Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and invited Jay Filan, Neighborhood Library Supervisor of the Brooklyn Public Library Fort Hamilton Branch, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

As a quorum was not reached at the beginning of the meeting, the adoption of the Agenda and the Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Board Meeting were postponed.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council Member Vincent Gentile announced that his bill which will allow the Department of Buildings to issue violations for illegal residential conversions based on readily observable evidence will be heard this Thursday in City Council. Some examples of evidence are excessive mailboxes, utility meters, and multiple doorbells. Gaining access inside a property to prove that it has been illegally converted can be difficult. Giving DOB inspectors the power to issue violations based on readily observable evidence will strengthen enforcement efforts. The Councilman then noted that his bill that will regulate hookah bars in the community will be heard early next month. The Smoke Free Air Act that was passed in 2002 did not include hookah smoke because it was not an issue at that time. This bill would add hookah smoke to the Smoke Free Air Act.

Councilman Gentile announced that starting Wednesday his office will be a pop-up location for IDNYC card registrations. IDNYC staff will be on hand from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday to Friday until April 3rd. Appointments can be made by calling his office or online at the IDNYC website, nyc.gov/idnyc.

The Councilman noted that as of yesterday, crossing into Staten Island on the Verrazano Bridge will cost $17 if you are paying cash. His petition calls on the MTA to extend the same resident discounts to those who live in the zip codes near the bridge and those who use the bridge 10 times or more each month. Visit his Facebook page to sign his petition.

Councilman Gentile announced that the New York soccer club The Cosmos are back in Brooklyn starting April 1st at MCU Park. Cosmos cheerleaders will march in the St. Patrick’s Parade this Sunday in Bay Ridge.

The Councilman is calling on the Sanitation Department to get rid of the “dual bin trucks”. New bifurcated [split] trucks have less space for bulk garbage. Mattresses, furniture and other large items are piling up curbside because these new trucks are split between trash and organics.

Chair Cruz asked the Councilman if the Community Board should send letters of support for his for legislation on illegal conversions and the hookah bars. The Councilman replied that that would be great.

Since there was now a quorum, Chair Cruz asked for a motion to adopt tonight’s agenda. Motion by BM Sokoloski, seconded by BM Collins.

Chair Cruz asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Chin.

Sara Ostolaza, Community Coordinator for the Office of Government and Community Affairs at NYU Lutheran Medical Center, introduced herself and invited anyone who has any concerns or questions to contact her.

Robert Birkhead from Congressman Donovan’s office stated that they will have a representative in their office from the VA once a month to assist veterans who have questions or issues with benefits, and will do a whole benefits evaluation. Also, he invited anyone who needs assistance during tax season to stop by their office.
On behalf of Bike New York, Pio Tsai announced that on Sunday, May 7th the 5 Boro Bike Tour will be coming through our neighborhood. There will be some street closures, specifically the BQE and Gowanus Expressway between Columbia Street and the Verrazano Bridge. BM Harrison asked if there is anything different this year than the past years and was told there is not. He also announced that they will again have free classes to learn to ride a bike. They provide bikes and helmets in an open space, and groups are split up between kids and adults. He noted that they are looking for volunteers.

Julia Vazquez is a representative from the Healing Center in the Bay Ridge area, which services battered women, children and the elderly in our community. She left flyers which have additional information, phone numbers and upcoming events that they are sponsoring.

Jonathan Yedin spoke about his disappointment with Congressman Donovan’s office for not holding a town hall for the public to answer questions that he thinks everyone deserves to know. It was announced that the House Republicans will be voting on the Affordable Care replacement this Thursday. The Congressman’s office has given no answer as to his position except to say he is reviewing the bill, thinking about it and talking to folks, which is unacceptable. Again, there is no information on the Congressman’s website. He the only Republican to represent New York City and has a lot of clout over what happens in DC and how it affects us here at home. The budget came out last week and the Congressman put out a statement that he is reviewing it.

Jay Filan from the Fort Hamilton Branch of the Library announced that they will hold the 5th Annual Bike the Branches on May 20th, and noted that there are people who actually bike to all 58 locations. He announced that the This is My Story program, which was supported by Michael Festa’s family, has finished three sessions. It is getting a large turnout and is just amazing to watch. The Fort Hamilton Branch has Arabic Story Time for children in Arabic and English every Saturday at 2:30 PM in March and April. Finally, he thanked Community Board 10 for being so supportive of the library.

Paul Cassone represented the Guild for Exceptional Children and noted that the Guild serves young children with developmental disabilities all the way up to senior citizens. Their oldest person turned 91 years of age in January. The Guild has been struggling with funding because their rates have been flat for eight years. They have met with Congressman Donovan regarding the impact that Medicaid and Medicare cuts would have for their folks, and they hope he will advocate for them. They are fortunate because The Guild has a lot of friends in the community. The Raccoon Lodge is having a benefit for them featuring Electric Hot Tuna on April 14th at the Grand Prospect Hall. You can buy tickets from the Guild’s website or from the art store on 77th Street and 5th Avenue. $25,000 was donated to the Guild the last time they ran one of these benefits two years ago.

