## Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance Meeting Held on Zoom Platform – Livestreamed on YouTube Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7:00 PM

### Board Members Present: (34)

Tracie Britton

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

**Judith Collins** 

Doris Cruz

Ida D'Amelio

Richard Day

Michael Devigne

Chris Elisson

Ann Falutico

Barbara Germack

Dianne Gounardes

Judith Grimaldi

Stephen Harrison

Daniel Hetteix

Habib Joudeh

Stella Kokolis

Marty Lentz

Nikolaos Leonardos

Stephanie Simone Mahaney

Anthony Marino

Nicholas Massab

Ruth Greenfield Masyr

Iris Mulé

Robert Oliva

Marisa Perez

Susan Pulaski

Dean Rasinya

Joseph Sokoloski

Lawrence Stelter

Henry Stewart

Julie Thum

Sandy Vallas

Barbara Vellucci

Lori Willis

#### Board Members Excused: (10)

Shirley Chin

Carmen Feliciano

Michael Festa

Steve Griffith

Justin Hyatt

Jill Infantolino-Hajjar

June Johnson

Wai Ging Leo

Ryan Mahoney

Jana Taoube

#### Board Members Absent: (4)

John Heffernan

Husam Rimawi

Giuseppe Tulumello

Michael Xie

## AGENDA COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2020; 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

YouTube Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPueX4MsL5dhnFZ-wqDwvKw

\*\*Please see the attached flyer for information about the Community Board 10 Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in Memory or Former Board Member Helen Sokoloski\*\*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 

Sept. 21, 2020 Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION
(Limited to a maximum of ten minutes in total)

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022

CHAIR'S REPORT

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

#### ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Update on 9114 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rezoning application which seeks to rezone 9108-9128 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 405-419 92<sup>nd</sup> Street from a C8-2 zoning district to a R7A/C2-4 zoning district with Mandatory Inclusionary Housing

**Informational Report** 

#### YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

**Current local Brooklyn Public Library** 

Programming

**Informational Report** 

Local BPL Capital and Expense Budget needs

**Informational Report** 

**Future YSEL Committee topics** 

**Informational Report** 

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant capital projects update

**Informational Report** 

Proposed Community Catch Basin Cleanup initiative

**Informational Report** 

**OLD BUSINESS** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

**ADJOURN** 

# COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2020 – LIVESTREAM LINK BELOW

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Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Willis asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Agenda. Motion by BM Sokoloski, second by BM Thum. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Willis asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the September 21, 2020 General Board Meeting. Motion by BM Grimaldi, second by BM Marino. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Justin Brannan announced early voting starts this Saturday, October 24, 2020 and for Bay Ridge residents the site to vote will be Fort Hamilton High School. If requested DM Beckmann or himself can send a link to confirm polling sites which would mostly likely be different from the normal polling sites. He spoke about an attempted sexual assault that happened this past Thursday at 94<sup>th</sup> Street near Marine Avenue. He mentioned that the suspect was apprehended and is being held on \$200,000 bail. Councilman Brannan stated he is currently working closely with the 68 Precinct and had a meeting two weeks ago with Police Commissioner Shea asking for more Police Officers to patrol this area. He mentioned that Dyker Heights and Bay Ridge are still the top two safest neighborhoods in the entire city. He said that having more Police Officers patrol this area will help residents feel safer regardless of the numbers. The Council Member shared that there are more Police Officers now than when he first started as an Elected Official two years ago despite current budget cuts. He added that safety is his main priority for this community. He advised that if anyone continues to have a problem with the absentee ballot, they can contact his office.

Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus greeted the audience and echoed Councilman Justin Brannan regarding early voting. She thanked all for working diligently with the Census this year as the numbers are better than the last Census. Assemblywoman Frontus stated that New York City has a response rate of 61.8 which is better than the state average in the year of 2010. She spoke of Covid-19, which is still a risk, and advised everyone to continue to take it seriously by practicing social distancing and continuing to wear face masks. She mentioned some red zone areas with rising numbers of cases such as Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay and noted that Bay Ridge is currently in the yellow zone. The Assembly Member mentioned speeding and drag racing going on in the community and voiced that drivers should slow down. She announced that her office moved about two months ago to 310 93<sup>rd</sup> Street opposite the Prince Hotel. She added that her office is going to be providing hand sanitizers and face masks to anyone who needs PPE on Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

State Senator Gounardes greeted the audience and stated that one of the districts he represents is currently in the orange/red zone which is very concerning. He spoke about the Governor reopening some schools and businesses that are currently in the yellow zone adding that there have been some inconsistencies with restrictions that he is looking into. He announced that a few weeks ago he presented a bill to stop illegal offmarket mufflers and to raise fines for having these mufflers from one hundred and fifty dollars to one thousand dollars. He is aware that this topic is a big concern within Community District Ten and that it disrupts the quality of life of residents, himself included.

