

**AGENDA**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING**  
**March 15, 2021; 7:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**February 22, 2021 Board Meeting**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**(Limited to a maximum of ten minutes in total)**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

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Representatives for renovation of JJ Carty Park**

**Committee Report and Recommendation  
Discussion and Vote**

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Conjunction with NYU Langone Health**

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regarding upcoming reconstruction of decking  
on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street bridge**

**Informational Report**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Meeting Held on Zoom Platform – Livestreamed on YouTube**  
**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**Board Members Present:(39)**

Jaynemie Capetanakis  
Shirley Chin  
Judith M. Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Richard Day  
Michael Devigne  
Chris Elisson  
Ann Falutico  
Carmen Feliciano  
Barbara Germack  
Dianne Gounardes  
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr  
Steve Griffith  
Judith Grimaldi  
Daniel Hetteix  
Justin Hyatt  
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  
Henry Stewart  
JanaTaoube  
JulieThum  
Sandy Vallas  
Barbara Vellucci  
Lori Willis  
Michael Xie

**Excused:(7)**

Tracie Britton  
Ida D'Amelio  
Michael Festa  
Stephen Harrison  
Jill Infantolino-Hajjar  
June Johnson  
Habib Joudeh

**Absent:(2)**

John Heffernan  
Giuseppe Tulumello

## COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2021 – LIVESTREAM LINK BELOW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxdhKPdxOMI&t=2389s>

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 Gounardes, second by BM Hetteix. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Willis asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the February 22, 2021 General Board Meeting. Motion by BM Sokoloski, second by BM Perez. All in favor. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC SESSION

State Senator Gounardes greeted the audience and mentioned that this past Friday the governor signed two bills into law. The first bill that passed into law would extend death benefits for public workers who died of Covid-19 for another two years and the second bill provides eligibility to every employee in the State of New York to four hours of leave to get vaccinated. He noted that his office is assisting residents in obtaining vaccination appointments. State Senator Gounardes announced a pop-up vaccine site in Bay Ridge this weekend. He shared his office paired up with local restaurants in the community to provide FREE hot meals to residents. There are two hot meal distribution Mondays remaining from Park Asia Restaurant scheduled next and the following Monday will be Sirico's Catering Hall. The distribution begins at noon and ends when there is no food left. Typically, there is enough food to feed 250 to 300 people. He noted that unemployment benefits were extended automatically until September of 2021 and added if anyone is having difficulty obtaining unemployment benefits to please reach out to his office for assistance. His office assisted approximately 1,800 residents obtain unemployment benefits. He shared legislators are working hard to finalize the state budget which is due by March 31, 2021/April 1, 2021. The Senate is recommending putting forth \$ 1.7 billion dollars in rental assistance as a voucher program to help people pay their past rent, so landlords are made whole again. This will cover two-thirds of unpaid rent in the state which was estimated to \$ 2.7 billion dollars over the last year. He is also proposing a modified version of a bill which is a property tax "circuit breaker" for people who make a certain income and that pay a certain percentage of that income in property taxes. They would be eligible for a state income tax credit. State Senator Gounardes shared that as per his prior statement, he has been disappointed with the Governor the last couple of weeks. He previously called for the Governor's resignation based on his admission of committing sexual harassment to women in the workplace as well as withholding and whitewashing of information regarding nursing home data over the past six months. He noted that the Governor has lost his trust along with many of his colleagues who don't believe he is fit to continue leading. Senator Gounardes said he awaits to see the outcome over the next couple of weeks. He noted that his office is open if anyone needs assistance with anything and offered to take questions.

BM Grimaldi asked State Senator Gounardes for clarification on the reopening of nursing homes. State Senator Gounardes responded and asked BM Grimaldi to send him a reminder tomorrow when he is in the office and he will try to get clarification on the reopening of nursing homes. BM Grimaldi thanked State Senator Gounardes.

BM Rasinya asked State Senator Gounardes if the rent relief checks are going directly to the landlords. State Senator Gounardes replied that he believes it is based on the tenant's application that is filed which is then verified by the landlord. He mentioned it wasn't finalized and it's based off the program that was passed June of 2020 which had a budget of a hundred million dollars of federal cares act funding but wasn't all utilized and is subject to change before the final budget.



Kayla Santosuosso representing Councilman Justin Brannan greeted the audience. She stated that their office is also assisting residents with obtaining vaccine appointments and encouraged anyone having difficulties securing an appointment to reach out to their office. Ms. Santosuosso noted that the office is awaiting more details about New York City's homebound vaccination program and will share information as soon as it is available. She announced that on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm they will be hosting Community E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding event at St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church parking lot, Corner of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Santosuosso encouraged the audience to attend this event.