Jessica Kallo from the Borough President’s office thanked the people who called her office to find out whether or not their applications went through. She is here tonight to answer any questions. She urged people who still have not gotten an answer from herself or her colleagues to call them. They are here to serve you.

Daniel Abramson from the Mayor’s office announced that this past February was the safest February in New York City history in terms of crime statistics. The Mayor announced a comprehensive borough based plan to turn the tide on homelessness. One feature of the plan is to end cluster sites in hotel facilities over the next several years. Those sites will be replaced by traditional shelters distributed across the five boroughs. They key of the plan is to keep people near the communities where they come from.

He then spoke about Healing NYC, a new initiative that the Mayor and First Lady launched to combat opioid epidemic. In 2016 more than 1,000 people in New York City died of a drug overdose. One part of the program is that 100,000 Naloxone kits will be distributed throughout the City. Additional mental health clinics will be created in high-need schools that account for a disproportionate share of suspensions and mental health issues.
Ruth Masyr announced upcoming events at the Bay Ridge Jewish Center. Sunday, April 30th is their spring flea market from 9AM to 4PM. There will be a Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 11th. In honor of Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday, April 24th, they are having a theatrical production called “Conversations with Anne Frank”. In addition, they are having a Passover food drive along with City Harvest. Any food contributions can be dropped off at the synagogue.

Liam McCabe requested that the flag at the 69th Street Pier be replaced because it is torn and tattered. He will also write to the Parks Department. He will make a suggestion to the Congressman’s office to fly a flag in honor of Veterans Memorial Pier. He also spoke about the homelessness crisis in New York City.

Yveline Dalmacy from Assembly Member Pam Harris’ office announced that they are celebrating Women of Distinction on Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 AM at Tom’s Restaurant on the Coney Island Boardwalk. Assemblywoman Harris’ Bill 10201 which is makes it easier for NORCS to qualify for state funding becomes effective January 1, 2018. The Assemblywoman also fought for the amount NORCS have to raise in order to be eligible for state funding to be lowered. It was formerly 100% and was lowered to 25%. She brought brochures and information about fire safety, breast cancer screening, and help for depression and anxiety.

Patrick Lewis spoke about legislation that the Public Advocate is working on to ban asking salary history questions during an interview process. He noted other issues that the Public Advocate is working on are included in their Newsletter.

CHAIR’S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

In the absence of DM Beckmann, Dorothy Garuccio rendered the report. See attached.

TREASURER’S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Vallas, BM Kaszuba rendered the report. See attached.

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

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

Committee Chair Kaszuba noted that the Committee passed a motion to approve the DCA application for Istanbul to allow operation of an unenclosed sidewalk café as submitted with the exception that the operator remove the corner most table located on the 80th Street side, and that all sidewalk furniture be at least 8 feet away from the edge of the sidewalk. He noted that the motion was passed unanimously, however since they did not meet in quorum we require a second from the general board. Motion seconded.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the DCA application on behalf of Bul Inc., d/b/a Istanbul, 8002 5th Avenue to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 chairs, DCA #1406-2017-ASWC with the exception that the operator remove the corner most table located on the 80th Street side, and that all sidewalk furniture be at least 8 feet away from the edge of the sidewalk. 30 in favor. 1 opposed – BM Harrison. Motion carried.

Regarding the variance of the Department of Buildings work permit submitted by the building owner for work at 401 95th Street, Committee Chair Kaszuba noted that the request was withdrawn earlier today.
Regarding the Special Permit Application #2016-4259-BZ at 8033 Shore Road, Committee Chair Kaszuba noted that although the motion was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 against and 1 recusal, they were not in quorum and need a second from the floor. Seconded by BM Sokoloski. Discussion followed.

BM Harrison noted that 73-621 applies citywide, and 73-622 was only applicable in three districts in Brooklyn, and now applicable only in two. Chair Cruz noted that 73-621 was mentioned by City Planning during a hearing for Community Board 10’s repeal of 73-622. BM Harrison said this is a flat 10% and not an issue of character or other things you can object to on a fact-finding basis. BM Kieran asked how the height comes into play. The applicant’s representative, Eric Palatnik, said in an R2 District there is no set height, it is dictated by the sky exposure plane. BM Feliciano thinks it would be helpful in the future to have a drawing or graph so they can see it. A resident present at the meeting stated that it is going to block his view. Mr. Palatnik noted that the height of the attic is going to be used as a recreation space and not bedrooms. Under the rules of the City it does not count in the floor area. The neighbor said he has concerns that he will be boxed in. Committee Chair Kaszuba replied that the Committee definitely had issues with the height but it is not part of the application that they can comment on. However, these issues are mentioned in the motion that will go to BSA. A roll call was taken.

