## AMENDED AGENDA COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING

January 25, 2021; 7:00 pm Via Zoom

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

December 21, 2020 Board Meeting

**PUBLIC SESSION** 

(Limited to a maximum of ten minutes in total)

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**PUBLIC HEARING** 

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for

Fiscal Year 2022

Presentation by Chair Public Hearing Discussion and Vote

**CHAIR'S REPORT** 

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

#### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

New SLA Beer/Cider application at More Sub Inc., d/b/a Come On Thai, 7803 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

**Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote** 

#### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Update on Presentation by DOT representatives regarding safety improvement proposal for Marine Avenue, Ridge Blvd., 95<sup>th</sup> Street

**Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote** 

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**Informational Report** 

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#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Update on current CB 10 Social Media and Newsletter; Future Committee meeting topics** 

**Informational Report** 

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

**Update on NYU Langone Presentation regarding Covid-19 Vaccine Program** 

**Informational Report** 

**OLD BUSINESS** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Budget and Personnel Committee** 

Review of Cuts to Community Board 10 FY 21 and FY 22 Budget

**Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote** 

**ADJOURN** 

#### Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance Meeting Held on Zoom Platform – Livestreamed on YouTube Monday, January 25, 2021

#### **Board Members Present: (41)**

Tracie Britton

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

Shirley Chin

Judith M. Collins

Doris Cruz

Richard Day

Michael Devigne

Chris Elisson

Ann Falutico

Carmen Feliciano

Michael Festa

Barbara Germack

Dianne Gounardes

Ruth Greenfield-Masyr

Steve Griffith

Judith Grimaldi

Daniel Hettiex

Justin Hyatt

Jill Infantolino-Hajjar

June Johnson

Stella Kokolis

Marty Lentz

Wai Ging Leo

Nikolaos Leonardos

Ryan Mahoney

Anthony Marino

Nicholas Massab

Iris Mulé

Robert Oliva

Marisa Perez

Susan Pulaski

Dean Rasinya

Dr. Husam Rimawi

Stephanie Simone-Mahaney

Joseph Sokoloski

Lawrence Stelter

JanaTaoube

JulieThum

Barbara Vellucci

Lori Willis

Michael Xie

#### Excused:(5)

Ida D'Amelio Stephen Harrison Habib Joudeh Henry Stewart Sandy Vallas

#### Absent:(2)

John Heffernan Giuseppe Tulumello

### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 25, 2021 – LIVESTREAM LINK BELOW

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Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Tori Kelly representing State Senator Gounardes greeted the audience and announced the birth of State Senator Gounardes' son. She pointed out that BM Dianne Gounardes is now a grandmother and offered her congratulations. She mentioned that the Senate is back in session and spoke about legislation that was passed including the COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Business Act, which protects small businesses from eviction and foreclosure from Covid-19 related hardship until May 2021. Ms. Kelly stated that the Senate also passed a bill to cap third-party delivery fees and what they can charge restaurants. Legislation to permanently authorize absentee ballot drop boxes was also passed. She said State Senator Gounardes sent a letter today to the Mayor regarding PSA sports for schools, urging the Mayor to release a policy to start these programs minimally in the fall, so that parents can be prepared. Ms. Kelly noted that their office is trying to connect people who are eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccination with places that can provide the vaccine. She stated to the audience that anyone eligible and interested in receiving the vaccine to please reach out to their office at 718-238-6044 and they will be put on a waiting list and will be updated as soon as they hear anything. Ms. Kelly thanked and wished the audience a happy new year.

BM Rasinya asked Ms. Kelly if there is any information regarding landlords and the lack of rent not being paid by tenants. She responded that landlords could fill out a similar form that small businesses are filling out regarding hardship due to Covid-19 and submit the form to the housing courts to prevent any foreclosures for a certain period. BM Rasinya questioned if there is any financial help that is being given to landlords. Ms. Kelly responded that there is a program currently going on to help tenants pay their landlords. Chair Willis asked for clarification about landlords receiving financial help not tenants. Ms. Kelly explained that the program is to help tenants pay their landlords, so that the landlord wouldn't be behind with their own mortgage payments.

Councilman Justin Brannan greeted the audience and spoke about the sacrifices people have made and continue to make since the pandemic began. He stated that he never believed when running for office that he would be an elected official during a worldwide pandemic. He noted the hardship people have been enduring and how many people are just a paycheck away from losing their home. Councilman Brannan pointed out that his office continues to make calls to seniors within Community District Ten since April 2020 to make sure they are doing well and if there is anything their office can assist them with. His office continues to try to obtain PPE for frontline workers and for residents. He stated that the attention now is on the distribution of the vaccine and that the other levels of government are now being honest with not having enough for eligible people. As of now, the amount of eligible people doesn't equal the amount of vaccines being provided. Having enough locations to distribute the vaccine is currently not the problem. The Council Member believes it will get better once more of the vaccine is obtained and he believes a half a million people can be vaccinated a week. He mentioned that locally the investment into parks continues and the Bensonhurst playground which is just outside of CB 10 jurisdiction is finally finished. There has been over 20 million dollars allocated to local parks and playgrounds since he has been an Elected Official. JJ Carty Park, Owl's

Head Park including the basketball courts, and Vinland Playground will soon be renovated. He mentioned that the guidance keeps changing for small businesses and that is big issue. Councilman Brannan thanked the audience for their support, stating that he is happy that he was elected to serve Community District Ten. He wished the audience a happy new year and took questions from the audience.