Donald DeRosa from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office explained that their office provides final approval to any contract that the city enters including emergency contracts. He stated that Comptroller Scott Stringer sent a letter again to the mayor asking him to revoke an emergency executive order that he signed approximately a year ago that took away the procurement overview of city contracts and to date the city has entered into over 1,200 contracts worth over \$5 billion dollars. He stated that the Comptroller's office has not been able to execute their charter mandated role to register those contracts and verify they are whole contracts. Over the last year, the city has entered into emergency contracts totaling hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars and services not followed through. DeRosa stated that Comptroller Scott Stringer and the non-profit advocacy organization "A Better Balance" released the results of a jointly administered work and family survey that they launched in October of 2020. The survey sought to hear directly from New Yorkers about how they have been navigating professional and personal responsibilities during the pandemic. The findings were immensely clear and that women, people of color and low-income New Yorkers who are over-represented in front-line jobs were among the highest percentage of part-time workers and caregivers to suffer excessively. He stated that they put out a series of recommendations with "A Better Balance" including equitable access to affordable childcare, strengthening the city's human rights laws as well as enacting strong emergency leave priorities in response to the pandemic and being able to expand lastingly paid leave rights. Mr. DeRosa noted that he will post the link to the survey in the chat if anyone is interested.

Nancy Lulu, representing Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez greeted the audience. She announced that on March 1, 2021 Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez indicted an attorney following being charged with several counts of grand larceny for allegedly stealing approximately \$201,000 in funds he received and was not entitled to while representing clients. This defendant allegedly deceived the trust of his clients and abused his power as an attorney taking gain of escrow accounts, he controlled to steal funds. They will seek to hold him responsible for this serious breach. Ms. Lulu stated on March 2, 2021 Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez shared that a twenty-two-year-old man was indicted for assault, reckless endangerment, and other charges for allegedly causing a car crash that seriously wounded a Brooklyn mother of six. The defendant chose to drive his car in a highly dangerous and reckless manner allegedly speeding and ignoring a traffic light and caused an overwhelming crash that nearly killed a beloved mother. She noted that they will not allow drivers to treat the roads like racetracks and to act with complete disregard for the lives of others. Ms. Lulu said such behavior is criminal and will be prosecuted in Brooklyn. She urged everyone to go on the Brooklyn District Attorney's social media platforms to check for events and updates. Ms. Lulu 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 [lulun@brooklynda.org](mailto:lulun@brooklynda.org).

Flore Baptiste from Mayor Bill de Blasio's office introduced herself. She noted that she is the Brooklyn Community Coordinator from the Mayor's Office to End for Domestic and Gender Based Violence and explained that their office has services available for victims and survivors of domestic violence, elder abuse, sex trafficking, and gender-based violence. She announced that their in-person center is currently closed but they are working remotely and provided the Brooklyn Family Justice Center contact number at 718-250-5113. She outlined services that can be received including legal services, such as, helping a person obtain an order of protection, emergency shelter, permanent housing, etc. Ms. Baptiste said their office has English classes and self-sufficiency classes, finance classes, individual counseling, children's counseling, and group counseling. She noted that all services their office provides are FREE and confidential. The office also provides workshops for communities that discuss signs of abuse, how to recognize abuse and where to find services. The workshops are provided in Asian, Creole, French, English, Spanish, Bangla, and Arabic. Ms. Baptiste thanked the audience and shared her contact number at 917-588-6351 for information regarding workshops and/or any questions anyone may have.



Judge Dweynie Esther Paul introduced herself and noted that she is a Kings County Civil Court Judge. She provided the audience with a brief update on the State of New York court system during the pandemic specifically in Kings County. She noted that the courts rapidly transitioned to a virtual setting. She explained that if a person had a case that was pending during the pandemic shutdown that person should have received notice with the future adjournment date. She shared if a person doesn't have the ability to appear either by phone or video they can appear at the courthouse where they have a system already in place. The system allows a person to enter the courtroom where there is a court officer and a clerk while the judge assigned to the case is in a different room with a monitor. Judge Paul noted starting March 17, 2021 vaccinations will be expanded to include public facing essential governmental officials. This will include employees of the court and judges. She is confident this will help expand their ability to have trials in-person. They are hoping to continue video conferencing and expanding technology as much as possible to avoid overcrowded courtrooms. Judge Dweynie Esther Paul thanked the audience.

Kay Nguyen, Legislative and Communications Director for Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus, introduced herself and greeted the audience. She thanked Community Board Ten for all their efforts and shared that she is delighted to be working with them. She noted that the Bay Ridge office is open and available five days a week.

Frank Fontana representing Department of Buildings greeted the audience and spoke about Local Law 128 which addresses accessory signs for storefronts and businesses. He stated that the City Council had voted to extend the moratorium for businesses that do not have an accessory sign permit from February 9, 2019 to February 9, 2021. He is pleased to report that the City Council voted to extend the moratorium once again to January 1, 2023. Mr. Fontana voiced that the Department of Buildings will be distributing an official notice regarding Local Law 128 and will share it with Community Board 10 once it is available. During the moratorium, business owners can legalize and obtain a permit for their sign. He said the business owner can consult either with an architect or a licensed sign hanger which can be found when searching on the Department of Buildings website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page>. The website provides information on the various types of signs that are required by law to obtain a permit. It also details what is needed to install a sign that requires any type of electricity. Mr. Fontana encouraged the audience to view the Department of Buildings website and mentioned that there are two links located on the bottom left of the Department of Buildings web page at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page> and encouraged anyone interested in signing up for DOB's newsletter or reviewing job updates. He also spoke about the deadline extension for the inspection of Local Law 152 Gas Piping Systems in Community Boards 1, 3, and 10 originally due December 31, 2020 and moved 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, and the report is submitted to the Department of Buildings once every four years. He noted that Department of Buildings is conducting facade inspections (a local law), which requires outreach to building owners that have properties higher than six stories. The property owner is required to submit a technical report / engineering report to the Department of Buildings every five years. Mr. Fontana thanked the audience and offered to take questions.

