ Invite DOE to discuss issues that will improve stats as well as GED testing.

## 2. Tobacco Retailers

### Facts:

- ▶ 11 per 10,000 population
- ▶ Same as Brooklyn and citywide
- ❖ Numbers do not include hookah

### Ideas:

- ▶ Reach out to large drug store chains
  - Duane Reade
  - Walgreens
  - Rite Aid
- ▶ Adopt Smoke-Free Support Initiatives

## 3. Housing Quality

- ❖ Poor Housing quality leads to health problems and safety

### Facts:

- ▶ Illegal conversions has become a big problem

### Recommendation:

- ▶ Continued advocacy for enforcement and safe housing

## 4. Alcohol Related Hospitalization

### Facts:

- ▶ CB 10: 560 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Brooklyn: 1,041 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Citywide: 1,019 per 100,000 adults

### Recommendations:

- ▶ Continued advocacy for alcohol dependency support program

## 5. Drug Related Hospitalization

### Facts:

- ▶ CB 10: 370 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Brooklyn 921 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Citywide: 907 per 100,000 adults

### Note:

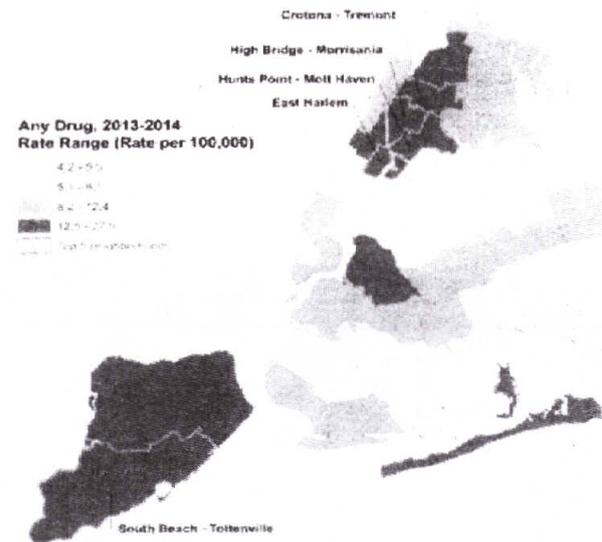
- ▶ There has been a recent increase in opioid usage and overdoses within community district 10
- ▶ According to NYC Health Data Briefs, In 2015 there were 800 unintentional drug poisoning (overdose) deaths involving opioid

### Recommendations:

- ▶ Advocacy education and treatment programs

Map 2. Top five New York City neighborhoods: Rates of unintentional drug poisoning (overdose) by neighborhood of residence, 2013-2014

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics/Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York City; Rates calculated using NYC DDHMH population estimates, modified from US Census Bureau intercensal population estimates 2000-2014 updated October 2015; Analysis by Health Department's Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment



The data on this page is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be used for legal or other purposes.

## 6. Mental Health

### Facts:

- ▶ CB 10: 423 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Brooklyn: 734 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Citywide: 684 per 100,000 adults

### Recommendations:

- ▶ Continue to support mental health services

## 7. Stroke

### Facts:

- ▶ CB 10: 252 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Brooklyn: 344 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Citywide: 319 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights ranks 46<sup>th</sup> in the rate of stroke hospitalizations

### Recommendations:

- ▶ Prevention advocacy with local hospitals

## 8. Diabetes

### Facts:

- ▶ CB 10: 254 per 100,000
- ▶ Brooklyn: 357 per 100,000 adults
- ▶ Citywide: 312 per 100,000 adults

### Recommendations:

- ▶ Continue prevention and advocacy

# CB 10 Action

- ▶ Ideas
- ▶ Suggestions
- ▶ Discussion



# ESETT

Established Status Epilepticus Treatment Trial (ESETT)

**A prolonged seizure affects individuals of all ages, from the very young to the elderly.**

Come Learn about ESETT a seizure study that may affect you or someone you know!

Status Epilepticus (SE) is as a seizure lasting longer than five minutes without stopping on its own or without waking up. A person whose seizure does not stop despite receiving a full dose of medicine (benzodiazepines) to make it stop is considered to have Established Status Epilepticus (ESE).

**ESETT** is a research study designed to try to save and improve the lives of people who experience established status epilepticus (ESE). Emergency department care of patients with a long-lasting seizure in the US is not the same everywhere. Doctors use their judgement, but what treatment will work best is not known. This study plans to look at three commonly used medicines given in the emergency departments for ESE: fosphenytoin (fPHT), valproic (VPA), and levetiracetam (LVT) to learn which treatment is most effective at stopping a seizure quickly.

Normally, researchers get permission before a person can be included in a study. A person having a seizure will not be able to give consent. Since a seizure that will not stop on its own must be treated quickly, there will not be enough time to locate and talk to the person's legal representative about the study, so the person will be enrolled in the study without his/her legal representative's consent. This is called "Exception from Informed Consent" (**EFIC**).

If you would like more information about the study or would like to decline participation, please go to our website or contact us by e-mail or phone. We would be happy to answer questions you have.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Website: [www.esett.org](http://www.esett.org)**

**E-mail: [cfromm@maimonidesmed.org](mailto:cfromm@maimonidesmed.org)**

**Phone: 7182836076**

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

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Bartoli's Pizzeria & Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Gino's Restaurant, 7414 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6/15/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
City 9316 Inc., d/b/a Fushimi Japanese Cuisine, 9316 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6/20/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
The Brooklyn Firefly Inc., 7003 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/27/16	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Salty Dog Restaurant, 7509 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/28/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Phoenix 384 Corp., d/b/a XIN, 8324 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/30/16	500' Hearing
WM 11 Inc., The Wicked Monk, 9508 – 9510 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/30/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Hana 86 Sushi Inc., Sushi Hana, 524 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	6/30/16	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Chipotle Mexican Grill, 463 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	7/7/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
A&N Coffee Shop, Inc., d/a/b Pegasus 8610 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	7/7/16	*New Application Wine, Beer & Cider
Hamilton Parkway Corp., d/b/a Indigo Murphy's, 7102 Fort Hamilton Parkway	7/11/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
ABI Group LLC, 8530 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, d/b/a Lobo Loco	7/18/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Ming Hao Inc., 848 64 <sup>th</sup> Street	7/25/16	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

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

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WM 11 Inc., d/b/a The Wicked Monk, 9508 – 9510 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/1/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
J & K King Inc., 6732 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	8/8/16	*New Wine, Beer & Cider
Shogun Sushi Inc., 6201 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	8/12/16	Renewal Wine & Beer
8602 Pizza Corp., d/b/a Casa Calamari, 8602 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/15/16	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Brooklyn Firefly Inc., 7003 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/18/16	500' Hearing
Molaoi Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Blue Door Souvlakia, 8413 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/19/16	*New Application Wine, Beer & Cider
Mythai Kitchen Inc., 7803 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/25/16	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
8812 Grill Corp. LLC, d/b/a Charlie Villa's, 8812 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8/31/16	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

\*Will be invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in September 2016.