BM Cruz noted that last Thursday there was a Zoning and Land Use meeting regarding a text amendment and a scoping meeting that was held on Friday. She pointed out that there were approximately 12 Elected Officials present at the meeting and thanked him for being one of those Elected Officials to testify in support. Councilman Brannan responded with an explanation of a text amendment and briefly explained it is a way to gather community input and present feedback to the hotel developer as to whether or not this is what residents want in their district. He believes this will be helpful citywide. He said that since he has been in office, he has heard residents asking for things to be built and having another hotel in the neighborhood is not one of them.

Jacob Goldfinger representing Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus greeted the audience and wished everyone a happy new year. He echoed Ms. Kelly and Councilman Brannan regarding the distribution and locations for the Covid-19 vaccine. Mr. Goldfinger mentioned that if anyone needed assistance to please contact their office at 718-266-0267. He announced Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus' Economic Mobility Plan for the 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly District including several initiatives. He added that the Assembly Member is connecting people with services to assist with home ownership, job training, financial planning, and debt relief. He mentioned that he will post information in the chat for anyone interested in following developments, signing up for notices, etc. Mr. Goldfinger announced that there will be a virtual meet and greet for local non-profits to assist with any funding requests for the upcoming budget season on Thursday, January 28, 2021. He mentioned that their office is open for in person appointments at 310 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and to schedule an appointment to please contact their office at 347-560-6302. He thanked the audience.

Cathy SantoPietro representing Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis greeted the audience. She announced that the V.A. hospital currently has Covid-19 vaccines for any veteran who is interested in receiving it. She noted that the veteran needs to be registered and if they are not registered, they need to go to the eligibility department on the first floor, room 100 and register. Then the veteran can schedule their appointment for the vaccine. For the veterans that are already registered and want to schedule an appointment please contact them at 877-877-9267. Ms. SantoPietro stated that their District Office is located at 7716 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and is being shared with Assemblyman Michael Tannousis. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and can be reached if needed at 718-306-1620.

Hanane Dbajat representing Assemblyman Michael Tannousis reiterated the office location. She mentioned that staff was hired and hopefully will be in the office next week. Ms. Dbajat noted that they can be reached at their Staten Island office if needed. She said that their office has been assisting with many unemployment cases and vaccine requests. Ms. Dbajat thanked the audience.

Donald DeRosa from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office greeted the audience. He spoke about the need for the Covid-19 vaccine and noted that the federal government is the main component when it comes to vaccination. He stated that Comptroller Scott Stringer is assisting in any way he can and that he released Fair Shot NYC, which includes releasing all demographic data in real time, assigning more contact tracers to the critical task of promoting vaccine access ramping up, outreach and public education campaigns, along with other important things. Mr. DeRosa noted that Comptroller Scott Stringer and Mayor Bill de Blasio along with the trustees of two of the city's pension funds today announced that they have voted to divest their portfolios from roughly four billion dollars' worth of fossil fuel investments. This is one of the largest divestments in the world. After years of investigation it was found that our pension investments in fossil fuels were not a net gain for the system but a net loss. If investment were to continue such substantial money it would risk the pension system.

Jessica Kallo from the Borough President's office greeted the audience and wished everyone a happy new year. She mentioned that she continues to receive Community Board applications and they are in the process of re-appointing and appointing new members. As of now, no one is being term limited out of their position. Ms. Kallo stated that she has been working with Community Coordinator Dorothy Garuccio to remind Board Members about completing their renewal applications and if any member was unsure when they had to reapply to please contact her or Dorothy Garuccio. She noted that the deadline for filing an application is Friday, February 12, 2021. She thanked the audience.

Nancy Lulu, Liaison for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez' Office, greeted the audience and wished everyone a prosperous new year. She stated that Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez made an announcement on January 4, 2021 regarding a 21-year-old man that has been indicted for reckless manslaughter and other charges. This was in connection with the death of a 50-year-old father and pointed out that this was no accident that it was a preventable crime that stemmed from reckless behavior prior to and during the collision. Ms. Lulu said this was the first indictment obtained by the new Street Safety Bureau at the Brooklyn District Attorney's office which commenced this past summer. The program was designed to better address vehicular violence on roadways, investigate and prosecute dangerous drivers when it results in an unlawful action causing traffic fatalities and injuries. She shared that on January 6, 2021 Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez along with NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea announced that 15 alleged 900 gang members were charged in a 77-count indictment, including two murders and nine shootings. Ms. Lulu mentioned that Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez' office and the State Attorney General's office are teaming up to host another gun buyback with no questions asked on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Bethesda Healing Center, 167 East 98th Street in Brooklyn. Ms. Lulu noted that January is human trafficking awareness month and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez along with other agencies are holding a three-day event which will provide community members with steps they can take to join the fight against human trafficking. The event started today and will end on January 27, 2021. The event is FREE and more information can be found on their website at www.brooklynda.org/htawareness2021. She stated that the Brooklyn District Attorney's Action Center can be contacted via phone at 718-250-2340 for anyone who has an inquiry or wants to file a complaint and shared her email at <u>lulun@brooklynda.org</u>. Ms. Lulu thanked the audience.