Morris Denmark, Branch Manager for Brooklyn Public Library Fort Hamilton branch, introduced himself and greeted the audience. He noted that the Brooklyn Public Library is open six days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mr. Denmark provided information in the chat regarding how to obtain a library card if needed. He shared that the library currently has limited lobby services and if anyone needs a library card when visiting the branch to please be prepared and bring photo ID and one piece of mail with current address on the envelope. Mr. Denmark encouraged the audience to download the Brooklyn Public Library app when requesting a book to a specific location, so when the book becomes available the requester will receive notification to pick up the book with the library card at that branch. He reiterated that there is no public access to the building for browsing, picking up DVD's and/or books. Mr. Denmark thanked the audience.



BM Sokoloski asked Mr. Denmark when the libraries will be reopening for browsing. Mr. Denmark replied that they're trying to work out some protocols to allow people to start entering the library to resume browsing. He noted that it will be limited public entrance to the building, but he doesn't know exactly when that will occur. BM Sokoloski stated that they should try to allow access to the building being there is a security guard at the branch. Mr. Denmark responded that he agreed with BM Sokoloski about the branch trying to allow people to have access to the building and noted that they're thinking of the safety for patrons and expressed that hopefully the branch will open soon.

Chair Willis thanked Mr. Denmark for providing information on how to obtain a book through the Brooklyn Public Library app and wished him good luck in his new leadership at the Fort Hamilton branch.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PARKS COMMITTEE**

Parks Committee Chair Gounardes rendered the Committee report. See attached.

**Motion: CB 10 to support the design plan presented by Parks Department Representatives for renovation of JJ Carty Playground located at Fort Hamilton Parkway between 94<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Streets.**

Discussion followed.

BM Sokoloski asked if the renovation of the playground includes updating the restrooms. Committee Chair Gounardes responded no it doesn't include updating the restrooms at this time. BM Sokoloski stated that he believes it should be updated as there are no restrooms nearby. Chair Willis inquired why the restrooms weren't included in the design. Committee Chair Gounardes replied that the Parks Department noted that it would be included in the main design. BM Hetteix voiced that this proposal was specifically for the playground.

BM Stelter asked for clarification regarding the use of the park for dog walkers from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Committee Chair Gounardes noted that most individuals who use the park from 7:00 am to 9:00 am are dog walkers and it was recommended that if possible, evergreens be included in the landscaping design. This will make it not only child friendly but to absorb emissions from the bridge and any other unwanted odors.

BM Grimaldi asked for clarification regarding where exactly the playground is located. BM Hetteix pointed out that it's not exactly under the overpass, but it's more north to the basketball courts. BM Grimaldi asked if it is located behind John Paul Jones Park. Committee Chair Gounardes replied that the two parks are entirely separate. DM Beckmann explained that the playground is on the same block as the Fort Hamilton Senior Center but opposite direction when walking. BM Cruz noted that the playground is on 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway.

BM Rimawi asked when the renovation will be completed. Committee Chair Gounardes responded that the proposed completion date is fall of 2023.

**37 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Lentz. Motion carried.**



**Motion: CB 10 to support the design plan presented by Parks Department Representatives for renovation of Owl's Head Playground located at Colonial Road between 67<sup>th</sup> Street and Wakeman Place.**

Discussion followed.

BM Stelter asked if the columns that were indicated in the design to be removed were historic to the park or to the Bliss estate and prior to that the Senator Murphy estate. Committee Chair Gounardes replied that the columns are located at the entrance of the playground and it wasn't mentioned if these columns were historical or not. BM Stelter said that he wasn't sure if those columns are historic or not and asked Committee Chair Gounardes to please investigate. Chair Willis mentioned that she was also curious about what columns the Parks Department representatives were speaking about during their presentation. Committee Chair Gounardes said that from her recollection it was the two columns located outside the entrance on Colonial Road that were going to be removed. BM Hetteix voiced that his initial thought when speaking about the columns were the iron gate that surround the interior playground. BM Stewart noted that the Parks Department representatives were talking about two brick columns that form the entrance to the sprinkler area after walking into the park on the right. He believes these columns are not historic and noted that it was asked during the Committee meeting if the columns can remain where they are, and the Parks Department representatives answered that it wasn't possible for the columns to remain. Chair Willis asked how the historians on Board felt about the removal of the columns. BM Stelter said that he thought it was the iron gates and mentioned the history of the park. BM Stewart noted that the columns have been there since he was a youngster and he doesn't believe the columns are historic. He reiterated that the Parks Department representatives said that the columns must be removed and there was no way to get around that adding that he believes when the playground is renovated the appearance will look quite nice.

