

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Meeting Held on Zoom Platform – Livestreamed on YouTube
Monday, May 17, 2021

Board Members Present:(36)

Tracie Britton
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Shirley Chin
Judith M. Collins
Doris Cruz
Richard Day
Michael Devigne
Chris Elisson
Ann Falutico
Carmen Feliciano
Barbara Germack
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr
Steve Griffith
Judith Grimaldi
Stephen Harrison
Daniel Hetteix
Justin Hyatt
June Johnson
Marty Lentz
Wai Ging Leo
Nikolaos Leonardos
Anthony Marino
Nicholas Massab
Robert Oliva
Marisa Perez
Susan Pulaski
Dean Rasinya
Dr. Husam Rimawi
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Jana Taoube
Julie Thum
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Lori Willis
Michael Xie

Excused:(9)

Ida D'Amelio
Michael Festa
Dianne Gounardes
Jill Infantolino-Hajjar
Habib Joudeh
Stella Kokolis
Iris Mulé
Stephanie Simone-Mahaney
Henry Stewart

Absent:(3)

John Heffernan
Ryan Mahoney
Giuseppe Tulumello

**AMENDED AGENDA
COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING**

May 17, 2021; 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

April 19, 2021 Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

(Limited to a maximum of ten minutes in total)

CHAIR'S REPORT

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Update on DOT Proposal for peak hour parking lane removal on Fort Hamilton Parkway, 76th – 78th Street

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

Street Naming Request – Ralph Schiano's Corner, 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue, southwest corner

Informational Report

PARKS COMMITTEE

Update regarding design plan presented by Parks Dept. Representatives for reconstruction of Owl's Head Park Basketball Courts

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

New SLA Liquor/Wine/Beer/Cider license at Brooklyn Bagels & More Corp., d/b/a Taqueria El Toro, 7302 3rd Avenue

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Update on NYC Dept. of City Planning proposed Citywide Text Amendment, Zoning for Accessibility

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Update on presentation by Ranked Choice NY
Representative regarding ranked choice voting**

Informational Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Presentation of slate of CB 10 Officers
for fiscal year 2022**

**Committee Report and
Recommendation**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2021 – LIVESTREAM LINK BELOW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gpc0bLnllAg>

Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Vallas. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Willis asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the April 19, 2021 General Board Meeting. Motion by BM Stelter, second by BM Perez. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

Tori Kelly representing State Senator Gounardes introduced herself and greeted the audience. She announced that last week the Finance Committee passed the Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP) bill that would increase fines for loud modified mufflers and ensure police can measure decibels levels. She added that along with Councilman Justin Brannan Community Clean will continue Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 13th Avenue Bay Ridge Parkway. The Senator and his staff are looking forward to Summer Strolls resuming this year. Yoga in the Park and Fitness in the Park programs sponsored by Senator Gounardes will also resume this year beginning on June 19, 2021. She spoke about The People's Pantry, an initiative where folks can give food and provisions if they are able, and those in need can take what they wish for FREE. The People's Pantry is available 24/7 outside their office at 8018 5th Avenue.

Kay Nguyen, Legislative and Communications Director for Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus, introduced herself and greeted the audience. She encouraged all to stop by their office in Bay Ridge. Ms. Nguyen announced their first round of capital funding that will support community groups including grants for Bay Ridge Cares, new mobile teacher stations and an A+ STEM lab at I.S. 259, The William McKinley school. She encouraged local nonprofit groups in need of support to please reach out to their office and/or her directly at nguyenk@nyassembly.gov.

Councilman Justin Brannan greeted the audience and expressed his excitement the street events returning this year. He shared that the city is providing guidance for the reopening of NYC and mentioned that it is moving quickly. Councilman Brannan announced that Bay Ridge Cares is hosting a Community Vigil to honor local victims of COVID-19 on June 12, 2021 at Shore Road Park at 79th Street. He noted that his office has a list of honorees that will be remembered at the memorial and invited all to please reach out to his office to add anyone they would like to see honored to be added to the list.

BM Cruz informed Councilman Brannan that the Board is working on several text amendments which must be reviewed within the next few weeks in addition to receiving an email regarding Property Tax Reform and changes to the property tax code. She noted that this is very complex and requires a lot of input and needs a great deal of community outreach. She stated that there should be an enormous amount of virtual and possibly in person town halls to inform every residential property owner understands what is happening. Councilman Justin Brannan suggested that BM Cruz contact him offline to have a conversation on ways he can be of some assistance.

Hanane Dbajat representing Assemblyman Michael Tannousis greeted the audience. She mentioned that Basil Capetanakis who works part time in the Bay Ridge office is also attending this virtual meeting and can be reached if needed at 718-439-8090. Ms. Dbajat wished the audience a Happy Memorial Day and a Happy Military Appreciation Month to all the veterans for their service.