Colonel Craig Martin, Garrison Commander of U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton, introduced himself and mentioned that he was finally able to meet some of the district's leaders since Covid-19. He noted that there hasn't been any change in the way they conduct their duties and they continue to take care of their soldiers and their families. Colonel Craig Martin announced that from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> they will hold a Retiree Appreciation Week which can be viewed on their YouTube channel or the USAG Fort Hamilton Facebook page due to the pandemic. He also announced that on October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be other events held on Facebook from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He is proud to serve our Army and our Nation, and he and his family are enjoying their stay here in New York. He thanked Community Board Ten for inviting him to speak and wished the audience all the best.

Chair Willis thanked Colonel Martin for his service.

BM Rasinya inquired if the updated CB 10 Military Families Resource Guide & Coupon Booklet was completed. DM Beckmann replied that it was and was delivered to the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton approximately a month ago, adding that the booklet turned out well. BM Rasinya thanked DM Beckmann.

Cathy SantoPietro representing Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis greeted the audience. She mentioned that Assemblywoman Malliotakis sends her regards and regrets that she couldn't attend the General Board meeting tonight. Ms. SantoPietro noted that their office at 7716 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and that their office has masks and some sanitizing items if needed.

Nancy Lulu, Liaison for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez' Office, greeted the audience. She mentioned that they continue to have food and PPE distributions. She announced that District Attorney Gonzalez will be hosting a food distribution for Coney Island Gospel Assembly at Surfside Garden Community Center, on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 2947 West 28<sup>th</sup> Street starting at 4:00 pm until supplies last. She noted that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that if anyone knows someone who is defenseless to encourage them to speak up and advise them that help is available at the District Attorney's office with a wide array of services. Ms. Lulu provided the Domestic Violence Bureau's number to call direct at 718-250-3300 and anyone who wants to file a complaint with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Action Center the number to do so is 718-250-2340. She stated that she can be contacted at lulun@brooklynda.org. She thanked the audience and wished everyone to stay safe.

Judette Kraics, Bartender at PC's Bar & Grill located in Bay Ridge voiced her concerns about motorized bicycles/scooters riding on sidewalks. She noted that when serving patrons outside she must look both ways to ensure her safety as if she was crossing the street. She mentioned speeding vehicles, fumes coming from vehicles that are stationed across from PC's Bar & Grill, and loud sounds that come from mufflers scaring customers to a point where they don't feel comfortable going out to the establishment. Ms. Kraics is seeking community's help, so the public can continue to stay safe.

Chair Willis thanked Ms. Kraics for informing the Board of these issues. Chair Willis mentioned that this is an ongoing issue in the community and noted that Police Officer Panepinto and Police Officer Ingebrethsen from the 68 Precinct are in attendance at this meeting and hopefully this issue can be rectified. She added that State Senator Gounardes is also currently working on this topic.

BM Rasinya reiterated the issues of vehicles speeding, sounds coming from the mufflers, and vehicles speeding in the form of a circle or doing donuts.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Willis presented the FY 2022 Community Board Ten Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Chair Willis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Capital Budget Priorities. Motion by BM Rasinya, seconded by BM Hetteix.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to accept the FY 2022 Capital Budget Priorities as presented by the Executive

Committee. Motion by BM Sokoloski, second by BM Harrison.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to accept the FY 2022 Expense Budget Priorities as presented by the Executive

Committee. Motion by BM Sokoloski, second by BM Vallas.

33 in favor; 1 recusal - BM Stelter. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT - See Attached.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT - See Attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT - See Attached.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

#### ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Cruz rendered the Committee report. See attached.

#### YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Youth Services, Education, and Library Committee Chair Marino rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Discussion followed.

BM Rasinya inquired if there have been any furloughs within Brooklyn Public Library. Committee Chair Marino replied that there was no mention of any furloughs and that current virtual programs are being held by library employees.

BM Stelter questioned if there is a specific reason as to why there are two libraries currently closed within Community District Ten. DM Beckmann responded that it was indicated at the Committee meeting that it was due to Covid-19.

Committee Chair Marino added that they might have chosen to use the other two sites because of the amount of people that attend. He noted that they are presently working on getting the two libraries open again.

BM Stelter stated that he went to a public library in Queens and all he could do was enter the lobby.

Committee Chair Marino stated that the library is still in phase one where you can order a book online in advance and pick up only in the lobby. In addition, you can return books in the lobby.

BM Stelter mentioned that this library was in a high-risk zone for Covid-19 adding that precautions should be taken.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Community Board Ten's Community Coordinator Dorothy Garuccio rendered the Committee report in the absence of Committee Chair Taoube. See attached.

Discussion followed.

BM Vellucci asked if she owned a corner house would she be responsible to clean the catch basin at the corner of the block. DM Beckmann answered yes, the person responsible to clean the catch basin at the corner of the block is the property owner of the corner house.