BM Cruz expressed safety concerns on behalf of parents regarding the removal of the two brick columns and the fencing and not being able to lock the gate in the park if necessary, since children tend to wander away quickly. BM Cruz asked if the issue with the drainage will be rectified because it is nearly impossible to get to the playground when there is standing water. She asked Committee Chair Gounardes to please investigate to confirm it will be rectified. The area of concern is south of the playground which is the pathway to the entrance of the playground. Committee Chair Gounardes noted that it was mentioned by the Parks Department Representatives that new storm water captures and drain utilities will be installed and there was no further discussion as to the extent of drainage that will be installed.

Chair Willis voiced that she believes the playground will be repaved. Committee Chair Gounardes confirmed that the playground will be repaved. Chair Willis said that she assumes when the new pavement is installed the water should drain properly.

BM Hetteix stated that Parks Department representatives stated there is a separate pathway project in the works for larger parts of the park which should address the drainage issue.

Chair Willis asked if the Department of Parks is aware of the drainage issue. DM Beckmann and BM Hetteix both confirmed that the Department of Parks is aware of the drainage issue.

BM Falutico questioned if the two brick columns although not part of the original Bliss estate, are part of the perimeter park fencing that exists now or are the columns in board of the perimeter. DM Beckmann responded that the two brick columns are in board of the perimeter.

BM Thum asked if the skateboard ramp will remain where it is now and stated that she believes by starting the renovation in September will eventually lead to bad weather and noted that she doesn't know how the park will be renovated within the timeframe given by the Department of Parks. Committee Chair Gounardes responded that the skateboard ramp will remain as is, and the timeframe that was given might not be accurate due to a back log of projects and the pandemic currently going on. She mentioned that an exact timeframe might not be possible to give because of current circumstances with Covid-19.

**38 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Lentz. Motion carried.**

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

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

## **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

Brief discussion followed.

BM Grimaldi thanked Committee Chair Capetanakis for conducting a delightful meeting with Community Board 7. Committee Chair Capetanakis thanked BM Grimaldi for her kind words and mentioned that the bridge is 106 years old, noting that it is in need of restoration but will remain open, so the routes are clear in both directions. Chair Willis applauded the engineers who created the bridge that lasted 106 years.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by BM Rimawi, second by BM Stelter. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Chair Willis thanked the audience for a great meeting and all Committee Chairs for all their efforts.



**COMMUNITY BOARD 10 BROOKLYN**  
**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**March 15, 2021 General Board Meeting**

Good evening, and welcome to Community Board 10's March 15, 2021 General Board meeting, via Zoom, with live stream to the public.

We have enjoyed our first few days of spring weather, giving us the opportunity to get outside a bit more. This time last year New Yorkers were under a shelter-in-place order, and much has changed since then. Changes have been implemented at an unprecedented pace over the past year to try to keep apace with the fallout of the virus pandemic. This Spring our streets will look very different from prior years, and many of us will have the opportunity to dine and shop outdoors through the City's Open Restaurant and Open Storefront programs. These programs are a great help to our local businesses which continue to struggle. Open Restaurants is the subject of a Citywide zoning text amendment. While there are currently guidelines for these programs, the programs are new and the kinks will have to be worked out. The successful sharing of our open spaces will be a community effort, and we want to hear from you about what you see that works, and what does not. As you venture out into the warmer weather, please reach out to the district office to let us know about your experiences with the aspects of these programs that are working and those that present challenges. Your input will help us provide feedback to the City to ensure effective implementation of these programs, and their success for all of the members of our community.

I wish you a happy spring.

Thank you for attending this meeting, and hope you remain safe and well.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Lori Willis*

Lori Willis, Chair

Brooklyn Community Board 10

## District Manager Report

March 15, 2021

Dear Board Members,

Since we last met the District Office has been very busy working to assist residents in need to obtain Covid-19 vaccine appointments. We were notified today that the Bay Ridge Center has arranged with a local pharmacy to help those 60+ with vaccine appointments. 15 appointments on Sundays. The pharmacy will provide the 1 dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Call Bay Ridge Center at 718-748-0650.

The District Office also heard this month from residents concerned about a recent development which appeared out of scale and questioned its zoning. Plans were filed at 1055 63<sup>rd</sup> Street – initially for a 4 story building and later changed to a 9 story building – community facility with some residential. The Board is notified on new building applications by the Department of Buildings – and are not notified about amendments. On behalf of residents, I have requested an audit and an inspection as the plans do not appear to match the built condition. The zoning challenge period is through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I did reach out to Richard Bearak, Land Use Director at Brooklyn Borough Hall and presented zoning questions for Department of Building review.

As we had a peak of Spring last week with warmer temperatures, residents are out and about and graffiti. I spoke to several business leaders and removal of recurring graffiti can be problematic for businesses. The New York City Economic Development Program's Graffiti Free NYC was a wonderful business program but unfortunately is currently suspended due to budget cuts related to COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, NYPD Commissioner Shea announced plan to join with community partners to clean up graffiti with the launch of graffiti@nypd.org website. I encourage residents to call 311 to alert NYPD to recurring graffiti locations or contact the District Office as we will be relaying these locations to the new email address too!