Nancy Lulu, representing Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez greeted the audience on behalf of herself and the District Attorney. She announced that the Kings County District Attorney's Office, NYPD and the New York State Office of the Attorney General will be hosting another gun buyback, no questions asked, on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Howard Houses Cornerstone CAMBA, 90 Watkins Street, Brooklyn, New York 11212 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She informed the audience that if anyone would like to obtain more details on this event to please reach out to her directly or to Community Board Ten. Ms. Lulu stated that on May 10, 2021 District Attorney Eric Gonzalez announced that a Sunset Park attorney

was sentenced to up to three years in prison for stealing approximately \$280,000 in down payments he received to hold in escrow from two clients he represented in the sale of their homes. She noted that District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is dedicated in protecting Brooklyn residents from people that abuse their position of authority. The DA's Office is offering a virtual four-week internship to high school students during the summer from July 6, 2021 to July 30, 2021. She noted that during the four-week internship, selected students will receive a \$150 weekly stipend and for more information please visit www.brooklynda.org/internship or email Felicia Harris at harrisf@brooklynda.org application deadline ends May 25, 2021. Ms. Lulu acknowledged and wished the audience a Happy Eid al-Fitr. She also acknowledged Asian Pacific American Heritage month. 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, lulun@brooklynda.org.

Frank Fontana representing Department of Buildings greeted the audience and spoke about the notice that was sent out by Department of Buildings to help property owners with frequently asked questions (FAQ's) about Local Law 152 and said this information can also be found on their website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page>. He noted the deadline extension for inspection of Local Law 152 Gas Piping Systems in Community Boards 1, 3, and 10 is now June 30, 2021. He also mentioned that on their website information can be found regarding classification of properties. Mr. Fontana encouraged the audience to view the Department of Buildings website for anyone is interested in signing up for their newsletter or reviewing job opportunities/updates at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page>.

Morris Denmark, Branch Manager for Brooklyn Public Library Fort Hamilton branch, greeted the audience. He announced that the branch is now open for browsing, looking at materials, and use of the public library computers on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. He noted that this Friday, May 21, 2021 they will be hosting a Family Fun Friday at Dyker Beach Park from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. You will be able listen to stories, play games, enjoy entertainment, participate in activities, stop by the bookmobile to get a library card or check out a book, and join Brooklyn Public Library to record your memories about Brooklyn, and there will be grab and go bags for the children. Mr. Denmark also announced that they will be hosting Juneteenth on June 24, 2021 from 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm which can be viewed on the Fort Hamilton Library Facebook page or the Brooklyn Public Library Facebook page. He encouraged the audience to visit the branch and attend their events.

Robert Sabbagh car dealership owner thanked Community Board Ten for permitting him to speak at this meeting to address the tragedy that occurred at their dealership. He expressed the importance of keeping the sidewalk safe for pedestrians and stated that he treats pedestrians as though they were his own family walking on the sidewalk. He noted that he employees a third-party valet service and explained in detail the horrific accident that led to the death of resident Carol Langdon. He said there was a car parked on the sidewalk near the doorway that was not running which needed to be moved to another dealership. He explained that prior to the accident two people were directly in front of the vehicle speaking with the Carol Langdon and when they two people moved away Ms. Langdon bent over to possibly tie her shoe. The valet never saw her, put the car in gear and drove away, she was directly in front of the car. He spoke about how he implemented training and safety measures and hired additional valet personnel, adding that when a vehicle is being pulled off their lot one of the employees will act as a guide to monitor the driver and watch for pedestrians. He rented out a fifty-car lot, so customers don't have to wait for valet to move the vehicle. This will allow the front of the dealership to be kept clear. He has informed all 150 employees that no illegal parking is allowed and assisting anyone with parking a vehicle illegally will be terminated effective immediately. Mr. Sabbagh expressed his interest in public safety. He stated that he is open to comments or concerns that anyone may have in order to help make the community safer. BM Cruz asked Mr. Sabbagh where his fifty-car lot is located. Mr. Sabbagh replied that he is renting a lot on 88th Street directly behind his dealership and rents standing spots in the Century 21 parking lot.