Motion: Regarding Special Permit Application #2016-4259-BZ submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals which seeks the enlargement of a single-family residence located in an R2 zoning district under section 73-621 of the Zoning Resolution:

- Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 recently pushed for the repeal of Special Permit 73-622, and
- Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 asserts applications under 73-622 sought to make extreme enlargements to FAR, side yards, rear yards, and were often done as speculative purchases, and out of character with the other local buildings, and
- Whereas, Brooklyn Community 10 will continue to thoroughly examine every BSA application and every Zoning Text Amendment change, primarily arguing for as of right construction and construction consistent with the character of the community, and
- Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 will not allow applicants to use Special Permit 73-621 as a blank slate to make changes and we will rule on each application on a case by case basis, and
- Therefore, Brooklyn Community Board 10 approves application #2016-4259-BZ, for 8033 Shore Road which seeks the enlargement of a single-family residence located in an R2 zoning district under section 73-621, since this application does not pose adverse effect on local neighbors, does not increase side yard or front yard, nor does it affect neighbors in the rear. Although we have some concerns on the heights, we are unable to object since it is as of right.

18 in favor; 10 opposed; 1 abstention; 2 recusals. Motion carried. (See Attached Roll Call)

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Committee Chair Capetanakis showed a presentation of the planned placement of the MTA ADA accessible elevator at 86th Street and 4th Avenue. BM Nikolopoulos noted that the bus will have to go into the only lane that will remain. The Committee’s biggest concern was that pedestrians are on that sidewalk when the buses turn. Committee Chair Capetanakis said this becomes a very vulnerable point especially when you think of someone running up the stairs to cross the street. They will not be seen because of the elevator there and it will potentially become a blind spot. BM Falutico said they could extend bollards or install planters. BM Germack suggested putting the elevator at 85th Street. Committee Chair Capetanakis totally agrees and the Committee suggested that. The MTA responded that 85th Street is not deep enough and it is not a manned station. They were not open to suggestions; it was not a dialog and that is what she wanted to stress. She asked if any of the
elected officials’ representatives were still present at the meeting, and there were only one or two. She stated that this is a real concern for our community and said our politicians need to stay for the parts of the Board meeting that they need to hear. It is not about being here for a few minutes during the Public Session. It is about being here for the public and hearing what has to be said, and she commended those for staying.

BM Germack asked a question about the buses. Chair Cruz said that at the joint agency meeting the DOT and the MTA said they made an analysis and the buses can make the turn. BM Kieran thinks this is an insult to our community and to our intelligence that that is the only place the elevator can go; the one place where there is the most danger and the most inconvenience. They never wanted to build this elevator and this is their way of saying “here you can have it, but you can’t help”. They should provide us with an engineer to show us that this is the only place it can go. He would not be surprised if it could go in other locations and their conclusions are not supported by the evidence. They are giving us their analysis and their choice. Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that there is apparently a shop that is underneath there that is going to be displaced. They have to make this almost like a two-step thing so the elevator goes down from the street, they will remove where that shop is, and then have a ramp on the lower level there. So this seemed to be the most convenient and cost efficient. BM Kieran said if they are going to spend money, put it on the other corner or on 85th Street and man it. There are other options. Committee Chair Capetanakis said they are not giving us other options and they are not including us in that conversation or the fact that things have changed in 14 years’ time. Transportation and the bus routes have changed and they do not seem to be taking that into consideration either.

BM Harrison said he does not see them thinking out of the box. They are only considering what happens when the elevator goes down, how do they replace the elevator. They said they have the steps going down. Did they ever think of moving the steps or making extra steps on 85th Street as opposed to taking the elevator and putting it down where the existing steps are? Committee Chair Capetanakis said they are putting the steps on that side, but on the side of Mocha Mocha they are making a second stairwell. So there are actually two stairwells that will be on that side. BM Habib Joudeh said they could reverse the steps so they would be on the other side. BM Stelter spoke about re-routing the buses but the MTA will not consider it. He feels that the B1 bus should be re-routed to drive straight down 86th Street to Shore Road and turn around at Shore Hill, thereby also serving the seniors there. Committee Chair Capetanakis noted that their two issues were either the elevator location or the re-routing of the buses, that either one had to be addressed, and yet the MTA has not. BM Amato thinks the MTA is saying let’s build it first and add pedestrian safety later. Committee Chair Capetanakis said it is not a pro-active approach at all.

BM Kaszuba said the reason the Committee felt the need for this motion was that we were not getting cooperation. They do not want to think outside the box; they want to wait and see and deal with it after the fact. We need to get to the top people who can make the decision politically and say something needs to be done now. We need to pass this motion and get the powers that be to get this done. Committee Chair Capetanakis said that if you look at the body of the letter that includes the Governor of the State of New York, the Mayor of the City of New York, the Borough President of Brooklyn, the State Elected Officials representing Community Board 10, the City Council member representing this location, the Chair of the MTA, and the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation. They tried to list all those key people who would be able to have an influence on this. This will be information to share with our community, and what we feel is that they presented us with an issue that is potentially dangerous for our community and we are trying to do something about it before any accidents happen. BM Grimaldi made a motion to support the resolution. Motion seconded by BM Falutico. BM Nikolopoulos noted that the Committee was strongly in favor of having a handicap elevator.