BM Vellucci stated that if she owned a corner house, she would not want to have to clean the catch basin. She sees right in front of her house, not a corner property, that people frequently open their car door and dump garbage right out of their cars such as wrappers from a hamburger, fries, soda, chips and whatever else. She spoke about the effects from motorized bikes, adding that adolescents ride with no helmets.

BM Grimaldi inquired if a commercial establishment is responsible to clean the catch basin at the corner of their establishment. DM Beckmann clarified that the corner establishment is required to clean the catch basin at the corner of their establishment. Often the owner of the establishment is not the property owner but may be required by the landlord to keep the corner catch basin as well as the sidewalk clean. City rules and regulations require the property owner to clean 18 inches into the street bordering their property and that includes the catch basin.

BM Grimaldi mentioned that Rite Aid on the corner of her block never cleans the catch basin. DM Beckmann responded that Rite Aid might not be aware that they are accountable to clean the catch basin and noted that if the catch basin is not cleaned it can cause flooding.

BM Harrison pointed out that only the top of the catch basin needs to be cleaned and that we are not talking about the inside of the catch basin. DM Beckmann confirmed that only the top of the catch basin must be cleaned and can be swept.

BM Gounardes added that if you have a corner house you are responsible to clean the catch basin which is the responsibility of the property owner. DM Beckmann pointed out that the Board tries to highlight this rule of cleaning the catch basin during leaf season because fallen leaves become very problematic within Community District Ten.

BM Grimaldi mentioned that there are a lot of acorns on the ground as well. DM Beckamnn agreed with BM Grimaldi noting that on 81<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> Street on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue there are many acorns on the ground.

BM Falutico added that she believes it's questionable to have the Girl Scouts clean the catch basins. DM Beckmann explained that BM Chin is a Girl Scout leader and her troop has done composting projects for DSNY in the past. Now the troop is interested in doing an environmental project. She mentioned that BM Chin presented the environmental project to the Board prior to the pandemic. It was mentioned that the Girl Scouts can earn a badge after the catch basin project. DM Beckmann stated that the Girls Scouts wanted to do this project in the past but currently with pandemic restrictions, it might not be possible until next year.

BM Vallas stated that the city planted too many trees and now does not have the funding to keep the trees maintained. BM Hetteix added, "there's no such thing as too many trees."

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Stelter followed up on his past drag racing complaint at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bay Ridge Parkway not only at night but during the day as well. DM Beckmann replied that she did give Captain Tolson this location for enforcement and will give it to him again.

BM Rasinya requested that at the next General Board meeting Captain Tolson present a report of statistics for moving violations, riding on sidewalks, and not wearing bike helmets. He stated that it has increased tremendously, and the entire Bay Ridge is suffering.

Chair Willis responded that the Board will request a report from Captain Tolson. She mentioned that herself and DM Beckmann will look up 311 complaints as they have noticed a spike in complaints being reported. Chair Willis said that she believes due to the pandemic there are more people staying indoors and the streets are clear, so people are speeding which creates a danger to themselves and others.

BM Vellucci stated that the main concern for the Girl Scouts who want to participate in the environmental project is their safety. She noted that vehicles are racing up and down the streets which is a safety concern. She pointed out that when she worked at Fort Hamilton High School, she was asked for permission for students to attend clean ups at Denise Wharf, but she felt it was dangerous and did not allow students to attend. BM Vellucci said all activities should be investigated first to ensure safety.

With no further business, motion to adjourn by BM Vallas, second by BM Gounardes. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

# FY 2022 Community Board 18 Cooked Priorities

- 1. Initiate study of Belt Parkway drainage/infrastructure to address possible impacts along nearby Shore Road promenade and bicycle path. The Belt Parkway is attached to the Shore Road Promenade which is in dire need of complete refurbishment due to breaches along the sea wall. The Belt Parkway is important thoroughfare and a study should commence to determine if current drainage infrastructure is in need of upgrades.
- 2. Shore Road Promenade/Bicycle Path Infrastructure Study/ to address serious recurring cave- ins threatening public safety. This study must include complete investigation of the infrastructure of the adjacent Combined Sewer Outfalls to determine source of water breaches
- **3.** New Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults Senior Center. The Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults is in need of a new ADA compliant senior center for the over 1,000 seniors who attend and obtain a multitude of services provided by the center. Its current location is not adequate for its service delivery needs. The senior population in Community District 10 ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in New York City with 15 percent 65 or older.
- 4. Initiate design for sewers with greater capacity including new catch basins to address flooding issues on Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road from Bay Ridge Parkway to 85th Street. A new catch basin was installed at Narrows Avenue at 79th Street in FY19 but further study is needed as this area continues to flood during heavy rains.
- **5. Trench Restoration 2 identified street locations in Dyker Heights** Bay Ridge Avenue at 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street due to recurring street

depressions that were not fixed with routine paving. It is believed that the trench surrounding the sewer beneath must be repaired and appropriate fill placed to restore the street bed.