Alexie Lewis resident of Bay Ridge greeted the audience. Ms. Lewis pointed out the increased number of electric motorized vehicles along the Shore Road Promenade. Ms. Lewis noted that she has been a cyclist for more than fifty years and approximately two weeks ago she personally witnessed electric motorized vehicles going faster than a car on the promenade. She raised concerns about electric e-bikes, mopeds, electric scooters, and motorcycles riding on the bicycle path and the pedestrian path. Ms. Lewis also said that she observes electric motorized vehicles are riding on the sidewalk along Shore Road every day. She mentioned that this is highly dangerous for cyclists as well as for pedestrians. She noted that there is no signage to distinguish which is the bicycle path or which is the pedestrian path that also creates hazardous conditions. She added that since her experience on the promenade two weeks ago, she has been fearful and has not ridden her bike. BM Harrison thanked Ms. Lewis for informing Community Board Ten of what she witnessed and noted that he was shocked to see these motorized vehicles riding on the bike path very recently. He agreed that this area is very concerning as electric

motorized vehicles are dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists and travel at speeds that bicycles could never attain. He believes Community Board Ten needs to get involved since this is an issue unique to Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights. Chair Willis pointed out that this topic was spoken about in the past for other locations at the Traffic and Transportation Committee meetings, but noted that there is no real enforcement being applied, because there isn't any law that categorizes what electric motorized vehicles are and what rules should be followed. She mentioned that she has observed motorized bicycles riding on the sidewalk in front of her house and she has almost been plowed down while leaving her home. DM Beckmann spoke about the concern's residents, cyclists, and pedestrians have expressed to the office of Community Board Ten. DM Beckmann stated that she recently sent a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner stating public concerns regarding electric motorized vehicles at the Shore Road Promenade and received a response that the Board should set up a meeting with the managers of the Department of Parks and Recreation to speak about ways to rectify this matter. DM Beckmann pointed out that she will reach out to our Parks Manager to talk about the best ways to move forward.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Motion: CB 10 to support the Department of Transportation plan to implement a peak hour traffic lane on the west side (park side) of Fort Hamilton Parkway from 76th Street to 78th Street between the hours of 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Brief discussion followed.

BM Cruz noted that the Department of Transportation is willing to implement the peak hour traffic lane and revise their plan if needed which was great news. DOT does not offer to revisit a change once it is implemented.

BM Stelter pointed out the time of when the peak hour traffic lane begins and stated that it would be difficult to follow since school dismissal is at 3:00 pm. DM Beckmann and Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that the start time is for traffic easement and stated that there is usually traffic during dismissal time. BM Stelter asked if the school crossing guards will be notified of the traffic lane change. DM Beckmann responded that they would be notified.

BM Hetteix questioned if they updated the average daily traffic estimates for Fort Hamilton Parkway at this location and said that might be the reason why the traffic lane is being implemented. DM Beckmann answered that residents specifically at 76th Street reached out to the district office with concerns related to the overflow of traffic in this area during peak hours and noted the no left turn signage that was placed in 2014 because of two fatalities at Bay Ridge Parkway and Fort Hamilton Parkway resulted in an increase of left turns on 76th Street. DM Beckmann stated that the Department of Transportation conducted studies for this area and the increase in traffic flow was noted in their report in addition to having an on-site meeting with Councilman Justin Brannan.

33 in favor; 1 opposed – Chair Willis. Motion carried.

BM Rasinya commented on the pedestrian fatality at the car dealership pointing out that for twenty years that he has been a Board Member there has been a lack of enforcement by the police department and all elected officials with regards to dealerships parking vehicles on the sidewalk. He noted that Community Board Ten's DM Beckmann has reached out numerous times over the years in writing to NYPD and elected officials pleading for enforcement at dealerships. He added that this is a terrible shame and a gross failure that no action was ever taken to fix the problem.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Parks Committee Acting Chair Lentz rendered the Committee report in the absence of Committee Chair Gounardes. See attached.

Motion: CB 10 to support the design plan presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation Representatives for the renovation of the Owl's Head Park Basketball Courts.

Discussion followed.

BM Falutico voiced that she doesn't believe it's a good idea to have lighting on throughout the night into the early morning hours at the basketball courts and said it's too much basketball playing. BM Lentz noted that the resident who voiced their concerns mentioned people might still play basketball whether or not there is lighting at the basketball courts. BM Lentz expressed that from a noise standpoint it can be tiresome for residents to hear people playing basketball during the late hours. BM Lentz asked what's the best way to promote safety given the desire to play basketball into the late hours and does that mean cutting off the lights or does it mean having lighting throughout the night. BM Falutico answered that maybe nighttime basketball playing should not be encouraged by keeping lighting on throughout the night. BM Harrison agreed with BM Falutico and said that the bouncing of the basketball during the late hours can disturb residents. He recommended that there be a five-foot fence or higher placed at the basketball courts for safety reasons as basketball players are usually tall and can climb over a three-foot fence.

Chair Willis asked DM Beckmann if any residents complained to the office of Community Board Ten regarding noise coming from the basketball bouncing. DM Beckmann replied currently there haven't been any complaints regarding noise from the basketball playing at Owls Head Park Courts. Chair Willis said that she was curious to find out if there were any complaints made regarding noise since the resident stated that people were playing basketball late.