Edward Cerna, Brooklyn Borough Director for Mayor de Blasio spoke about an incident that occurred at the Brooklyn Army Terminal regarding the Covid-19 vaccine because of a false social media post on Facebook indicating vaccine availability for people to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. This resulted in hundreds of people showing up to their site. He pointed out that the state guidance requires everyone to make an appointment to receive the vaccine and that there are certain criteria to be met. He said that if anyone sees a social media post similar to this one to ignore it as appointments must be made. In addition, he mentioned that 107,000 doses will become available in the next couple of weeks, but that still won't be close to the amount needed for New Yorkers. Mr. Cerna provided his email at <a href="mailto:ecerna@cityhall.nyc.gov">ecerna@cityhall.nyc.gov</a>.

David Nussbaum representing the Department of Buildings discussed the bill that was passed to extend the deadline for the inspection of Local Law 152 Gas Piping Systems in Community Boards 1, 3, and 10 originally due no later than December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Local Law 152 requires the gas piping systems in buildings (except for buildings classified in occupancy group R-3 - one and two family homes) be inspected by a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP), or a qualified individual working under the direct and continuing supervision of a LMP, at least once every four years. Mr. Nussbaum stated that it is extremely important to have working carbon monoxide detectors to avoid the risks that are associated with carbon monoxide in addition to maintaining hot water boilers and any other gas-fired equipment. He took questions from the audience.

BM Mulé stated that she lives in the Bay Ridge Towers and residents currently have had no gas for a minimum of two weeks due to Local Law 152 and having their gas piping system inspected. She mentioned that now might not have been the best time to inspect the gas piping system due to the pandemic. Restaurants don't have indoor dining and some people are unable to have meals delivered. In addition, she was informed that it can take more than two weeks to inspect the gas piping system. Mr. Nussbaum responded that the time frame to complete the inspection is up to the licensed plumber that was hired. He suggested that BM Mulé speak with the management company of the building to inquire if there is a way to accommodate residents in the building during the inspection. BM Mulé questioned if the licensed plumber is the only person to sign off on the inspection or does the Department of Buildings also have to sign off on the inspection. Mr. Nussbaum replied that the licensed plumber only files the inspection with the Department of Buildings unless it is a problem and they must be involved. BM Mulé thanked Mr. Nussbaum for addressing her concerns.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion: CB 10 to reaffirm the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities and send letters of support to the Office of Management and Budget and the Elected Officials.

Motion by BM Hetteix, second by BM Festa.

39 in favor; 2 recusals - BM Stelter and BM Day. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT - See Attached

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - See Attached

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

#### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DM Beckmann rendered the Police and Public Safety Committee report (due to Committee Chair Vellucci having technical difficulties). See attached.

Motion: CB 10 to deny the New SLA Wine/Beer/Cider Application for More Sub Inc., d/b/a Come on Thai, 7803 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209, unless the owner agrees to the following stipulations:

- The premise will operate as a restaurant.
- There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until appropriate authorization is issued by the SLA.
- The hours of operation will be Sunday-Saturday 11:30AM 10:30PM. The doors and windows are to remain closed in coordination with any amplified music.
- There will only be background recorded music. The sound level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code.
- There will be no music on the outside of the premises, and there will be no use of outdoor space.
- The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.
- There will be no smoking permitted.
- The applicant agrees that should it change its method of operation, it will give notice and meet with the Community Board/Committee, at least 45 days in advance of any such change.

All in favor. Motion carried.

#### TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair Capetanakis rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Motion: CB 10 to support the Marine Avenue Safety Improvement Plan (SIP) and send a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation with the following feedback:

- Enhanced street lighting at this location is needed. Request for DOT to study the area for additional street lighting.
- Request a feasibility study for a traffic light. Although it was noted by DOT that the intersection
  did not meet the threshold to warrant a traffic light, we can request a new feasibility study at this
  location.
- Request granite blocks be used to fill the curb extensions to discourage the misuse of the area for illegal parking. This would be in lieu of the plastic bollards.
- Share concerns raised about the pedestrian ramps on 95th Street in the former unmarked crosswalk area. Recommendation to remove or block the ped ramps to dissuade people from crossing at an unmarked crosswalk.
- Request to monitor the new No Standing Zones for daytime and overnight vehicle parking.
- (Request from a resident following our meeting) Request that DOT review the painted bike lane along Ridge Blvd that crosses Marine Avenue heading towards Shore Road to make sure the redesign does not impact it in any way.

Discussion followed.

BM Stelter voiced that DOT needs to fill the pedestrian ramps at 95<sup>th</sup> Street in the former unmarked crosswalk area. This should discourage pedestrians from crossing at an unmarked crosswalk and not be an invitation to them.

Committee Chair Capetanakis responded that this concern was mentioned as feedback to the Department of Transportation.