The New York City Department of City Planning emailed the District Office to alert us to 4 upcoming Citywide Zoning Resolution Text Amendments which are expected to enter public review over the next few months.

1. **Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) – Subway Station Elevators**

In collaboration with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the City Council, and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), DCP is preparing to expand and improve zoning rules that allow the MTA to leverage private developments to help create more accessible subway stations, to help expedite the delivery of a fully accessible transit system. Today, only about 30% of the City's 493 subway stations are fully accessible.

2. **FRESH II – Grocery Store Expansion**

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically highlighted the vital need for local access to fresh food for New Yorkers, especially in underserved communities.

3. **Health and Fitness Text Amendment**

Based on outmoded zoning regulation that date to the 1970s, exercise gyms, licensed massage therapy, martial arts studios, and spas, among other health-related businesses, are not allowed as of right in New York City and instead, these businesses are required to obtain special permission from the City's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to open.

4. **Open Restaurants Text Amendment**

NYC's Open Restaurants program has helped re-energize our sidewalk and streets, has saved many small businesses, and thousands of local jobs. Building on its success, the City Council has passed legislation making the popular program permanent. DCP has partnered with DOT and other City agencies to draft regulatory changes that would allow sidewalk cafes to remain, helping NYC stay the most vibrant city in the world.

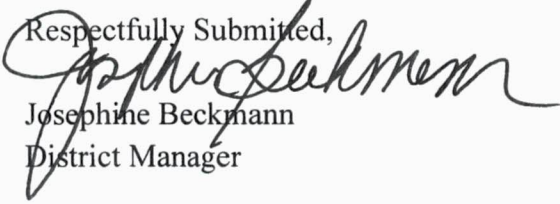


**68th Precinct Community Council Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the 68th Precinct Community Council via zoom next Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> right here on Zoom.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josephine Beckmann', written over the typed name.

Josephine Beckmann

District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT

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

| Budget Appropriation for FY 2021 |  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |               |               |               | \$245,166.60  |                     |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| DISTRICT MANAGER                 |  | 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           |
| COMMUNITY COORDINATOR            |  | \$9,868.93         | \$9,878.86         | \$9,878.86         | \$14,818.29        | \$9,878.86         | \$9,878.86         | \$9,878.86         | \$9,878.86         | \$9,878.86    | \$9,878.86    | \$9,878.86    | \$9,878.86    |                     |
| COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE              |  | \$6,078.17         | \$6,075.84         | \$6,075.84         | \$9,122.01         | \$6,084.09         | \$6,084.09         | \$6,084.09         | \$6,084.09         | \$6,084.09    | \$6,084.09    | \$6,084.09    | \$6,084.09    |                     |
| COMMUNITY ASSISTANT              |  | \$1,637.57         | \$1,364.60         | \$1,364.60         | \$2,558.42         | \$1,842.30         | \$1,924.18         | \$1,842.30         | \$1,842.30         | \$1,842.30    | \$1,842.30    | \$1,842.30    | \$1,842.30    |                     |
| COLLEGE AIDE                     |  | \$945.53           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |               |               |               |               |                     |
| <b>Total Personal Services</b>   |  | <b>\$17,564.67</b> | <b>\$17,319.30</b> | <b>\$17,319.30</b> | <b>\$26,498.72</b> | <b>\$17,813.50</b> | <b>\$17,887.13</b> | <b>\$17,805.25</b> | <b>\$17,597.08</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$149,824.95</b> |

| Expenses Code                             | Description                    | 7/31/20          | 8/31/20          | 9/30/20          | 10/31/20         | 11/30/20          | 12/31/20          | 1/31/21          | 2/29/2021        | 3/31/21       | 4/30/21       | 5/31/21       | 6/30/21       | Y - T - D         |
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| 10B                                       | Telephone                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 10X                                       | Intra-City Supplies            | 79.99            | 79.99            | 79.99            | 79.99            | 79.99             | 79.99             | 79.99            | 79.99            | 79.99         | 79.99         | 79.99         | 79.99         |                   |
| 40B                                       | Intra-City Telephone           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 100                                       | Supplies & Materials           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   | 1,532.22          |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 101                                       | Printing Supplies              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 117                                       | Postage                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 170                                       | Cleaning Supplies              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  | 264.64        |               |               |               |                   |
| 199                                       | Data Processing Supplies       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 302                                       | Telecomm. Equipment            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 314                                       | Office Furniture               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 315                                       | Office Equipment               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 319                                       | Security Equipment             | 120.00           |                  |                  | 120.00           |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 332                                       | Data Process Equipment         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 337                                       | Books                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 402                                       | Tel./Communications            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 412                                       | Rental/Misc./Equip             |                  | 327.60           | 163.80           | 163.80           | 163.80            | 163.80            | 163.80           | 209.55           |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 417                                       | Advertising                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 431                                       | Leasing Misc. Equip.           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 451                                       | Local travel expenditures      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 602                                       | Telecomm. Maintenance          | 42.32            | 45.43            | 549.90           | 45.43            | 45.43             | 45.43             | 43.21            | 43.21            |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 613                                       | Office Equip. Maint.           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 613                                       | Data Process Equipment         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 615                                       | Printing Supplies              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 622                                       | Temporary Services-contractual |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 624                                       | Cleaning Services              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 686                                       | Professional/Computer Services |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 684                                       | Professional/Computer Services | 588.00           |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| 110                                       | Food & Forage Supplies         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |               |               |               |               |                   |
| <b>Total Other than Personal Services</b> |                                | <b>\$830.31</b>  | <b>\$453.02</b>  | <b>\$793.69</b>  | <b>\$415.22</b>  | <b>\$1,289.22</b> | <b>\$1,941.44</b> | <b>\$876.64</b>  | <b>\$332.75</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$6,932.29</b> |
| <b>TOTAL FS AND OTFS EXPENSES</b>         |                                | <b>18,414.98</b> | <b>17,772.32</b> | <b>18,112.99</b> | <b>26,913.94</b> | <b>19,102.72</b>  | <b>19,828.57</b>  | <b>18,681.89</b> | <b>17,929.83</b> | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>156,757.24</b> |

TOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE \$88,409.36

Respectfully submitted,  
*Shirley Chin*  
Shirley Chin, Treasurer



## CB10 – Parks Committee Meeting

March 4, 2021

The Parks Committee met on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7 pm via ZOOM for a presentation from the Parks Department regarding the plans to renovate J.J. Carty Playground and Owl's Head Playground. The committee met in quorum. Members of the Parks Committee in attendance included Chris Yandoli, Director of Capital Projects in Brooklyn; Denise Mattes, designer for J. J. Carty Playground; Aurora Davis, designer for Owl's Head Playground; Chris Syrett and Terry Naranjo from NYC Parks; and Davey Ives, Chief of Staff to Borough Commissioner Marty Maher. Other guests included Board Member Doris Cruz, Charles Fasano, James Johnson; John Vassana, Roman Titov, Theresa Monforte-Caraballo, Jean Ryan, Basil Capetanakis from Assemblyman Tannousis' office, as well as others.

The first presentation describe the plans to renovate J. J. Carty Playground, located at Fort Hamilton Parkway between 94<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Streets. This plan comes with a budget of \$5.4 million and was funded by Councilman Justin Brannan for the 2020 fiscal year. The design of this playground was conducted with the community input offered at the last meeting held on October 8, 2020. At that meeting, it was noted that these should be the focus areas of the project:

- Reconstruct the playground to provide a wide range of accessible and age-appropriate play opportunities
- Reconstruct the spray shower and provide additional water utilities
- Provide positive drainage throughout the site; include Bioretention area as if possible
- Define appropriate seating areas for all park users
- Improve park security with additional lighting
- Provide welcoming connections from all playground entrances.

The area to be renovated is about 2 acres.

There are not a lot of playgrounds within walking distance of this park. While looking at the land use in the area, it was noted that there are 1 and 2 family as well as multifamily residences, mixed use, open space and outdoor recreation, commercial, institutional, industrial, parking, transportation, utilities and vacant lots. The focus of this project will include installing updated playground equipment and a spray shower, making this area safe and secure, addressing tree conditions, drainage issues, and keeping sunny areas and open space as a priority. In terms of the tree inventory, some trees will need to be removed along the back of the park. These are the smallest trees on site and will be replaced. The comfort station will not be addressed as part of this project. Pavers will be installed around the specified area and there will also be picnic tables, game tables, and separate sitting space provided. The benches provided will be wheelchair accessible so as to be inclusive of those sitting there. In other words, wheelchairs will not have to be placed at the end of benches but rather in between benches.

Playground equipment will be focused on two age groups: age 2-5 and 5-12. This equipment will be kept within a central court area. The monument and flagpole in honor of Giovanni da Verazanno was restored about 6 years ago and will not be touched as part of this project. A spray shower will be installed as well as water jellies for younger children. Painted games such as hopscotch leaves, will be placed on the pavement. In terms of the types of swings provided, there will be 5 bays of swings; 4 of which will be bucket swings and one ADA swing. There will be an area with 2 ping pong tables and chess tables which will be wheelchair accessible. Additionally, there will be an area for additional fitness equipment called Game Time Thrive 450 Unit. Bottle fillers which also have a dog bowl will be placed throughout the part. There will be bike racks installed and additional lighting placed throughout the

area. Various heights of fencing will be placed strategically around the playground and along with low shrub perennials. There was some discussion as to whether the number of swings planned for is adequate. The response was that swings take a lot of space but the designer will look to see if additional swings will fit. Another comment made was that most people who use this park between 7-9 am are dog walkers. To that end, it was suggested that if possible, evergreens be included in the landscaping design to make it not only child friendly but to also absorb emissions from the bridge and any other non-desired odors. One of the most important comments had to do with the whale and the advocacy not to remove it from the park. Another question posed dealt with the basketball courts and the baseball fields wondering if these would be renovated as well. The Brooklyn Commissioner's office is working with the master plan to include additional area renovations. This is why a fitness area has been included in this proposal. It was noted that we rely on funding from the Councilman and the Brooklyn Borough President's offices to improve these areas in our community. The time frame of this project allows for one year for design documents to be approved; a 9 month procurement period for bidding and awarding of contract; which translates to the project actually beginning in the Fall of 2022 with a completion date of the Fall of 2023.