BM Hetteix stated that he thinks having lighting stay on in the basketball courts can possibly prevent injuries and is a good idea to help keep people safe. He noted that in the wintertime people continue to play basketball and it gets dark earlier than in summertime and having trees in the basketball courts makes it even darker.

BM Cruz stated that she agrees with BM Harrison that a three-foot fence is too low and having a five-foot fence or higher would be better. She commented on BM Hetteix's statement with regards to trees in the basketball courts and noted there are no leaves on the tree in the wintertime which has no effect to the darkness of the basketball courts.

BM Rasinya pointed out that he is in favor of having a higher fence placed at the basketball courts and mentioned that he thinks a six-foot or a seven-foot fence or higher would be best. He also stated that he believes having lighting at the basketball courts is a great idea and noted that people need a place to go to instead of hanging out on the street corners and said if this is a place for people to enjoy then lighting should be provided for them to keep them safe.

BM Falutico mentioned that there should be balance between residents and people playing basketball. She noted that playing basketball in the wintertime is great but to play into the early morning hours such as 2:00 am is too much. BM Falutico asked to make a friendly amendment to the motion to include six hours of darkness. Chair Willis and BM Lentz noted that this would not be considered a friendly motion and a motion to amend would have to be presented from the floor.

BM Sokoloski made a motion to amend the original motion to include a six-foot fence surrounding the basketball courts instead of a three-foot fence and basketball courts' lighting be turned off for at least six hours per night. BM Harrison seconded the motion.

25 in favor; 5 opposed – BM Rasinya, BM Day, BM Massab, BM Hetteix, and BM Elisson; 1 abstain – BM Hyatt. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to support the design plan presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation Representatives for the renovation of the Owl's Head Park Basketball Courts with the following modifications:

- **Install a six-foot fence surrounding the basketball courts instead of a three-foot fence**
- **Basketball Courts' lighting be turned off for at least six hours per night**

Brief discussion followed.

BM Rasinya asked for the motion be split into two motions one for the fence and one for the lighting. Chair Willis noted that the motion was already seconded and couldn't be changed.

BM Hetteix stated that McKinley Park has lighting on at night and thinks it should be on for basic security measures. He noted that this is a safety feature for residents who walk their dogs as early as at 4:00 am in the park and should be able to see what is going on and who is in the basketball courts. He added that he finds it a bit silly for residents to be worried who is playing on the basketball courts as taxpayers. BM Harrison pointed out that there are no houses surrounding McKinley Park basketball courts and that is a different situation. He disagreed with BM Hetteix and stated that having lighting at the Owl's Head Park basketball courts would cause a disturbance to residents who live nearby. BM Harrison noted that he would have preferred the lighting turned off for eight hours, but he will agree to the six hours.

BM Leo stated that she thought the lighting should stay on for safety reasons and asked if the park is locked at night as she was concerned for people. DM Beckmann responded that the skate park is locked or was locked at one point.

BM Harrison pointed out that there is a difference when speaking about lighting in the basketball courts as opposed to lighting elsewhere in the park. He doesn't think direct lighting in the basketball courts is needed.

BM Greenfield-Masyr asked for clarification of what is the actual amended motion is being presented for a vote. The motion was restated by Chair Willis.

26 in favor; 5 opposed – BM Devigne, BM Hetteix, BM Thum, BM Britton, BM Lentz. Motion carried.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Vellucci rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Motion: CB 10 to deny the New SLA Liquor/Wine/Beer/Cider Application for Brooklyn Bagels & More Corp., d/b/a Taqueria El Toro, 7302 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209, unless the owner agrees to the following stipulations:

- The premise will operate as a restaurant.
- The owner or manager will be present at all times.
- 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 - Wednesday 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM and Thursday - Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 AM.
- There will not be background recorded music. The sound/noise level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code at all times.
- 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 subletting.
- There will be no smoking permitted.
- That there will be a maintained 20% glazing at eye-level (visible view) into the establishment.
- 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.

Discussion followed.

Chair Willis clarified that the Police and Public Safety Committee was unable to reach an agreement with the applicant regarding stipulations due to some communication issues. A motion from the floor was made by Committee Chair Vellucci, second by BM Vallas.

Chair Willis asked for clarification on the stipulation that states “There will not be background recorded music. The sound/noise level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code at all times.” She asked if there will be no background recorded music what does it mean the sound/noise level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code at all times. Committee Chair Vellucci replied that the applicant stated that there would be no music playing at all and she will revise that specific stipulation to reflect that there will be no music playing at all.

BM Falutico agreed with Committee Chair Vellucci that adding glazing to the stipulations is a good idea and voiced that she feels twenty percent is not enough. She noted that the wording for this stipulation should be presented with more clarity and state clear glazing as opposed to translucent or obscured glazing. Committee Chair Vellucci responded it was noted in the Committee meeting and voiced that it does indicate a maintained 20% glazing at eye-level (visible view) into the establishment so the public would be able to see into the establishment. Chair Willis mentioned that BM Falutico is well-informed with the terminology of glazing and asked what she thinks should be stated in the stipulations. Committee Chair Vellucci asked if she removed the word glazing in the stipulation would that make the stipulation clearer. BM Falutico responded that she thinks that would be clearer and expressed that she is glad that this stipulation was added to the format.