- **6. Trench Restoration 2 locations Bay Ridge** 96th Street between Shore Road and Marine Avenue and 87th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue due to recurring street depressions that were not fixed with routine paving. It is believed that the trench surrounding the sewer beneath must be repaired and appropriate fill placed to restore the street bed..
- 7. Sewer Capacity Study Various Identified Locations— residents request aging sewer system require further study at several locations within Community District 10. 12th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 74th Street;3rd Avenue from 68th to 78th St.; 11th Ave from 62 to 72 Streets; 13th Ave. from Bay Ridge Ave. to 79th Street; Bay Ridge Ave from Shore Road to 7th Ave.
- 8. Rehabilitate Owls Head Park Lower Path Erosion with full Landscaping Plan and Drainage System Explanation: Owls Head Park located at 68th Street at Shore Road is in dire need of rehabilitation of its lower path. It is at a critical state as dirt is drifting onto the sidewalk along 68th Street and clogging catch basins. All park refurbishments to be compliant with ADA specifications. The clogged catch basins impact the Owls Head Sewage Treatment Plant.
- **9.** John Paul Jones Park a/k/a Cannonball Park Reconstruct path and benches. The park is enjoyed by young and old. The path and benches have deteriorated and are need in replacement. Also, water service needs to be repaired. There are no operating water fountains. Refurbish to ADA Specifications.

- 10. **Shore Road Park perimeter sidewalk** including drainage by sections of blocks to include Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation. Reconstruct and rehabilitate Shore Road Park adjacent to Shore Road from 72nd Street to 84th Street and on 86th Street to 97th Street. Missing hexagon pavement blocks creating hazardous pedestrian conditions. Untended brush and foliage has proliferated to such an extent that only restoration of the landscaping can restore the area.
- 11. Request complete restoration of 76th Street Step Street at Colonial Road including landscaping and drainage. This Step Street is in poor condition with broken steps and inadequate/broken railing. Minor repairs were made but complete restoration is needed. The steps overflow during heavy rains making the step street unsafe to traverse.
- 12. **McKinley Park- Repairs to Comfort Station** Provide Handicap Accessible. Explanation: The comfort station is in need of upgrades. Refurbish to ADA specifications.
- 13. **McKinley Park Refurbish 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue portion of park.** McKinley Park has bocce courts that have not been used in years. This area can be developed with new Volleyball courts or other recreational features.
- 14. Shore Road Park rehabilitation of the interior paths from 79 Street to 95th Street Explanation: The interior path is in dire need of restoration with crumbling pathways. Additionally, there are erosions alongside the paths. It is very dangerous and difficult to walk on this path

- **15. Provide funding to establish an Oyster Garden** alongside shoreline adjacent to Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- **16. Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant** The plant went into operation in 1952 and capital improvement investments are needed to continue to modernize plant, ensure that odors are kept under control.
- **17. Rehabilitate 3 remaining ball fields at Dyker Beach Park**. Explanation: Our baseball fields in this district need to be rehabilitated. The fields are in total disrepair. Refurbishto ADAspecifications.
- 18. Complete Rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Field 4 95 Street
- 19. Complete rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Ball field at 74th Street. Explanation: This heavily utilized field needs drainage system and new dugouts that are able to be secured from vandalism in PM hours. Refurbish to ADA specifications.
- **20. Complete Renovation of Shore Road Park at 3rd Avenue.** Explanation: Refurbish to ADA Specifications. There is a small gated unused area of parkland that needs to be developed for community use.

- **21.** Refurbish Leif Ericson Park Ball fields 67th Street at 6th Avenue. Synthetic turf. Explanation: The ball fields at Leif Ericson Park are in poor condition. The Fields are well utilized by local leagues and in dire need of refurbishment to ADA specifications.
- **22.** Tennis Courts need to be refurbished in Bay 8th Street; Leif Ericson Park; and Shore Road Park. Local Junior High Schools and High Schools utilize these tennis courts that are in need of refurbishment. All refurbishments to be ADA compliant.
- 23. Initiate Engineering Study for Placement for a comfort station on the Shore Road Promenade. Residents especially seniors have requested an accessible comfort station along the Shore Road Promenade. An engineering feasibility study is being requested to determine if a comfort station could be installed along the bicycle path or promenade.
- 24. Complete Rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Field 3 79 Street
- **25. Complete Refurbishment of Dyker Beach Park Playground** including play equipment, water fountains, sprinklers and infrastructure. Refurbish to ADA specifications.
- 26. New perimeter sidewalk around Dyker Beach Park/Golf Course. This area is heavily utilized by pedestrians and cyclists as a form of recreational exercise. The perimeter sidewalk is hazardous/uneven in many areas and should also be widened in certain sections to improve pedestrian safety.