As we had a quorum of committee members in attendance, a motion was made by Daniel Hetteix and seconded by Chris Elisson to approve this proposal. A vote was taken and the motion carried 89% for and 11% opposed with no recusals or abstentions.

Our next presentation detailed the proposed renovation of the Owl's Head Playground, located on Colonial Road between 67<sup>th</sup> Street and Wakeman Place. This project has been funded through the Mayor's office for \$4 million included in the 2020 fiscal year budget. The project size is 0.70 acres. The goals of this project are to upgrade active play capacity for the park and neighborhood; facilitate passive use and community events, and enhance and add to the environmental amenities of the site. The land use categories in the area of this project include 1 and 2 family residential properties; multi-family residential properties; mixed use; open space and outdoor recreation; commercial; institutional; industrial; parking; transportation and utilities and vacant lots. The renovation of the basketball courts at the Owl's Head Park are funded by Councilman Brannan but not as part of this project. As with J J Carty Playground, there are not many playgrounds within walking distance of this park. This park comes with a lot of history embedded in it, dating back from the 1670's when the Dutch first settled in the area.

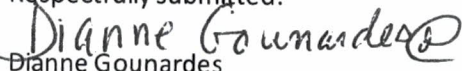
This site is full of mature shade trees. Drainage and erosion areas will be addressed. The metal fencing and the brick columns will be removed. The actual shape of the playground will be the same because of the trees and the lawn areas. The play equipment area will be expanded and will accommodate two age groups: 2-5 years old and 5-12 years old. Hex pavers will be placed around the seating areas. The low brick curb wall will remain. A spray shower will be installed. A sensory play area and small kid tables will be added to the Northeast section of the site. Picnic tables will be added. Benches will be placed around the perimeter. One of the access routes to the basketball courts will be closed off to create a nature area. A climber obstacle course will be installed around the showers. New storm water captures and drain utilities will be installed. There will be native plantings throughout the area. There was a question about the funding provided for this project as opposed to the J J Carty Playground. The amount of play equipment in Owl's Head is much more than in J. J Carty where there is more lawn areas in the area being renovated. There was some question regarding the number and types of swings provided in this proposal. It was noted that tire swings are very popular and allows for collaborative play for children age 4-5 through 12-15. Unfortunately New York City does not install tire swings any longer. Currently in this park, there are 5 bucket swings and 2 tire swings. Under the new proposal, there will be 4 bucket swings, 4 strap swings, and 1 companion swing. The panel was questioned if any of the swings are wheelchair accessible and the response was that if they provide such an accessible swing, it will take



away from the number of other swings. That is why a companion swing is provided. Discussion continued noting the importance of providing such a wheelchair accessible swing. A fence will be installed between the basketball courts and the vegetated area. There is no irrigation provided there. It was suggested by a guest that volunteers are tapped upon to maintain the nature area. The nature trail will be paved, likely with asphalt, making the pathway accessible but fairly simply done. During the construction the playground will be closed but the park will remain open. One suggestion was offered not to have a direct path between the basketball courts and the shower areas. Groups of people and teams who use the courts enter the park right through the spray shower area. The fencing proposed for this area needs to be higher. Also noted that the trees within the basketball court footprint are dangerous because of the leaves that fall to the ground creating a dangerous slippery condition. A suggestion was made to plant evergreens there instead. Also noted was a strong advocacy to keep the horses in the shower area of this park. These relics should be preserved. A discussion ensued about the importance of fences. Open spaces are nice but in order to preserve the safety of all ages, fences, locks and gates are important. The time frame of this project is similar to that of the J. J. Carty Playground. The design phase will end around October 2021; there will be a 9 month period for procurement; the actual construction should begin in the fall of 2022 and be completed by the fall of 2023. As we had a quorum, a motion was made by Henry Stewart and seconded by Dan Hetteix to approve the proposal for the Owl's Head Playground renovation. A vote was taken and the motion carried 89% in favor, 11% opposed, with no recusals or abstentions.

There being no other business to address, the committee meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Dianne Gounardes  
Chair, Parks Committee

**Community Board 10**  
**Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Meeting**  
**March 11, 2021**

The Zoom meeting was convened by the Chair at 7:00 PM. and Live Streamed on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCiDtRUdDI8>

The meeting was formatted as an Opioid Use Disorder Forum with an informational presentation by Dr. Anthony Accurso, Associate Medical Director of Program Development, NYU Langone Brooklyn Family Health Centers. His focus areas are Primary Care and Addiction Medicine.

Dr. Accurso provided information on what Opioid Use Disorder is, Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) including Methadone, Buprenorphine and Suboxone). He provided us with an understanding of how people develop the disorder and how they are treated with medication. Through education, he hopes to generate greater understanding of, and empathy for, those with the disorder. Dr. Accurso described how someone prescribed oxycodone could escalate to using heroine as a more cost effective way of managing physical and emotional pain, and he explained how medications help those with opioid use disorder feel normal and avoid overdose. April, a Nurse Practitioner with NYU Langone, joined the meeting and provided helpful language to use when speaking to or about people with substance use disorder.