BM Harrison asked for clarification as the Police and Public Safety Committee didn't hear the applicant agree to the following stipulations and pointed out that the applicant just phoned in and voiced that the stipulations were agreed upon. DM Beckmann replied that the office of Community Board Ten received in writing an email from the attorney with the owner cc'd in the email stating that the owner agreed to the following stipulations that was presented by the Police and Public Safety Committee for the Board's record keeping. BM Harrison thanked DM Beckmann for obtaining it in writing.

BM Thum asked for clarification as to why the establishment was named Bagels & More Corp., d/b/a Taqueria El Toro and if the owner was going to be selling bagels. Chair Willis said that was their corporation name and stated maybe they started out wanting to sell bagels and then changed their mind, but noted that she doesn't know the exact reason why they named this establishment Bagels & More Corp., d/b/a Taqueria El Toro and noted they won't be selling bagels.

Chair Willis asked Committee Chair Vellucci if the prior establishment obtained a liquor license from the SLA. Committee Chair Vellucci answered she wasn't the Committee Chair at that time and stated that she believes the prior applicant closed their establishment. Chair Willis said at that time the Police and Public Safety Committee approved the prior applicant to obtain their liquor license, but she was unsure if they actually received it from the SLA.

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- The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.
- There will be no subletting.
- There will be no smoking permitted.
- That there will be at least 20% visible view at eye-level into the establishment.
- 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.

32 in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

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

Motion: CB 0 to approve the NYC Department of City Planning Citywide Text Amendment, Zoning for Accessibility.

35 in favor; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Chair Willis pointed out that the Board will be dividing the labor to assist the Zoning and Land Use Committee review upcoming citywide text amendments. She finds it unusual that the DCP proposals are still incomplete and noted that normally when a text amendment is presented to the Board, it is complete and straightforward answers are given to the Board if we have questions. To have text amendments certified in such a short timeframe without knowledge from DCP of what the exact plan is will be difficult for the Board especially with no questions being answered forthright. Chair Willis spoke about open restaurants and the concerns that were raised regarding vehicle traffic on the streets, liquor licensing by SLA for outdoor dining, building of structures, how much of the street can be utilized, garbage removal and sanitation pick up. She added that there is a lot of information being thrown at us in such a short time, and that there are so many questions that need responses. Chair Willis encouraged Board Members to assist with the reviewing of these text amendments as we receive them.

ZALUC Chair Cruz mentioned that she would like Councilman Brannan to get involved to ensure Community Boards have the appropriate time to address text changes and to have clear direction of what exactly is being asked of Community Boards. ZALUC Chair Cruz expressed that Community Boards are being asked to agree with DCP proposals for text amendments, but they aren't certain of what the exact proposals are and noted that this is an unrealistic way for text amendments to be presented.

Chair Willis stated that with some of the Traffic and Transportation issues regarding Seventh and Eighth Avenues as DOT is proposing some sort of revision, normally information would be sent out to the public to get direct community feedback and then the Board would advise DOT of their findings, but DOT is now appointing only a committee to review the proposal which is something different than normal and has not been done before. Chair Willis said that Community Board Ten is following up and stated that neighboring Community Boards are weighing in on this as well.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Brief discussion followed.

BM Grimaldi shared that she found the presentation on ranked choice voting given by a representative from Ranked Choice New York very informative and encouraged the audience to recommend friends and family to view this presentation on Community Board Ten's YouTube channel.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chair Britton rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Motion: Committee Chair Britton called for any nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. Seeing none, motion was made to close nominations for Treasurer. Motion second by BM Harrison.

Motion: Committee Chair Britton called for any nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. Seeing none, motion was made to close nominations for Secretary. Motion second by BM Cruz.

Motion: Committee Chair Britton called for any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. Seeing none, motion was made to close nominations for Vice Chair. Motion second by BM Hetteix.

Motion: Committee Chair Britton called for any nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Seeing none, motion was made to close nominations for Chair. Motion second by BM Vellucci.

Motion: To close nominations for Community Board Ten Officers for fiscal year 2022. Motion made by Committee Chair Britton, second by BM Thum. All in favor. Motion carried.

The slate of Community Board Ten Officers for fiscal year 2022 listed below, will be affirmed by the Secretary at our June 21, 2021 General Board Meeting.