Resident Teri Brennan stated that this elevator looks different from other elevators in New York City; it looks much larger. She is trying to understand that aspect. Also it is on the sidewalk. If she were a parent of a child at Fort Hamilton High School who traveled to that location she would be very concerned. Committee Chair Capetanakis thanked her saying we totally agree with her about her concerns and concerns other people here tonight have raised. While we can do this as a Community Board to reach out to the litany of Elected Officials and government agencies that be, individual citizens have a strong voice in and of themselves. They should
place calls to 311 to lodge complaints so people can speak up on behalf of all our citizens so that everybody is safe in the neighborhood. BM Germack asked who will take the letters and bring it to the attention of these people. Dorothy Garuccio replied that the District Office will put together a formal letter and mail it to each person on the list, and we hope that they consider it. Chair Cruz said we will do follow-up. Jessica Kallo said that she will personally give the letter to the Borough President, and Committee Chair Capetanakis thanked her.

Motion: CB 10 will draft a letter to the MTA regarding the placement of the planned MTA ADA Accessible elevator at the 86th Street and 4th Avenue subway station – southeast corner. This letter concludes: Be it resolved, the Members of Community Board 10 support the motion of the Traffic and Transportation Committee demanding the aforementioned elected representatives of the State and City of New York, the MTA and the New York City Department of Transportation intervene to address safety concerns resulting from the proposed MTA plan for the installation of an elevator at 86th Street R Line Key Station included in the 2015-2019 Capital Plan. While the Members of Community Board 10 support the placement of an elevator at 86th Street, it demands that either the location of the elevator or rerouting of the buses be made to mitigate the very serious pedestrian and motorist safety concerns created by the sidewalk bump out needed for the elevator.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Cruz stated that she went to three meetings on this issue which were all intense, and very important safety issues were addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Kaszuba noted that in about one month the Bay Ridge R Station at 69th Street will be closed. The MTA is not planning on having added buses or shuttles. Again it is a wait and see situation. At this point he does not think residents have been notified. He thinks we need to send a letter asking the MTA to at least start outreach to the local community. Chair Cruz replied that we reached out to the MTA on Friday and did not get a response as to when they will start outreach. Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Capetanakis said they also reached out to the MTA about the N train line. The N train line work was scheduled to end in March but now they are saying April or May. We will follow up on that also.

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Capetanakis said there was another old business item that was brought up at their Committee meeting. There were concerns regarding drag racing on 86th Street below Ridge Boulevard. A motion was made and unanimously agreed upon to ask the Department of Transportation for a study with data to reduce speed in the residential corridor of 86th Street from Ridge Boulevard to Shore Road. Chair Cruz noted that area has a history of drag racing. The DOT looked at it before and it was rejected, but now there is new concern because of the drag racing there. We want to ask DOT to look at speeding conditions in that area.

BM Bishara said drivers do not obey the speed limit, or other driving rules. She noted that in the intersection of Marine Avenue near her home drivers like to spin out or do “donuts” for fun. Chair Cruz said they could look at street redesign for speed humps, narrow lanes, and speed cameras. BM Kieran noted that was the suggestion at the Town Hall. That was a concern because it is a school corridor. The DOT suggested painted lanes but we did not think that would provide safety for pedestrians. Chair Cruz said we can add that to the recommendation. Chair Cruz thinks it started at 3rd Avenue and we agreed that there are different traffic considerations from 3rd Avenue to Ridge Boulevard. It is physically different because it dips there. She thinks we should amend the motion to include the installation of speed cameras.

BM Amato asked for clarification of the location for speed cameras. Chair Cruz replied that it is in the corridor from Ridge Boulevard to Shore Road. We are asking for the study to also include the feasibility of speed cameras. BM Amato said that the people in that area did not want changes years ago. If they put speed cameras there the people who live there will be the ones to get tickets. Chair Cruz noted that we have gotten recent
complaints from people in that area and we were asked to address them. Committee Chair Capetanakis said because of the complaints of drag racing on 86th Street below Ridge Boulevard, the motion was to have a study to look into it as a first step.

A question was asked to clarify the motion. Committee Chair Capetanakis stated that the motion is to ask DOT for a study with data to reduce speed in the residential corridor of 86th Street from Ridge Boulevard to Shore Road. This was directly related to the complaints that had come through the Community Board office. All we were asking for was a study.

BM Falutico said that the safety issue is not restricted to this corridor of 86th Street. Speeding is also prevalent on 12th and 13th Avenues. Chair Cruz said speeding is supposed to be addressed under Vision Zero, but we do not have enforcement, and it is an enforcement issue. This is an issue that is much broader than a four block segment on 86th Street. We need to have a different way to address it. BM Nikolopoulos suggested discussing this issue in a joint Police and Public Safety Committee and meeting with T&T Committee, however, Chair Cruz feels these are two of our busiest committees and is hesitant about giving them more work. BM Harrison said that 86th Street has been looked at and this is something we would like to do. He likes the idea but the only problem is that you are watering it down throughout the entire community on the enforcement end. If you get 86th Street done, because we looked at it and have a resolution, it does not stop us from adding the other locations. Committee Chair Capetanakis appreciates that there are other locations that need attention throughout our neighborhood, but we have to address issues as they are brought to us.