BM Cruz asked about snow removal and stated that she believes this area is not wide enough to have the snow cleared.

Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that it was noted by Chris Brunson from DOT at the Committee meeting that there was enough room to continue street cleaning and snow removal at this site.

BM Cruz wanted it to be documented that she asked about snow removal and doesn't want property owners held responsible.

BM Germack said that bollards were put up months ago and didn't last and bollards will be put up again and believes they won't last although she is willing to give it another try.

Committee Chair Capetanakis pointed out that she believes at the Committee meeting BM Devigne stated that instead of using the plastic bollards to request granite blocks from DOT. This was included in the list of feedback.

BM Germack expressed that she believes whether you put bollards, granite blocks or stone it still won't last.

Committee Chair Capetanakis noted that the Committee felt that the plastic bollards get knocked down too easily and felt putting in granite blocks might be more secure for residents.

BM Germack mentioned that after midnight at the intersection of that site is when drivers are reckless and doing donuts.

BM Gounardes questioned that if the snow removal trucks can get through what is to say cars wouldn't park there as this is not permitted.

DM Beckmann noted that the letter to DOT with feedback from the community would be worded strongly, pointing out the concern of cars parking at this site and also requesting any enforcement that can be done to dissuade parking in the zebra stripe area.

BM Stelter inquired about trees or tree planters with foliage being placed at this site.

Committee Chair Capetanakis responded that she believes that CB 10 received a response that they don't put planters with foliage unless they have a partnership to care for it. This is a residential area and that is why granite blocks were suggested instead of the plastic bollards to make it more secure.

BM Thum questioned if there is going to be a traffic light and if so, where it would be placed.

Committee Chair Capetanakis stated that there is no traffic light, that it didn't meet the threshold. She explained after the improvements have been made then DOT can conduct another feasibility study to inquire if a traffic light is warranted.

All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE**

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

Motion: CB 10 to submit comments to the Department of City Planning's Public Scoping meeting in support of creating an expanded Hotel Text Amendment (21DCP111Y) which would require a Special Permit for hotels in commercial districts citywide.

Comments provided to DCP will include Community Board Ten's prior recommendation submitted on June 26, 2018 for N180349 ZRY, M1 Hotel Text Amendment. Board Members at that time supported extending the special permit beyond the M1 to include commercial districts, as community input is vital when new hotel projects are proposed.

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Communications & Public Relations Committee Chair Britton rendered the Committee report. See attached.

#### SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare Committee Chair Mulé rendered the Committee report. See attached.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Grimaldi announced that Joanne Seminara was released from the hospital and is back home.

BM Felicano expressed that BM Vallas should remain in everyone's thoughts due to the loss of his father, adding that any person who loses someone is hard but it's even harder during the pandemic.

BM Stelter inquired about the windows that were broken at the USPS on 5th Avenue in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

DM Beckmann responded that it was an act of vandalism and she heard from the USPS that the windows were immediately bordered up and the NYPD was notified. CB 10 is not aware of any enforcement action taken, who the perpetrator was or the reason for the act of vandalism.

Chair Willis stated that she nearly was knocked down from a motorized bike on the sidewalk and more enforcement is needed regarding motorized bicycles.

BM Stelter mentioned that an incident with motorized bicycles also happened to him.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Closed session was conducted.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

## COMMUNITY BOARD 10 BROOKLYN CHAIR'S REPORT January 25, 2021 General Board Meeting

Good evening, and welcome to Community Board 10's January 25, 2021 General Board meeting, via Zoom, with live stream to the public.

With the close of 2020 having been a much-anticipated event, we have entered into a new year, with greater hope for the future. We have a new president in office, and we have some local politicians from both sides of the aisle who will be participating in our government in Washington, Former Congressman Max Rose was appointed Special Assistant to the United States Secretary of Defense as a Covid Advisor, and Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis was appointed Assistant Whip for the Republican conference. Covid vaccines are being administered and will hopefully enable us to make great strides toward recovery from the many injuries caused by this pandemic. This month Board Chairs and District Managers were invited to attend Covid vaccine updates from the New York City Department of Health. It was no surprise to hear that the major hurtle has been obtaining the number of doses needed to implement the City's vaccine administration plan. They expect that the average person who does not work in a high-risk field or have an underlying condition, will not be eligible to get vaccinated until June. In addition, it was relayed by Dr. Celia Quinn of the CDC that while the vaccine will prevent sever cases, there is not enough proof that prevents lesser or asymptomatic cases or spread to others, so those vaccinated will still be able to catch, carry and spread Covid. So, even if you are among those who received the vaccine, you still need to wear a mask and distance yourselves from others, as you still may still carry the virus and infect others. Nonetheless, this progress is a ray of light in the new year, and gives the promise of the true beginning of our recovery.