It was a long meeting with a thorough presentation by the doctor and engaging questions and comments from all present. Substance use disorder and overdoses leading to death are unfortunately all too common. Sadly, Community Board Members shared personal losses. All members are encouraged to view the meeting on YouTube with the link provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Iris Mulé



## Traffic and Transportation Report: February 25, 2021

Chair: Jaynemie Capetanakis

### Committee Members:

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

The membership of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met in in a joint meeting with our neighbors from the Traffic and Transportation Committee from Community Board 7 on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This is an informational report.

This unique joint meeting between our two boards came about so that we could both hear from representatives from DOT to present plans for the upcoming capital project for reconstruction of the decking of the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge at 65<sup>th</sup> Street that joins our two communities. As you are aware, this part of 65<sup>th</sup> Street is below the Gowanus Expressway and it is above the tracks for the LIRR and Sea Beach Subway line.

The existing 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge was built in 1914 making it 106 years old. In 1962, the deck was replaced and the 65<sup>th</sup> street superstructure was structurally connected to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge. There is concrete spalling and cracks observed in the abutments and underside. The bridge needs to be seismically retrofitted. The current rating in the 2018 inspection was a 3.8; any rating below a 4 makes it in need of renovation.

This project has been in development since 2018 when the preliminary design phase began. The final design started in January 2020 and now this design progress is 50% completed. The Final Design will be completed in

**August 2021. Public bidding is anticipated in October 2021 with construction due to start in June 2022. Construction will be completed by September 2025. This is a 38 month project and, while there will be changes, there will be NO traffic or pedestrian interruption. The Bridge will remain open during construction.**

**The construction project will take place in a series of phases where they will be shifting the lanes and temporary pedestrian walkway from one side to another as they are working. The pre-phasing of the construction will take ten months. This is when a protective shielding and scaffolding will be installed. Foundation components will be constructed at the track level beneath the bridge. They anticipate only one night of closure when they must pour concrete in the pre-phasing stage. The construction will then proceed in Construction Phasing for stages 1 to 4 followed by Post-Phasing Construction.**

**The impact to traffic and parking includes the following:**

- **Two-way traffic will be maintained during construction with a single lane in each direction.**
- **One sidewalk will be maintained at all times.**
- **Parking on the bridge will be eliminated.**
- **Subway N Line – may be impacted ONLY during expected weekend work.**
- **Impact on traffic and pedestrian will be fewer than 24 Months.**
- **Left turn will be eliminated at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Av and 65<sup>th</sup> St in all stages.**
- **Right turn from 65<sup>th</sup> street will be eliminated in stage 4.**
- **Traffic agents will be requested to facilitate the traffic flow.**

**Regarding noise mitigation and monitoring, the construction operations will be monitored. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection's 2007 Noise Code and Standards will be followed during the course of the project.**

**Notices will be sent to the community and a community liaison will be assigned.**


**Discussion included that**

- **Members of both committees expressed concern that traffic enforcement must be a priority.**



- It was noted that the Fifth Avenue Bridge has a shared lane used by cyclists and motorists. These shared lanes will continue during the construction. In light of the Citi Bike expansion in both neighborhoods, we anticipate an increase in cyclists and we are concerned for their safety.
- While this is not a truck route, it was noted by residents that trucks often use this bridge and we need to have agents provide traffic support.
- It was also noted that there are car carriers which often drive through the surrounding blocks and that the surrounding area may need to be monitored. DOT said that the Community liaisons will work with the nearby car dealerships on this.
- It was noted that there are nearby schools and the Office of Pupil Transportation will be notified as a matter of DOT protocol to inform them regarding bus stops or bus routing.
- The B63 will run as usual with no re-routing.

After the final design in August, DOT will meet with our committees again. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to work as a united and strong Brooklyn Community and strengthen the bridge that joins Community Board 10 to Community Board 7. Our meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaynemie Capetanakis   
March 15, 2021

## STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

| <u>Name/Address</u>   | <u>Received at CB 10</u> | <u>Status</u>                                  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Tacos El Nopal Corp.<br>8321 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue                                     | 02/10/2021               | Renewal<br>Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider          |
| Galanilla Inc., d/b/a The Hideout<br>8415 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue                        | 02/22/2021               | Renewal<br>Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider          |
| Something Greek LLC<br>d/b/a Something Greek<br>7616 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue             | 02/23/2021               | Renewal<br>Wine, Beer & Cider                  |
| Gorm Restaurant Inc.<br>d/b/a Hunter's Steak & Ale House<br>9404 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue | 3/1/2021                 | Renewal<br>Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider          |
| Jonathan Choy<br>6508-6510 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue                                      | 3/1/2021                 | *New Application<br>Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider |
| Hom Imports Corp.<br>8810 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue  | 3/15/2021                | Renewal<br>Wine, Beer & Cider                  |

\* Will be invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in April 2021.