- **Chair – Lori Willis**
- **Vice Chair – Jaynemie Capetanakis**
- **Secretary – Sandy Vallas**
- **Treasurer – Shirley Chin**

OLD BUSINESS

BM Stelter mentioned that recently he sent DM Beckmann an obituary of a famous architect Helmut Young who was killed riding his bicycle in a suburb of Chicago and was struck by two vehicles. He noted that cyclists and vehicular traffic shouldn't be riding in the same lanes. He stated that when he was driving his vehicle yesterday a woman on her bicycle went in front of his car and noted that she was oblivious because she had ear plugs in her ears. BM Stelter wanted the audience to know that another tragedy almost happened yesterday and pointed out that famous people also get hurt or killed when riding bicycles in the same lanes as vehicular traffic. He thought it was a good idea for bicycles to ride in a separate lane such as a bicycle pathway but not directly with vehicular traffic. BM Grimaldi added that she also had a similar incident earlier today when turning on her block when an electric motorized vehicle came out of nowhere and she was fortunate to catch a glimpse out of the corner of her eye allowing her to stop which prevented her from hitting the electric motorized vehicle. BM Stelter pointed out that the Mayor wants to license bicycles as well as electric motorized vehicles. Chair Willis stated that she agrees that there are now expectations on the road and on the sidewalk for drivers, people walking, and cyclists. They need to know where to expect to look for pedestrians, vehicles, etc. Chair Willis noted that rules are put in place and should be followed and believes there should be enforcement. She agreed with BM Grimaldi that it has become scary to just drive your vehicle and not know what to expect or look for with cyclists, electric motorized vehicles, and vehicles turning or going straight and not obeying traffic signals. Chair Willis noted that pedestrians also must be alert and aware. Chair Willis added that this topic is brought up frequently at meetings and it is very concerning.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Thum announced that she is collecting non-perishable food items for the People's Pantry currently in front of State Senator Andrew Gouardes' District Office - 8018 5th Avenue. She noted anyone able to donate can drop off their items to her office at Re/Max Elite, 8201 3rd Avenue from Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. She mentioned that she posted the flyer on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and in her office. BM Grimaldi asked BM Thum if the flyer could be sent to the office of Community Board Ten for distribution. DM Beckmann requested the flyer and will distribute to Board Members and post the flyer for public viewing.

BM Greenfield-Masyr voiced that today and tomorrow is a Jewish holiday called Shavuot. She noted that it is the holiday that marks the giving of the Ten Commandments, the basic rules that everyone lives by. She pointed out that it is traditional to eat cheesecake. The holiday also celebrates Spring and the picking of all the fruits of the season.

BM Britton asked when the water fountains in the dog parks will be reopened. She noted in Owl's Head Park the water fountains are open but not in the dog park and some days are hot and people must bring their own water bottles. DM Beckmann responded that she would reach out to the Department of Parks and Recreation and find out. DM Beckmann said she will inform BM Britton of her findings. BM Britton thanked DM Beckmann.

BM Falutico thanked Chair Willis for a thoughtful and thought-provoking report. Chair Willis thanked her for her kind words. BM Cruz reiterated what BM Falutico said and added that Chair Willis covered a lot of important information. BM Cruz stated that it is very important to have community outreach regarding the proposed Property Tax Reform and the impact it will have on property owners. She said that the Board needs proper time to review it.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by BM Vallas, second by BM Oliva. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 BROOKLYN
CHAIR'S REPORT
May 17, 2021 General Board Meeting

Good evening, and welcome to Community Board 10's May 17, 2021 General Board meeting, via Zoom, with live stream to the public.

The weather is warmer and the City is opening up more and more as we head into summer. This summer will look much different than last, and a bit different from years before.

As I mentioned in last month's report, the City has plans for a number of zoning text amendments. There are five zoning text amendments proposed, which the City hopes to implement in a relatively short order. The five amendments are: the Zoning for Accessibility amendment which aims to increase elevator access to transit; the Health and Fitness amendment, which aims to eliminate the special permit now needed for gyms, spas and massage parlors; the Open Restaurant amendment, which aims to make the street and sidewalk dining implemented during the Covid emergency permanent and eliminate permits for sidewalk cafes; the Hotel Text Amendment aims to install special permit to remove the building of hotels as-of-right in M-1 light manufacturing districts which often border residential neighborhoods. In addition, a City Council bill has been proposed for a comprehensive long-term zoning planning bill, which among other things, makes changes to the initial zoning policy process and installs mechanisms to see that it is being implemented throughout the boroughs. Also, the Department of Transportation is moving ahead with a project that will impact an approximately 30 block section of 7th and 8th Avenues, from 39th Street to 66th Street. All of this is being done in short order. As we review these matters you will see the great number of issues that are posed across a great many areas of concern, for example the impact on quality of life, traffic, safety, residents and other local businesses, issues of enforcement and Board's notice and opportunity to be heard, etc. I have attended meetings on each of these matters, and each proposed change has its own set of considerations and concerns with regard to its impact on our District. In some areas, there have been startling few answers to the great number of legitimate questions and issues that have been raised and require redress before these changes are made permanent. In some instances, the Community Boards are not being given the same quality of input and consideration in the process, while we are being told that we are, and I find this to be very concerning.