Motion: CB 10 to ask the Department of Transportation for a study with data to reduce speed in a residential corridor of 86th Street from Ridge Boulevard to Shore Road. 28 in favor. 3 opposed – BM Falutico, BM Kieran, BM Nikolopoulos. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Stelter noted that there is a homeless population at 10th Avenue and 62nd Street. Chair Cruz noted that this is one of the ongoing locations.

Chair Cruz had asked Dorothy Garuccio not to send out the new meeting schedule for April, but we do have them here tonight, and we will send it out tomorrow. She asked as many people as possible to attend the Environmental Committee meeting that will be on Monday, March 27th at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick’s auditorium. You heard the Councilman speak about the problem with the Department of Sanitation split trucks. We have many alley residents who are having a horrible problem because some of them are on blocks with very narrow streets and there is no place to put the trash. She asked that anyone who is able attend the meeting come out to support the residents.

Motion by BM Habib Joudeh to adjourn. With no further business, Chair Cruz adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.
Welcome to the March meeting and welcome to spring. Hopefully we have had the last of the snow and I want to thank Dorothy Garuccio for handling all of the snow related issues last week.

This is an unusual meeting because for the first time in her tenure DM Beckmann is not attending. She is on a special family vacation and will not return until tomorrow. I would like to note that DM Beckmann is being honored by the Brooklyn Counseling Services March Awareness Month, Social Work Awareness, Women’s History. They commend her as a “staunch advocate for community residents working diligently on all city services delivery concerns brought to the District Office and coordinates these efforts with local community/merchant organizations”. Yes she does, and we commend her and thank Brooklyn Services for acknowledging her efforts.

Also absent tonight is Dean Rasinya who is being honored this evening by Brooklyn Boro President Adams as part of an Hellenic Heritage event. Our congratulations to Dean.

Tonight we awarded the Honor of the Pledge to Jay Filan, head librarian of the Fort Hamilton Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. In mid-February, the district office received an email about NYC Neighborhood Library Awards. There was not enough time to schedule a meeting of the Education and Library Committee so it was discussed at the February Executive Committee meeting. It was agreed that we should nominate the Fort Hamilton Library. Here is our submission. We hope our nomination is successful and we plan to nominate other branches in the future.

**NOMINATION OF THE FORT HAMILTON BRANCH OF THE BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE NYC NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY AWARDS**

Community Board 10 represents the Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights communities of Brooklyn. We are fortunate to have four libraries within our jurisdiction. All four work to improve services to the community and it is difficult to select just one for the award. However, this year we would like to give special thanks to the Fort Hamilton Branch and nominate this branch for the NYC Neighborhood Library Awards.

The Fort Hamilton Branch is a Carnegie Library and has been serving the community continuously for over 100 years. As with all modern libraries it does much more than lend books.

The branch has an immigrant corner and a program to assist them with the U.S. Citizen Exam and offers regular preparation. Bay Ridge has a large immigrant population and in addition to the citizen prep classes, it offers many bi-lingual programs, some in Arabic and some in Spanish for both adults and children.
The branch is not far from the Brooklyn VA Hospital. It is located on a bus route that is only a few stops from the VA Hospital. The branch is currently working with Veterans and would like to set up a Veteran's Corner similar to their immigrants corner to advise vets of their rights, of services available to them in our community and citywide, and to assist them with other needs.

Bay Ridge is a NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). The branch works with local seniors in many ways including the “Creative Aging throughout Brooklyn” program. They are forming a partnership with the nearby Fort Hamilton Senior Center which has a membership of well over 1,000 active seniors. The branch is looking to expand its special programs for seniors.

Bay Ridge is also home to the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison, the only active military installation in New York City. The members of the Armed Services and their families stationed at the base are new residents to New York City. The branch would like to establish an outreach program for these newcomers to New York City.

These are only some of the activities of the Fort Hamilton Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. A look at their monthly calendar with show an amazing array of activities.

We hope you will consider this branch for a NYC Neighborhood Library Awards. We believe that their outreach to immigrants, many programs for children, but especially their work with veterans and seniors singles out the Fort Hamilton Branch for special consideration for a grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Again I would like to stress the importance of attendance and timeliness. Some of our agendas are long and detailed. Starting promptly is important. We should not need to delay the beginning of a meeting waiting for a quorum. For those of us who tend to be late, and I am one, tell yourself that the meeting begins at 7 PM and then we can start at the scheduled time, 7:15. Most members are timely and stay for the entire meeting. We will randomly do roll call votes. That way we will have a record of those in attendance and we will note board members who leave the meeting early. We will include that information when submitting attendance records to the elected officials. Sorry to be a scold, but it is something that makes the Board work more efficiently and is respectful to fellow members.