Yet, before we are able to turn the corner on recovery, we must still deal with the City's financial difficulties. As you may know, Community Boards were asked by the City to cut their already miniscule budgets, and our Executive Committee met to discuss this. Due to the great work of our District Office we were able to comply with this mandate without having to overly compromise our functioning. I do understand that this crisis has caused financial strain on the City and we all have to do our part, but I am hard pressed to believe that there are no other, less impactful areas from which to cut. We are the branch of City government that most effectively and directly interfaces with the Community and delivers its message to City government. [You will see one example of this tonight when we discuss the new Zoning text amendment.] We are not pushing an agenda, but rather, are your voice - the voice of the City's constituents. We are truly the "boots on the ground" because we are the ones who speak with our neighbors face-to-face, and have to look them in the eye when they suffer the effects of decisions made from higher up. Community Boards were created to bridge the disconnect between City Hall and the far-flung districts of the City. Yet, over the past year Boards have been cut out of many decisions that significantly and materially affect our communities – decisions of the kind that would ordinarily be put to community review. These budget cuts will work to further undercut our role and quiet our voice. The Board has two full-time and one part-time employee to do all the work to enable the Board to meet its mandates under the Charter of the City of New York, including the coordination and timely delivery of public notice and outreach, coordination of Board and Committee meetings and with elected officials, coordination with the agencies that deliver services to our area, fielding and responding to the myriad calls and correspondence from the public, and so much more. We have not had an increase to our baseline budget in about 10 years, and further cuts will mean that the City government will hear less of what you have to say. They should not defund democracy. I think it is more important than ever that those at the top hear what we have to say. I would like to thank Councilman Brannan for writing to the Mayor to emphasize the importance of the work of Community Boards and to urge against these cuts. I understand that other Council members have written similar letters, and I hope that Councilman Brannan and his colleagues on the City Council are able to intervene to allow us to continue to serve our vital role in City government.

I also want to thank our Board and staff for steadfastly working through these crazy times to promote the betterment of our District, and for their selfless level of commitment. I particularly want to thank our former fellow, Anish Pendharkar, who has donated his knowledge, time and effort to putting together a Zoning 101 handbook for the Board. He gave us a preview of his work this month, and it was just terrific. (As further evidence of his dedication, I must note that he gave his presentation via Zoom from half way around the world at an ungodly hour.) Zoning is a difficult and convoluted topic, and he did a great job in giving us a precis of the zoning text relevant to the matters that come before the Board. Once it is available, we will get it out to you, and I highly suggest that you cuddle up with this great read. It's not just for Zoning fans, it's for everyone.

As always, I thank you for attending this meeting, and hope you remain safe and well.

Respectfully submitted,

15/ Lari Willis

Lori Willis, Chair

**Brooklyn Community Board 10** 

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

#### January 25, 2021

#### Good Evening Board Members:

Happy New Year! I want to begin my report with a quick update regarding Dyker Lights. We did not know what to expect this year due to the pandemic. There was a significant increase in vehicular traffic. Thanks to direct involvement from Council Member Justin Brannan we had six traffic agents assigned to help with traffic which overwhelmed the Dyker Heights community. The additional resources assisted the 68 Police Precinct team.

Today we were inundated with calls from residents from Wakeman Place who found No Parking signs posted on their block from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Ridge Blvd. The work is related to the Owls Head Greenway Connector and parking restriction is needed for the installation of new sewer main. The project is expected to last 5 weeks. The concerns centered on lack of notice and many seniors who rely on curbside delivery during the pandemic. I will be speaking to DDC's Community Liaison tomorrow regarding the project in response to community concerns raised at the District Office today.

Filming has also resumed in New York City. Changes have been made by the Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting and COVID-19 restrictions and guideline – much smaller productions – limited parking restrictions and impact. On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> a commercial for CK Orange 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit is scheduled to fil on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Ridge Blvd and Colonial Road.

Each year, I review the end of year top 10 service requests to 311as we begin to prepare upcoming Fiscal Year Needs Assessment. Thanks to BetaNYC – Board Stat – the top 10 complaints from 2020 as compared to 2019 varied mostly due to the pandemic and large Nor Easter.

Residential Noise Complaints were up 2019 – total 1600 in 2020 saw increase to 2,500 311 service requests 2019 Damaged Tree – 1600 as compared to 2,500 in 2020

Illegal Parking remains our number one service request although down from 2019 - 5500 to 2020 total of 4800

Missed Collection All Materials made it to our top 10 list with 800 service requests in 2020 vs 605 in 2019.

New Service Request Failure to Comply with COVID Phase Restriction Category had 1100 service requests in 2020.

Community Board 10's Senior Issues Committee Meeting regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine distribution will be reported by Chair Iris Mule who did a great job this month with presenting important information to the Community. We continue to hear from seniors in the district frustrated with the current process and our staff has been working to help bridge the digital divide. Next month, the Committee will review an important planning document produced by the Department for the Aging - DFTA Profile for Older New Yorkers Report. The report is based on a needs assessment survey of current capacity of average daily senior center participants and notes that CD 10 will have a projected high need by 2030.

Reminder that tomorrow night Community Board 10 will be hosting a joint Environmental and T&T Committee Meeting to listen to a presentation by Narrows Botanic Gardens regarding a Native Planting initiative adjacent to the NBG and Belt Parkway. This is a capital priority request which was supported by CB10. In addition,

CB10 Traffic and Transportation Committee Members will be briefed on CitiBike docking stations to be installed in the northern section of CB10 this Spring.