**27. Lower Leif Ericson Park (between 5**<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues) Playground reconstruction including new play equipment, water fountains and infrastructure to meet ADA specifications

# Newly added FY 2022 Capital Budget Priority Requests

- **28.** Leif Ericson Park Refurbish Perimeter Sidewalk—Fort Hamilton Parkway/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue 66 Street to 67 Street local seniors and wheelchair users complain about hex block around perimeter Fort Hamilton Parkway from 66 Street to 67 street. In addition, flooding on the corner of 66 Street at Fort Hamilton Parkway is common during any rain event. The number of large London plane roots impacting the hexblock design is significant.
- 29. Native Planting along Shore Road Promenade and adjacent Belt Parkway Arterial Highway Area (Submitted By Narrows Botanical Gardens) The refurbishment of the terrain adjacent to the Belt Parkway and highway area adjacent to the Shore Road Promenade requires regular maintenance. Native plants are beneficial to the area's ecosystem by attracting native insects including butterflies while significantly reducing the need for routine maintenance.

- 30. Tree Guard Program for newly Landmarked Bay Ridge Parkway 400 Block to protect trees and recent beautification effort.
- 31. Refurbish Comfort Station JJ Carty Park
- 32. Refurbish Comfort Station Russell Pedersen Playground
- **33. Dyker Beach Park Refurbish expand BBQ area** Poly Place off 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This portion of Dyker Beach Park is heavily used by families and there is insufficient number of barbeque stations. In addition, more picnic tables and steel trash cans for charcoal are needed.
- **34.** Redesign Lower Leif Ericson Park (Brady's hole) —3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at Wakeman Place improved lighting— pathways passive recreation to poorly lit areas. There are currently only 6 antique light poles and many residents of the Bay Ridge Towers have complained about pathways, overgrown conditions and extremely poor lighting.

# FY 2022 EXPENSE PRIORITIES

- 1. Maintain/Enhance funding to Community Boards
- 2. Increase patrol strength at 68 Precinct as well as civilian personnel levels
- 3. Maintain firefighting personnel funding levels
- 4. Illegal Conversion Inspectors Dept of Buildings
- 5. Increased funding Home Delivered Meal Capacity in Community District 10
- 6. Additional School Crossing Guard increase allotment to 40
- 7. More frequent corner litter basket collection
- 8. Restore forestry contract appropriations for tree pruning, removal and maintenance including stump removal
- 9. Reduce mosquito populations funding for mosquito control areas of high mosquito concentration to curtail spread of West Nile Virus.
- 10.Increase funding to keep library branches open within boundaries of CB10 and purchase additional computers and books
- 11.Increase DSNY enforcement personnel
- 12.Increase Park Personnel to keep park restrooms open past 3pm
- 13. Funds to support 5 playground associates who will provide maintenance and recreational programs in CB10
- 14.Increase Department of Health staffing for rodent inspections and baiting services
- 15.Increase Parks staffing for grass cutting and gardener crews
- 16. Funds for additional forestry inspectors
- 17. Increase Park Funding for rodent abatement in parks
- 18. Support for increase funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers in keeping with Mayor's Vision Zero Initiative.

  Additional traffic control agents are needed at high crash and heavily travelled commercial corridors
- 19. Provide funding to Department of Health to provide and implement long term plan to eradicate bed bugs
- 20. Funding for Parks staff to address erosion control at local parks

- 21. Funds for Department of Sanitation for enforcement of canine waste laws
- 22.Increase PS funding for Parks Enforcement patrols and security services
- 23. Provide funds for public art to be added to public spaces

# COMMUNITY BOARD 10 BROOKLYN CHAIR'S REPORT October 19, 2020

#### GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Good evening everyone. Thank you all for joining us tonight. We have transitioned into our virtual meetings with some minor bumps along the way, but it has not gotten in the way of the Board's business. I thank our capable District Office staff for this. We have been and will be in the coming months, very busy. I have to take moment to thank Doris Cruz, our Zoning and Land Use Committee chair. She has done a great deal of work, and will have a packed agenda in the coming months, so I just want to take this opportunity to recognize her efforts and express my gratitude for her work and her willingness. I would also like to say thank you to our Executive Committee for its work on the Capital and Expense Budget priorities that we will be voting on tonight, I would like to thank all of you, who generously volunteer your time every month.

This month Board Chairs and District Managers were briefed on the Covid hotspots in the City. We have heard of the possibility of a Covid-19 second wave as we move toward more inclement weather and have heard about infection rates increasing in our neighboring Districts. Wearing masks and avoiding large gatherings remains the recommended course of action. I urge everyone to continue to be cautious, and to wear masks. It is a very small inconvenience. Regardless of your individual views on the matter, it's the law and the neighborly thing to do. We see cities in Europe returning to curfews and greater restrictions, and we should heed those cautionary tales. I know it's hard to get used to. Nearly every time I walk out of my house, I forget my mask, utter some mild swear words under my breath about Covid, and go back in to get it. I understand that it's a nuisance. But, please wear your mask and remind friends and loved ones to do so, as well. No matter how you feel about it, it can't hurt.