Dona N. Cruz
Dear Board Members,

I have a few announcements to make this month. Paving season is commencing in Brooklyn District 10 in the Spring. As you recall several locations in CB 10 were completed in the late Fall but there were a handful that could not be completed and will be done in the spring at the following locations:

1. 92nd Street from 4th Avenue to Fort Hamilton Parkway
2. Ridge Blvd from 91st Street to 95th Street
3. Shore Road from 77th Street to 87th Street

Milling work will begin this Friday, March 24, 2017 on 92 Street (4th Avenue to Fort Hamilton Parkway) and on Ridge Boulevard (91 Street to 95 Street).

The District Office was informed by the New York City Department of Transportation that the Citywide Sidewalk Violation Repair program for one to three family homes will be in Community District 10 this spring. Every few years, NYC Department of contractors will visit sites with outstanding sidewalk violations. New sidewalks are installed and charged to the homeowner’s tax bill.

Additional road work includes the completion of National Grid’s local Law 30 installations. Local Law 30 requires natural gas system external shut off valves outside to allow first responders to quickly turn off gas service in the event of an emergency. As you recall, there are 3800 buildings within CB10 will be completed this year. I want to remind you that a robo call precedes the work. The call requests customers to contact National Grid to set up an appointment. The contractor will also be going door to door to schedule these appointments. This work is at no cost to homeowner and most of work will be done outside. National Grid estimates work takes 2 and 4 hours per home during which time the property will not have natural gas service. The final restorations to the sidewalk will be completed over the next few weeks at locations that had the turn off valve installed.

Councilman Gentile’s office will be an IDNYC Pop Up Enrollment site from March 22 – April 3, from 9-5 (closed from 1-2). Appointments are preferred and can be made at www.nyc.gov/idnyc or by calling 311.

Announcements: Brooklyn Saint Patrick’s Parade will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue proceed to 3rd Avenue to 67th Street at 12:00 noon and kick off at 1PM.
The American Italian Cancer Foundation is sponsoring No-Cost Breast Cancer Screenings to uninsured and medically underserved New York City women. The next screening takes place this Wednesday, March 22nd at State Senator Simcha Felder’s Office, 1412 Avenue J. Two other Brooklyn screenings are scheduled – Wednesday, March 29th at YWCA Brooklyn, 30 Third Avenue and March 30th at Legal Hand, 250 Kingston Avenue. To find out more information or to schedule an appointment please call 1-877-628-9090.

The Bay Ridge Community Council and the 68th Precinct Community Council are collecting new books and pajamas for children newborn – 18 years old until March 31st to support a number of our local charities. Donations in the form of a check are also welcome. Community Board 10 is a drop off site as well as a number of locations throughout the District. Please check our website or pick up a flyer from the back.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, April 24th at 7:15pm at the Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th Street. Note that this is the fourth Monday a change due to the Passover holiday. On behalf of the District Office staff and myself I would like to wish all who observe a Blessed Passover and Happy Easter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josephine Beckmann
District Manager
Introduction

The ZALUC Committee Meeting met at 7:00 on March 8, 2017 at the CB 10 District Office. The Committee did not meet in quorum.

Topic #1

The Committee reviewed DCA Application #1406-2017-ASWC submitted on behalf of Bul Inc., better known as Instanbul, located at 8002 5th Avenue. The applicant seeks to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 chairs.

The restaurant which is located on the SW corner of 80th and 5th has been in operation 8 months and has no adverse history. The establishment does not serve alcohol and serves Mediterranean Turkish food. The establishment opens at 11AM and closes by midnight 7 days a week.

The application asks for 4 tables with 8 chairs to be placed adjacent to the establishment along the 5th avenue side of the restaurant and 12 tables with 24 seats to be placed adjacent to the restaurant on the 80th Street side. The sidewalk at this location becomes wider at the corner, and the tables along 5th will be placed closer to the corner where the sidewalk is wider so not to interfere with pedestrians. Pedestrians will have 13 feet of clearance to walk. As far as 80th Street, the majority of the tables will also be placed along the wider section of the sidewalk. However, 5 tables will be set up where the sidewalk narrows, but there will still be at least 8 feet of clearance for pedestrians.

Following discussion and receiving no negative comments from local residents, the Committee passed a motion to approve the application to allow operation of an unenclosed sidewalk café as submitted with the exception that the operator remove the corner most table located on the 80th Street side, and that all sidewalk furniture be at least 8 feet away from the edge of the sidewalk. The motion was passed unanimously, however since we did not meet in quorum we require a 2nd from the general board.

Topic #2

The Committee reviewed a request submitted by the building owner of 401 95th Street for a variance from DOB for a permit to allow Saturday work. The development will be 22 residential units, with one commercial space and a parking lot. This application came before the Board on a previous date and at that time the Board denied the request but stated that should the applicant return after exterior work was finished, and windows installed we would consider allowing a Saturday permit for only interior work.
The Applicant states that the exterior work is almost complete and that the windows are about to be installed and should be completed within the week following out Committee meeting. The interior work would include installing outlets, taping, painting, cleaning, organizing, tiling and other quiet work. Without the permit, they anticipate completion by the end of July, and should they be granted the permit, they could finish early July.