Despite our requests, the changes are being rapidly ushered through and just as our summer hiatus will start. This leaves us with much work to do in a short period of time. Our Zoning and Land Use Committee and our Traffic and Transportation Committee have been and will continue to be taxed with a great deal of work.¹ Thus, I am making a special request to each of our Board Members to please review the materials that the District Office has sent out with regard to the proposed amendments to bring yourselves up to speed and to make our meetings

¹ Under the proposed Open Restaurants zoning text amendment DOT is the agency tasked with the bulk of responsibility, so the T&T Committee will be heavily involved in the work.

as productive as possible. We need to do our best to make our voice heard by the City before the changes are enacted.

I and representatives of other Community Boards have seen a recent trend, and more so since the onset of the Covid crisis, of a decrease in the regard given to the voice of individual communities in the decisions being made by the City. I have heard too often from decision makers and their advisors that they feel that Community Boards are standing in their way. Their way should be our way. We are the people. We have been down this road before. In my very first Chair's Report I mentioned how in 1963 in response to the centrist City government structure, Community Boards were established to address the increasing feeling that people's lives were controlled by large, faceless bureaucracies, controlling the vast city, and the need for the city government to understand the different places in the city and to implement a neighborhood governance concept. I have kept this in mind throughout my term as Chair, and I ask each of you to keep it in mind, as well. One of the many treasures of our City is the character and uniqueness of its various geographic pockets. Each unique area has its own legitimate considerations that must be taken into account when these broad-sweeping laws are enacted. Brooklyn is the most populous borough of the City, and its neighborhoods vary vastly in geography, density, use and character. Changes that may work in Manhattan may very well not work there. Let's make sure we protect and exercise our right to be heard and considered in decision making. When we do, the City is better for everyone.

It is no secret that Covid put our City into a tailspin on so many levels. It is no surprise that under the pressure of the crisis many of the existing flaws in the City's fabric were rent. The damage has provided an opportunity for many areas of change and improvement. We have an obligation to make sure that we do our best to get it right. A remedy for one problem that only creates other problems, is not a remedy. True solutions to the problems sought to be rectified by the changes I have mentioned can only be achieved with the advice of the people in our communities.

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
May 17, 2021

Board Members,

In addition to the five Zoning Text Amendments that are moving forward, the New York City Department of Transportation is also moving forward quickly with several initiatives that may impact us here locally in Community District 10. This month I attended the Brooklyn Borough Service Cabinet meeting where a presentation was made by the New York City Department of Transportation on both the Neighborhood Loading Zone Program and the Master Plan Outreach Process.

The DOT is seeking to expand Neighborhood Loading Zone Program into new neighborhoods citywide. Deliveries and for hire traffic growing on residential streets with rise in e-commerce orders is leading to congestion issues City-wide. The Goal of Neighborhood Loading Zones is to reduce double parking. There are currently 111 loading zones citywide and DOT is now moving into Phase 3 for Spring 2021. This will be discussed further at the June Traffic and Transportation Committee. I will be sharing the informational deck with Board Members and information about the public portal which is set to go live in early May.

In addition, DOT is working on a Streets Master Plan following adoption of Local Law 195 which requires DOT to issue plan by December 2021. Speaker Johnson and City Council released report called Let's Go calling for City control of transit and a Streets Master Plan. Some of the benchmark items are bus lanes, protected bike lanes, improved bus stops, pedestrian islands, pedestrian ramp upgrades and other DOT work including bridge maintenance, resurfacing, and new in 2020 Open Streets and Open Restaurants.

The Open Streets, Open Restaurants making them permanent was adopted and we are awaiting updates on what that means to those who are participating. The most common question we are asked pertains to hours of operation for open streets and open restaurants which may be similar to Sidewalk cafes.. Stay tuned.

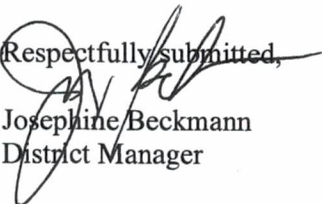
DOT also released its Delivering New York: A Smart Truck Management Plan for New York City which is a report that focuses on the ever growing demands of commercial and consumer freight. It is a very comprehensive report which will be the subject of review in upcoming months.

CB10 next Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting will take place on June 10th.. so if you are interested please feel free to join or you can always view later on our You Tube Channel.