The election will occur between now and next month's meeting. If you are unsure of how or where to vote, you can go to the vote.nyc website or reach out to the CB10 District Office, and they can direct you.

I wish you all a happy and safe Halloween, and urge you all to celebrate responsibly.

Respectfully submitted,

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## District Manager Report October 19, 2020

Good Evening Board Members,

The District Office has been busy this month preparing for Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Over the past month I attended several budget consultation meetings with agencies of the City of New York to discuss overall budgetary needs which were reflected in our priority lists voted upon tonight.

We are being asked to spread the word for DSNY as we approach leaf season, I encourage all residents to pitch in and help in leaf collection by sweeping and raking leaves and bagging them. Residents should sweep 18 inches from the curb and bag the leaves to help the sweepers. It slowly becomes our biggest complaint in CB10 during the latter parts of October and November. The Department of Sanitation sweeper trucks are not vacuum trucks so they merely sweep and pick up as many leaves as they are capable of doing.

Resurfacing will continue this week in Community District 10 along Dyke Place from 82 to 85 Streets; 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 90<sup>th</sup> Street to Shore Road, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 77 Street to 86 Street, 86<sup>th</sup> Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to Fort Hamilton Parkway, 77 Street from 12 to 14 Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ovington Avenue to Bay Ridge Parkway. . A full list of milling and resurfacing was posted in our Community Board 10 newsletter. During this year – Outdoor dining street permit holders were able to decide if they sought to postpone resurfacing. 80<sup>th</sup> Street between Shore Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue were completed but the 400 block was held until next milling and paving cycle due to an Open Restaurant Permit.

Last week, I was invited to attend a call with the Department of Transportation regarding the expansion of CitiBike – Phase 3 which will take place 2019 thru 2024. There is only a handful of blocks at the norther part of Community District 10 included in this phase... the bulk of the new service area is adjacent CB7. A draft plan is expected to be presented to Community Boards once completed. I will be emailing Board Members tomorrow and posting the link and proposed new service area.

Starting today - October 19, 2020 enforcement of the New York State Plastic Bag Ban and Paper Bag Fee will begin. Stores will be penalized for distributing single use plastic bags and must collect a 5-cent fee on paper bags.

Update from TBTA – As you know work has been underway at the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge improvement project that entails widening the eastbound Gowanus Expressway/92<sup>nd</sup> Street traffic corridor. This work is progressing on an accelerated schedule, due in part to early progress made during the height of the pandemic lockdown, when substantial roadway work was done during daytime hours when traffic volume was low. The good news is that a major roadway portion of this project is nearing completion in the next month. In order to get to this point, however, milling and paving work on the realigned roadway will commence this week, during overnight hours; this means noise-producing work and safety-mandated vehicle back-up beeping that may be evident to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn residential areas on the eastbound side of the Gowanus (92<sup>nd</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Street; Dahlgren Place environs). The work will take place over the next two-to-three weeks, from 9 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights, and till approximately 9 a.m. on weekends, though not on Sunday nights. Again, the duration of night work in this particular corridor will not be long-term, and contractors are working efficiently to get this part of the job done sooner than later.

#### **Announcements:**

As has been our tradition, since we will not be meeting in person.. we will be collecting food in loving memory of our late CB10 Member Helen Sokolski, a staunch advocate, dedicated volunteer and was passionate about the need to collect food for local families in need. This year, non perishable food donations can be delivered directly to Saint Patrick's Rectory, 9511 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Monday thru Fruday from 9am to 5pm. Monetary donations will be accepted to Saint Patrick's Food Pantry. Special thanks to Saint Vincent DePaul Society food pantry at St. Patrick's Church for continued distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families in need.

The next General Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

#### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Budget Appropriation for FY 2021													\$253	3,795.00
	7/31/20	8/31/20	9/30/20	10/31/20	11/30/20	12/31/20	1/31/21	2/28/21	3/31/21	4/30/21	5/31/21	6/30/21	Y-T-	- D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$9,868.93	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86											
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,078.17	\$6,075.84	\$6,075.84											
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE														
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,637.57	\$1,364.60	\$1,364.60											
COLLEGE AIDE	\$945.53													
Total Personal Services	\$17,584.67	\$17,319.30	\$17,319.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52	2,223.2

		7/31/20	8/31/20	9/30/20	10/31/20	11/30/20	12/31/21	1/31/21	2/29/2021	3/31/21	4/30/21	5/31/21	6/30/21		Y-T-D
ExpensesCode	Description														
10B	Telephone	79.99	79.99	79.99											
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials														
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage														
170	Cleaning Supplies														
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment														
319	Security Equipment	120.00													
332	Data Process.Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		327.60	163.80											
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures														
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	42.32	45.43	549.90											
613	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process.Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual														
624	Cleaning Services														
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
684	Professional/Computer Services	588.00													
110	Food & Forage Supplies														
Total Other than Personal Services		\$830.31	\$453.02	\$793.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$2,07

FOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE \$199,494.71

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Chin Treasurer

The committee met in quorum via Zoom on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

The committee met to review a rezoning application for 9114 Fifth Avenue and adjacent lots, ULURP Reference numbers 190447 ZMK and 190448 ZMK. If this seems familiar, it is because the committee heard an informational report on the proposed rezoning and it was reported at the February 26, 2020 general meeting.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure) was suspended. ULURP has now resumed and we have a certified application. In normal times, the committee would meet and vote. Then a public hearing would be held at the general meeting. Meetings via Zoom are still new, so it was decided to have an informational meeting for the committee which was also live streamed and is available on Youtube. The District Office did a mailing to over 2,500 residents and businesses in the immediate area. Local residents were made aware of the informational meeting and the Youtube link. A follow up meeting including participation by the general public will be held on October 29, 2020.

This cite is zoned C-8-2. There is a triangle bounded by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues from roughly 87<sup>th</sup> Street to 94<sup>th</sup> Street. The predominant uses in this commercial area are car dealerships, service centers, office buildings and a growing number of professional offices. This area has had a C8 or similar zoning designation since the 1978 rezoning and the creation of the Bay Ridge Special District.

One of the permitted uses in a C8-2 zoning district is transient housing, a hotel. The developer filed plans in 2019 for a hotel. There was very strong opposition to a hotel, especially across the street from a school and because too many hotels in Brooklyn have been converted to homeless shelters. Councilmember Brannon met with the developer. As a result of those discussions, the developer agreed to a residential development with a commercial overlay. He is requesting that the location be rezoned from C8-2 to R7A. An R7 designation allows for a 7 story building. In 2016, the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program was enacted. This program requires that any rezoning include affordable housing. This is a zoning bonus. That bonus results in between 25% and 30 % affordable housing. To accommodate affordable housing, additional stories, additional height is allowed.

Therefore this rezoning will result in a 9 story building with approximately 50 units, a mix of studios, one bedroom and two bedroom units.

At the February meeting, the committee felt that they were between a rock and a hard place. The committee did not feel a hotel was appropriate or needed but they did not like the extra height. In reviewing the plans this month, it was noted that there are set backs and affordable housing is important.

The developer is asking that several lots be rezoned. The reason for this is that a rezoning for one lot is considered "spot zoning" and is not allowed. The developer advised owners of the nearby lots of the rezoning but has not been in personal contact with them.

So that is the background, on to this month's meeting.

Councilmember Brannan addressed the committee and gave them the background.

Richard Lobel, attorney for the developer noted that the area is geared toward intensive/large commercial development and could result is a "robust" commercial building. Mr. Lobel noted that the other building lots included in the rezoning application are non-conforming residential or mixed commercial residential uses. They were built before the current zoning regulations were enacted. He also advised that the building will have 54 units, 41 will be market rate and 13 will be "affordable". There will be a setback at the 7<sup>th</sup> story. Other buildings in the area a 60 feet, 6 stories. The first floor will be commercial, possible local retail stores. There will also be a one story addition for commercial use at the rear of the building extending to 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The committee asked how many parking spaces are included in the proposal Mr. Lobel said none. Fourteen (14) spaces would be required, however if a development calls for fewer than 15 parking spaces, the parking requirement may be waived. The development will be a rental.

A member asked about the 9 other lots. Mr. Lobel said that the other lots were included at the request of the Department of City Planning. The EAS includes all lots.

Questions were asked about design and retail use. The "commercial overlay" of C2 is considered retail Mr. Lobel advised.

Questions were asked about design and a hope that the building be contextual with the nearby buildings. Mr. Lobel said that design would be part of future discussions.

There will be two elevators.

The committee asked about notification to other owners. We were advised that the applicant is required to give notice to properties within 200 feet of the property. DM Beckmann advised that the district office has heard from some owners as a result of the district office mailing and some owners will comment at the October 29 meeting.

It was asked if there will be any recreational space, either inside of outside. The applicant will review the plans.

The Brooklyn Borough President will be hold a hearing on November 10.

The board will not vote on this issue until the November general meeting, Nov. 16, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully\_submitted,

Doris N Cruz Jous N. Cugae

#### Youth Services, Education and Library Committee Report

The YSEL committee met on October 6th, 2020 at 7pm. The meeting took place via Zoom and was broadcast live on Youtube. We met in quorum. This was an informational meeting and no votes were held. It was our first meeting of the year, and it was nice to greet new Committee members, among them Marisa Perez and Robert Oliva.