One local resident who lives adjacent to the construction did not think the exterior was as close to being complete as the applicant suggested. The resident has had to deal with dust and mice issues and feels she has been inconvenienced now for the better part of three years with this construction. The applicant said they would continue to work on placing traps for rodents. The resident did not she did not have problems with the noise and no other noise complaints were made to 311.

The Committee made a motion to withhold a letter supporting Saturday work until the Community Board verified that the exterior was completely enclosed with permanent measures, that all work be interior work, that there will be no commercial trucks and deliveries on Saturdays, that Saturday work be limited to the hours of 9AM to 2PM and that Community Board approval would be subject to review after the first 2 weeks. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 1, but since we were not in quorum I ask for a 2nd from the general board.

**Topic # 3**

The Committee reviewed a special permit application #2016-4259-BZ, for 8033 Shore Road which seeks to all the enlargement of a single-family residence located in an R2 zoning district under section 73-621.

The owner Dr. Ed Khoury was present along with his representative Eric Palatnik. Dr. Khoury has lived in the house for about 7 years. He lives there with his wife, three children, father and mother-in-law.

73-621 is a special permit available for the entire City and is different than 73-622 that CB 10 is now excluded from. 73-621 states that a building owner can make a BSA request for a 10% increase in floor area, lot coverage, and open space about what is allowable. However, they cannot do things such as make the building taller, or change side yards.

The application would allow the residence to increase a total of 271 Square feet more than it is permitted. The residence presently has an existing FAR of .45 (4,283SF), they are allowed to grow to .5 (4719SF), and the application is asking that they grow to .53 FAR (4990SF).

The increase will allow for this large family to have more room in what is now a 4-bedroom home. All of the enlargements would be done in the rear of the property but would still leave more than the required 30-foot rear yard. It will allow the 1st story to
extend out a little more and create a 2nd floor. None of the additions will affect views or loss of sunlight for neighbors.

The front of the house will be given a more classic elegant look with some build out to the windows and some changes to the architecture. The garage in the front, will still be a 2-car garage but will go from 2 garage doors to one garage door with one curb cut.

The interior will all be made a bit bigger but no additional bedrooms will be added. The roof will be raised to create an attic and the overall height will go from 26 to 37 feet, but they can do that as of right and that is not subject to BSA approval. The 37 feet is comparable to adjacent residences. None of the floor area is located in the attic.

There were several local residents present who were all in favor of the application and thought the changes were positive ones.

The committee discussed this at length and although we were not comfortable with the changes to the attic, we are being told that those changes were as of right and not subject to approval and is not included in the floor area.

There was also a concern, that 73-621 was is merely a watered down 73-622 which CB 10 did away with. The concern is that there would now be a rush of applications to seek enlargement special permits under 621. However, during the repeal of 622, CB 10 did say that owners would be able to seek relief for modest increases under 621 and that CB 10 would review these applications. There is also so question as to how many properties in CB 10 could even qualify for this special permit. Many of the properties are already overbuilt or do not have the available FAR in order to take advantage a 10% increase above as of right. It was also noted that the majority of community board complaints we received on the old 622, were increases to the height, side, and rear yard which an applicant cannot do under 621. So realistically, unless your home sits on a large footprint that would allow you to increase 10% FAR and still come within the as-of right side/rear and height level, 621 won’t help you.

With that, the Committee voted on the following motion:

Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 recently pushed for the repeal of Special Permit 73-622, and

Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 asserts applications under 73-622 sought to make extreme enlargements to FAR, side yards, rear yards, and were often done as speculative purchases, and out of character with the other local buildings, and

Whereas, Brooklyn Community 10 will continue to thoroughly exam every BSA application and every Zoning Text amendment change, primarily arguing for as of right construction and construction consistent with the character of the community, and
Whereas, Brooklyn Community Board 10 will not allow applicants to use Special Permit 73-621 as a blank slate to make changes and we will rule on each application on a case by case basis, and

Therefore, Brooklyn Community Board 10 approves application #2016-4259-BZ, for 8033 Shore Road which seeks the enlargement of a single-family residence located in an R2 zoning district under section 73-621, since this application does not pose adverse effect on local neighbors, does not increase side yard or front yard, nor does it affect neighbors in the rear. Although we have some concerns on the height, we are unable to object since its as of right.