#### **Agency Announcements**

The MTA NYC Transit notified the District Office that they will be launching a living memorial to honor transit workers lost to COVID-19. The memorial will appear as an 8 minute video running at 107 subway stations Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> thru February 7<sup>th</sup>.

New York City Department of Homeless Services will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) During the annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), teams of volunteers canvass select areas of the City and count the number of individuals sleeping on the street and in other public spaces, including the subway. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HOPE 2021 will not be using volunteers this year. It will only be conducted by City staff and outreach teams. Please continue to call 311 if you see a homeless person in need. Homeless outreach staff will arrive within 2 hours of a call to reach out to offer assistance.

Our next Community Board Ten Meeting -- Monday, February 22, 2021 right here on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

# COMMUNITY BOARD TEN TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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FOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE

\$133,649.48

## COMMUNITY BOARD #10 POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Date/Time: January 25, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

Place: District Office, 8119 – 5th Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11209

Meeting Via ZOOM on January 11, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Quorum: Yes

- New Application for Wine, Beer & Cider for More Sub Inc. D/B/A Come on Thai

- Premise:  $7803 - 3^{rd}$  Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209

This is a new application for a restaurant named Come on Thai located at  $7803 - 3^{rd}$  Ave. The owner Korn Petchotpaisan was present at this meeting. Also present with the owner was Mr. James Lam. This applicant is in the process of applying for a Letter of No Objection which in probability will be granted as this premise was already a restaurant known as My Thai. The questionnaire was complete, the menu, premise photos and the floor plan was provided. There will only be background recorded music and no outdoor use. After a discussion period, the committee's decision was to move to deny this application unless the owner agreed to the following stipulations:

1. The premise will operate as a restaurant.

2. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until appropriate authorization is issued by the SLA.

3. The hours of operation will be Sunday-Saturday 11:30AM – 10:30PM. The doors and windows are to remain closed in coordination with any amplified music.

4. There will only be background recorded music. The sound level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code.

- 5. There will be no music on the outside of the premises, and there will be no use of outdoor space.
- 6. The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.
- 7. There will be no smoking permitted.
- 8. The applicant agrees that should it change its method of operation, it will give notice and meet with the Community Board/Committee, at least 45 days in advance of any such change.

The applicant has agreed to the above stipulations.

Committee - all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vellucci Chairperson

#### Traffic and Transportation Report: January 5, 2021

Chair: Jaynemarie Capetanakis

#### **Committee Members:**

- Doris Cruz
- Michael Devigne
- Carmen Feliciano
- Dianne Gounardes
- Judith Grimaldi
- Steve Harrison
- Stephanie Mahaney
- Ryan Mahoney
- Dean Rasinya
- Joseph Sokoloski
- Larry Stelter
- · Lori Willis, Chair
- Josephine Beckmann, District Manager

The membership of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum via Zoom on Monday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

DOT representatives presented a Safety Improvement Proposal for Marine Avenue and Ridge Blvd. at 95th Street.

This project had been requested by City Council Member Justin Brannan along with multiple community requests to provide improvements at this intersection. While these are residential streets, they are the corridor to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and are in close proximity to Shore Road Park and the Parkway. Safety data from 2014-2018 indicates that it was the site of five injuries, including one severe bicycle injury and one severe motor vehicle injury.

Currently, there are long crossing distances and lack of marked crosswalks on south and east sides of the intersection. Pedestrians accessing destinations on the south and east sides of the intersection must cross without marked crosswalks. The area was described as a confusing intersection layout that creates unpredictable turning movements.

DOT is proposing to add three new crosswalks to provide a marked crossing for pedestrians on the south and east sides of the intersection. They will add two painted curb extensions to normalize the intersection and

shorten crossing distances. They will install flexible bollards at painted curb extensions to provide a vertical element to delineate the space for pedestrians and discourage vehicles from using the space. They will add "No Standing Anytime" space to the northeast curb line of Ridge Blvd. to accommodate emergency vehicle access. To gain these benefits, a right turn ban for trucks only from northbound Marine Avenue to eastbound 95th Street is required.

DOT says that the benefits of the proposed design will provide pedestrian accessing the east and south sides of the intersection. The curb extensions will normalize the intersection, creating safer, shorter crossings and slow turns for vehicles. This proposal will also simplify the intersection for all users and create more predictable turning movements.

Committee members discussed the issue and voted.

We have a MOTION: To support the Marine Avenue Safety Improvement Plan (SIP) and send a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation with the following feedback:

- 1. Enhanced street lighting at this location is needed. Request for DOT to study the area for additional street lighting.
- 2. Request a feasibility study for a traffic light. Although it was noted by DOT that the intersection did not meet the threshold to warrant a traffic light we can request a new feasibility study at this location.
- 3. Request granite blocks be used to fill the curb extensions to discourage the misuse of the area for illegal parking. This would be in lieu of the plastic bollards.
- 4. Share concerns raised that the pedestrian ramps on 95th Street in the former unmarked crosswalk area. Recommendation to remove or block the ped ramps to dissuade people from crossing at an unmarked crosswalk.
- 5.Request to monitor the new No Standing Zones for daytime and overnight vehicle parking.
- 6.(Request from a resident following our meeting) Request that DOT review the painted bike lane along Ridge Blvd that crosses Marine Avenue heading towards Shore Road to make sure the redesign does not impact it in any way.