The goal of the meeting was to go over recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget, to expense priorities for Capital and other improvements needed in our District. For this meeting a representative for the Brooklyn Public Library was brought in to give updates to the Libraries. Due to the the COVID situations going on in the schools right now, a representative from the Department of Education was not available.

We were extremely lucky to have Naila Rosario from Community Affairs & Government Department of the Brooklyn Public Library with us to give the update we needed. She is our District Liaison for libraries.

Our District has 4 Libraries:

Bay Ridge Library 7223 Ridge Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11209

Dyker Library 8202 13th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11228

Fort Hamilton Library 9424 4th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209

McKinley Library 6802 Fort Hamilton Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11219

Naila let us know the following:

- 1. That out district is in a very good position as we do not have any outstanding capital needs.
- 2. There are 2 projects that are funded. These Capital (brick and mortar) projects were requested last year, and are now ongoing. They may be slowed due to COVID restrictions.
  - a. Capital Priority 11 Bay Ridge Library Heating and Cooling System
  - b. Capital Priority 12 Dyker Heights Library Interior Renovation/Exterior Windows McKinley Park Branch - New Roof/Windows/ Interior

We also talked Expense needs and budget impacts and reopening plan.

Only 2 Libraries currently open — Bay Ridge Library and Ft. Hamilton Library. Only Lobby service (Phase 1) currently available. Opening in different phases. Phase 1 (Lobby phase) right now only. Lobby for online holds, pick up and returns. Working closely with Mayor office and CDC guidelines, no specific timeline for other 2 library openings. The next phase 2, would include limited interior access with self-serve kiosk opens and restrooms.

What are the libraries doing while closed? Virtual story times. In our district we had 6+ languages covered, and it happens weekly. Virtual cooking programs. A robust newsletter going out and can be personalized based on interests. That is the best way to find out what's going on in the library.

Some of the questions that came up were as follows:

Anthony Maurio Chair VSEL Committee

- 1. How can you Donate Books to the library? Library only take books during specific book drive times. The next one will be provided to the board.
- 2. What ways can people volunteer to help the library, or virtual support? Naila is going to look into how we can volunteer and outreach to help create programming for the library.

After that presentation, Josephine let us know of some additional updates regarding schools.

The School Construction Authority is working on the school to be built on the Nathans site. The board requested that the SCA come back to us in the design phase. That should happen late November and will be a joint committee revue with Zoning and Land Use.

The Mayor had made school closing announcements, and had included 2 schools in our district in the 11219 Zip Code. Christa McAuliffe PS 187 65th and 11th and PS 176 The Ovington School Bay Ridge Ave. Those two schools will be closed for in person learning and switched to all remote. A reopening date is not set, and will be reviewed for a possible opening of October 21. That situation is ongoing.

The committee ended with a conversation about school closures and how everyone is dealing with it. We made note of the hard work and appreciation we have for the workers in the schools, the teachers, administrators and of course students and parents. We hope for a quick and safe end to all of the closures. With that a motion was made to end the meeting, with a second, and so concluded our meeting.

This committee report is respectfully submitted to Community Board 10 by chair Anthony Marino, on Monday October 19, 2020.

# Community Board 10 Brooklyn, NY Environmental Committee

The Environmental committee of CB10 met in quorum via zoom on September 30th, 2020 at 7:00PM. The meeting was also live streamed on Youtube for those who could not access it via zoom.

Department of Environmental Protection representatives Andrew Ng and Robert Olivari gave a thorough and comprehensive presentation about the capital improvements happening at the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment facility. The presentation was given in a powerpoint format and will be shared with the community board upon request. All future construction projects are provided in the powerpoint. Community concerns regarding noise were addressed by the representatives; the representatives also noted that although there will be an increase in traffic there will be a presence of flag people to help keep the area safe and the community will get a notice within 24 hours of the start date. Construction will not happen on major holidays and there will be noticeably less work on minor holidays.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion and planning of a community catch basin cleanup. CB10 has many areas that are prone to flooding during the fall season because the corner basins are not cleaned properly from the leaves that fall during this time. The proposed solutions ranged from focusing on an online campaign utilizing all CB 10 social media platforms to also providing corner houses a flyer reminding them that it is a requirement to clean corner catch basins. In addition to this, the main proposed solution was to have volunteers, Girls Scouts to be more specific, following social distancing requirements, come to help clean the corner basins in the community.

In regards to new business plans, a committee member recommended that the committee create an environmental pledge that can be distributed to all of CB10 in an effort to be a more environmentally friendly community board. Later discussions are necessary in order to further discuss the matter.

The meeting ended at about 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Taoube Ang Tao Dell

## STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Name/Address 9715 Kildare Inc. d/b/a Kitty Kiernans 9715-9717 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	Received at CB 10 10/19/2020	<u>Status</u> Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Sam's Bakery LLC d/b/a Townhouse Lounge 9324 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	10/22/2020	*Alteration Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

<sup>\*</sup> Will be invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in November 2020.