This motion was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 against and one recusal. We were not in quorum and thus need a 2nd from the floor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian J. Kaszuba
Committee Chair Zoning and Land Use Committee

Committee Members Attending:
Josephine Beckman, DM
Brian Kaszuba, ZALUC Chair
Doris Cruz, CB 10 Chair
Ann Falutico
Barbara Germack
Joanne Seminara
Brian Walsh
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UPDATE: Traffic and Transportation Report: February 6, 2017
Chair: Jaynemarie Capetanakis

Attendance for Committee Members:
The attendance of the following members needs to be updated to “excused” as they had notified the District Office prior to the meeting time:
- Jumana Bishara (excused)
- Judith Grimaldi (excused)
- Larry Stelter (excused)

Previously indicated on the February 6, 2017 minutes as “absent” should be updated to “excused” on our attendance records.

Traffic and Transportation Report: March 6, 2017
Chair: Jaynemarie Capetanakis

Committee Members:
- Lizabeth Amato
- Jumana Bishara (excused)
- Carmen Feliciano
- Judith Grimaldi
- Steve Harrison (excused)
- Victoria Hervas-Castaneda (absent)
- Brian Kaszuba
- Brian Kieran (absent)
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- Sandy Myers
- Nick Nikolopoulos
- Dean Rasinya (excused)
- Hani Sarji (excused)
- Joseph Sokoloski
- Larry Stelter

The membership of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00.

- The first item on the agenda was the street naming application for Patrolman David Guttenberg Way, northwest corner of 7th Avenue and 86th Street.
  - Our committee was presented with a heartfelt and moving tribute as Auxiliary Officer Christian Durante told us about Patrolman David Guttenberg. After High School graduation, service in the army and time as a US Postal worker, in 1961, David Guttenberg was called to enter the Police Academy. Eventually, that tour of duty brought him to our own 68th Precinct. His end of watch came on December 28, 1978 when with the intention of avoiding giving a ticket to a double parked car, he entered an auto-parts store and walked into a robbery in progress. When Officer Guttenberg entered he was shot and killed. He was 49 years old and left behind a wife and four children. He had served the NYPD for 18 years. Through the detailed documentation in their application and the tributes by the family and police family members in attendance, we heard about a life of service, honor and ultimately, sacrifice. It was also suggested by committee member Larry Stelter that Officer Guttenberg’s shield number be added to a street sign. As per our CB 10 procedural rules, the committee will vote on their recommendation next month and this item will be brought to the full board’s April meeting.
- The next item was for a street naming application for Our Lady of Angels Way at 73rd Street and 4th Avenue.
Our committee heard from Mr. Arnold Fusco and Monsignor Kevin Noone that this year, Our Lady of Angels celebrates its 125th Anniversary. The parish has a distinguished history serving this community as a house of worship, as a neighborhood center with numerous charitable ministries to help those in need, and for their elementary school, now Holy Angels Academy, which has served generations of children. OLA was described as a beacon of faith and service for the Bay Ridge Community and for these reasons, they have requested the street renaming in recognition of its contributions to the community and people it serves. Once again, as per our CB 10 procedural rules, the committee will vote on their recommendation next month and this item will be brought to the full board’s April meeting.

- **Update on the Interagency Meeting regarding the 86th Street Elevator.**

  - On February 21st, our District Manager Beckmann and CB Chair Doris Cruz met with members of the Department of Transportation and MTA to discuss the concerns raised by the Traffic and Transportation Committee following the MTA presentation last month regarding the new elevator location at the corner of 86th street and 4th Avenue by Plaka Restaurant. Just to recap this situation, we are one of ten key stations chosen to be ADA accessible and this is a victory for our community. In 2004, when this issue was first brought up to bring an elevator to the R-Train line, it had been recommended for 92nd Street and our Community Board wanted to bring this to 86th Street because it is an inter-modal hub where it would be more beneficial to commuters. However, in the last thirteen years, there have been a number of changes in the buses which converge on the corners of 86th Street and 4th Avenue. Specifically, the S79 and B1 turn right at 4th Avenue turning eastbound onto 86th Street. The S53 and S93 both turn left from 86th Street onto 4th Avenue. Additionally, the elevator at the proposed location, will take out a lane for traffic along 4th Avenue and this is already an intersection of concern regarding pedestrian crossing and a high crash rate. The outcome of the meeting was that MTA said there is no other feasible location deep enough for the elevator. As a result, the committee voted unanimously to draft a letter to the MTA from Community Board 10. This letter concludes:

Be it Resolved, the Members of Community Board Ten support the motion of the Traffic and Transportation Committee demanding the aforementioned elected representatives of the State and City of New York, the MTA and the New York City Department of Transportation intervene to address safety concerns resulting from the proposed MTA plan for the installation of an elevator at 86th Street R Line Key Station included in the 2015-2019 Capital Plan. While the members of Community Board Ten support the placement of an elevator at 86th Street it demands that either the location of the elevator or rerouting of the buses be made to mitigate the very serious pedestrian and motorist safety concerns created by the sidewalk bump out needed for the elevator.

**Discussion and Vote**

- The committee discussed Old Business of concerns for speeding and drag racing on 86th Street below Ridge Boulevard. A motion was made and unanimously agreed upon to ask DOT for a study with data to reduce speed in the residential corridor of 86th Street from Ridge Boulevard to Shore Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaydmarie Capetanakis
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