The committee met in quorum and all were in favor of the DOTs plan and would include our feedback in our letter to them. This project is slated for Summer 2021.

Do we have any questions or discussion. All in favor? Any recusals or abstentions?

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

January 23, 2021

The Zoning and Land Use Committee met in quorum via Zoom on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the CB10 ZONING 101 GUIDE. Anish Pendharkar, a Columbia University graduate student was a Community Board 10 Fellow who worked on zoning issues. After the completion of his fellowship, he kept in contact with the Board and told us that he was interested in working on a simplified zoning guide tailored the Community Board 10. The official Zoning Handbook can be a bit overwhelming. A simplified handbook highlighting CB10 zoning issues is very helpful.

The committee was sent a copy of the guide in advance of the meeting and Anish did a presentation for the committee.

As you know, the Zoning and Land Use Committee is very detailed and demanding.

Anish's guide was met with enthusiastic support. We need to work with Anish to make some modifications. But the committee was grateful for his work.

It was suggested that the simplified guide be mandatory reading for all board members and that it be available to members of the community in any discussions of zoning issues. It offers a clear understanding or Zoning and will allow anyone interested to be more comfortable with zoning issues, terms and timelines.

After tonight's presentation and some modifications to the guide, we will discuss the guide further.

Thank you

The second item on the agenda was the Department of City Planning Hotel Text Amendment 21DCP111Y.

Currently hotels/transient housing is an as of right use in commercial districts. A hotel was proposed at 9114 Fifth Avenue. There was opposition to the hotel and as a result, CB10 approved a rezoning to the area. As Councilmember Brannon said, and the board agreed, CB10 has many needs, but a need for hotel rooms is not one of them.

In June of 2018, Community Board 10 voted to approve an application to create a special permit for Hotel/Motel applications in an M1 district. At that time the City was concerned that areas in M1 zones were being lost to hotels and that there was a need to preserve much needed manufacturing areas.

When CB10 voted to support the special permit in MI zones, they added that the Department of City Planning broaden the scope of the special permit so it is not limited to M1 areas, but is truly citywide and covers all manufacturing and commercial districts where hotels/motels can be built as of right.

During those discussions, there were concerns that if it became more difficult, more expensive to build hotels in M1 zones, there would be a push to site hotels in commercial zones. This has proven true and there has been citywide concern about the siting of hotels in commercial zones that are part of largely residential areas.

Thus, the Department of City Planning has proposed a citywide zoning text amendment to require hotels in commercial districts, like the commercial districts in CB10 to require a Special Permit. A Special Permit creates a Land Use process that requires community input.

During the committee's discussion it was stated that a Special Permit would allow community review of the bulk and size of the project, the environmental impact of the project, and impact on transportation and street use.

There was a concern that this would disallow hotels in these district. It would not disallow hotels, only subject the process to community review.

Two zoning districts, C3 and C7 are not included in the proposed amendment. These zones are in commercial waterfront areas and amusement park areas. CB10 has none of those.

The committee agreed that we should formally comment on the proposed amendment and to cite our June 2018 comments.

The committee voted to have DM Beckmann write a motion to support the text amendment and include the June 2018 comments. The motion was approved and seconded.

Thank you DM Beckmann, the committee does not often defer to others, but it was thought that you could prepare the most comprehensive motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris N Cruz

On Friday, January 22, 2021 the Department of City Planning held a Public Scoping meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (CEQR No 21DCP111Y).

I attended the meeting but did not speak.

Several elected officials spoke, Councilmembers and Assemblymembers including our Councilmember, Justin Brannon. All spoke in support of the amendment.

Members of the public, residents like us, also spoke. They were from all five boroughs. They all discussed the negative impact hotels have had on their communities, from Williamsbridge in the Bronx, Inwood in Manhattan, Kew Gardens and Long Island City in Queens. Sunset Park and Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn and Staten Island. One thing that surprised me was the use of these hotels for human trafficking. The drug use and other crimes were quite familiar to me, but the use of hotels anywhere, but in mostly residential communities was extremely concerning. It was also noted by these residents that the commercial uses around hotels, supporting hotel guests are not the commercial uses that local residents need.

Those opposed to the amendment were mostly representatives of the real estate and hospitality industries. Their concerns was that it would make siting of hotels more costly and more time consuming and that New York will need many more hotels to support to urism to recover from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. None of the discussed the impact that hotels in the outer boroughs or the usage of many of those hotels in the outer boroughs. One speaker from the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

spoke of the need for hotels in that area to support businesses and colleges in the area. She proposed that the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership District be excluded from the amendment. I thought that was an interesting suggestion.

I could go on, but I think that covers most of the issues.

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn January 6, 2021

#### Introduction

The Communications and Public Relations Committee Meeting met at 7:00 pm on January 6, 2021, via Zoom. We meet in quorum.

#### Topic: Review of current CB 10 Social Media and Newsletter

It has been important to meet the district's communication needs and the broader public in the last year, especially during COVID.

#### Newsletter

After about a year since the launch of the CB 10 newsletter through Constant Contact, the distribution list is up to almost 2,000 subscribers. There has been positive feedback, especially by the senior community, who are not always on social media and are grateful for the updates provided in the newsletter.

- Open Rate (percentage opened by the recipient): ~50%
- Click Rate (percentage of clicks on a link within newsletter): ~64%

#### Social Media

While there are links within the newsletter to both Facebook and Instagram, it has been a bit of a struggle to build up followers. I would like to remind board members to help get the word out by encouraging their contacts to like Facebook and Instagram pages (@communityboard10bk). Targeted direct mail public notifications now include information that encourages individuals to contact the office to be added to the newsletter distribution list and like on social media.

#### New Website

We are excited to announce a new CB 10 website through the city that is a WordPress based rather than a template based format previous. The District office worked hard on this over the summer and was launched last week.

#### **Future Topics**

- More community interest content to the newsletter in addition to the informational content
- Updates of the good works of other CB 10 committees
- Cross posting of local government posts on social media.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tracie Britton

Committee Chair Communications and Public Relations

Committee Members Attending:
Josephine Beckman, DM
Tracie Britton
Henry Stewart
Jaynemarie Capetanakis
Carmen Feliciano
Michael J. Festa

Carmen Feliciano
Judy Collins

Guests:

Sophie Majteles (Sen. Gounardes)
Christine Medina (The CM Brand Inc.)
Hanane Dbajat (Assembly Member Michael Tannousis)
Ian Yanda (Assembly Member Michael Tannousis)

#### Community Board 10 Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Meeting January 14, 2021

The Zoom meeting was convened by the Chair at 7:07 PM. and Live Streamed on Youtube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTuscAoB">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTuscAoB</a> RY

The meeting was very well attended and informative. There were presentations by representatives of NYU Langone Brooklyn Vaccine Center and the NYC HHC Test and Trace Corps. They provided a lot of information about COVID-19 vaccines and distribution which was followed by valuable discussion and shared experiences from those in attendance.

Presentation: Lalitha Parameswaran, MD, MPH, Brooklyn Hospital Epidemiologist, Clinical Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases and Co-Leader of the Center. She and Akeem Moore, Clinical Research Operations Manager, spoke.

The Doctor's presentation included: This stage of the COVID-19 Pandemic, an overview of virus transmission, symptoms, vulnerable groups and disparities, how the vaccines work and their benefits. She also provide this number for assistance scheduling vaccines. 1-877-VAX-4NYC

NYU Grossman School of Medicine, <u>Department of Medicine at NYU Grossman School of Medicine</u> NYU Langone Brooklyn Vaccine Center, established for education and research including a resource for the community, COVID Vaccine and other Trials. Those interested in registering to participate in upcoming trials are encouraged to contact the Center, particularly people with underlying conditions who's employment puts them at greater risk for contracting the virus. There are four sites. One is in Sunset Park across the street from NYU Langone Medical Center.

Presentation: Anna Shats, and Theresa Doherty, Deputy Director of the Test and Trace Outreach Campaign, NYC Department of Health

Anna's presentation included: Cases and positivity rates, outreach efforts in Brooklyn which include health and safety education and PPE distribution, equitable distribution of the vaccine, working with community partners, and she acknowledged less vaccines are available than are needed for eligible members of the community. Emphasis is now on education, procuring and phased distribution of vaccines, including working with DFTA and elected officials to identify sites and meet the need of community residents, particularly those 65+

Many examples were shared by board members, community residents, and Marianne Nicolosi & Todd Fliedner, and David Dring from the Bay Ridge Center about the great frustration and significant difficulty people, particularly those 65+, are having negotiating the online system to find and make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Councilman Brannan and representatives from local elected officials were in attendance. The Councilman addressed the issues raised and stressed that vaccine eligibility does not equal availability. He is advocating for increased distribution within the community. Local sites are identified and will open when more vaccines become available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

### STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Name/Address Lombardo's of Bay Ridge Corp. 279 71st Street	Received at CB 10 01/12/2021	Status Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Tanino's Brick Oven Pizzeria & Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Zio Toto 8407 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	01/14/2021	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
V&M Pizzeria Inc. d/b/a Vesuvio 7303 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	01/14/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Bay Ridge Post, American Legion Associates 343-345 78 <sup>th</sup> Street	01/15/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
8814 Restaurant LLC 8814 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	01/15/2021	**New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Pipins Pub Inc. d/b/a Pipins Pub 9023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	01/25/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Toxotis LLC, d/b/a King Souvlaki 8402 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	01/28/2021	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
8812-8814 Restaurant Corp. Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse 8812-8814 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02/01/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
JAB Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Green House Café 7715-7719 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	02/02/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
To Restaurant & Bar, Inc. d/b/a Euphoria 834 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street	02/04/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Sabor Andino #2 Inc. 6314 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	02/09/2021	Renewal Beer & Cider

<sup>\*\*</sup> Appeared before the Police & Public Safety Committee on February 8, 2021.