I have also been hearing from some Board Members asking when and how Community Boards will resume in-person meetings or if there will be changes to the Open Meetings Law to adapt to some type of hybrid meeting format. The Governor has extended the suspension of in-person meeting requirements of the Open Meetings Law until June 9, 2021.. and we fully expect to continue to meet remotely at least through June 2021. I will certainly keep you apprised.

Next, the District Office is hearing from residents asking what events will be permitted in upcoming months. We are beginning to hear from block party organizers. In addition, both the 3rd Avenue Merchants and the 5th Avenue BID are moving forward with their Summer Stroll and Fun on Fifth Avenue events. Dates will be posted on our website and email blasts. The program now fall under Open Streets. I was happy to join Council Member Brannan and State Senator Gounardes and Merchant groups for this great announcement today. The Memorial Day Parade will be replaced with a motorcade and wreath laying ceremony and the Fifth Avenue Festival will not be held once again this year as the city is not moving forward with festival events officially until later in the summer.

Next meeting of Community Board Ten will take place on June 21 2021 – 7pm 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

Budget Appropriation for FY 2021													\$245,166.60	
		7/31/20	8/31/20	9/30/20	10/31/20	11/30/20	12/31/20	1/31/21	2/28/21	3/31/21	4/30/21	5/31/21	6/30/21	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER		\$9,868.93	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$14,818.29	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$14,818.29			
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR		\$6,078.17	\$6,075.84	\$6,075.84	\$9,122.01	\$6,092.34	\$6,084.09	\$6,084.09	\$6,084.09	\$6,084.09	\$9,122.01			
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE		\$1,637.57	\$1,364.60	\$1,364.60	\$2,538.42	\$1,842.30	\$1,924.18	\$1,842.30	\$1,634.13	\$1,944.65	\$3,070.50			
COLLEGE AIDE		\$945.53												
Total Personal Services		\$17,584.67	\$17,319.30	\$17,319.30	\$26,498.72	\$17,813.50	\$17,887.13	\$17,805.25	\$17,597.08	\$17,907.60	\$27,010.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$194,743.35

Expenses Code		Description	7/31/20	8/31/20	9/30/20	10/31/20	11/30/20	12/31/21	1/31/21	2/29/2021	3/31/21	4/30/21	5/31/21	6/30/21	Y - T - D
10B		Telephone	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99			
10X		Intra-City Supplies													
40B		Intra-City Telephone													
100		Supplies & Materials					1,532.22								
101		Printing Supplies													
117		Postage						264.64						35.17	
170		Cleaning Supplies													
199		Data Processing Supplies													
302		Telecomm. Equipment													
314		Office furniture													
315		Office Equipment													
319		Security Equipment	120.00		120.00							370.00			
332		Data Process Equipment												2,564.43	
337		Books													
402		Tel./Communications													
412		Rental/Misc./Equip	327.60	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80	163.80	209.55	163.80	163.80			
417		Advertising													
431		Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451		Local travel expenditures													
602		Telecomm. Maintenance	42.32	45.43	549.90	45.43	45.43	45.21	43.21	43.21	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													
		Total Other than Personal Services	\$830.31	\$453.02	\$793.69	\$415.22	\$1,289.22	\$1,941.44	\$876.64	\$332.75	\$657.00	\$2,886.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,475.89

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	18,414.98	17,772.32	18,112.99	26,913.94	19,102.72	19,826.57	18,681.89	17,929.83	18,564.60	29,897.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	205,219.24
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TOTAL UNCOMBURED BUDGET BALANCE														\$39,947.36
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Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Chin
Shirley Chin, Treasurer

Traffic and Transportation Report: April 28, 2021

Chair: Jaynemie Capetanakis

Committee Members:

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

The membership of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum via Zoom on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

DOT Liaison Leroy Branch presented a Safety Improvement Proposal for Peak Hours Lane Removal on Fort Hamilton Parkway between 76th and 78th Streets. Please note, the proposed lane removal is during the peak hours of 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. At the live meeting, this was mistakenly referred to for AM and PM hours, however, the committee wishes to clarify that this is limited from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM to ease the flow of traffic heading toward the Verrazano Bridge during rush hour.

This proposal is to remedy the back-up of traffic and horn honking as cars are turning from 76th Street onto Fort Hamilton Parkway. This is particularly troubling to residents during the peak hours when many commuters are heading toward the Verrazano Bridge by driving along Fort Hamilton Parkway and the intersection gets jammed. To allow more cars to make the turn, the DOT will remove the parking lane on the side of the park along Fort Hamilton Parkway from 76th Street to approximately 78th Street. There is a bus stop on the park side between 77th and 78th Street, so the lane removal would extend up to the bus stop. With more cars able to turn, the expected outcome would be less blocking of the intersection, a smoother traffic flow and relief for residents. The DOT is hoping to implement this as soon as possible. During non-rush hour, the lane goes back to being a

parking lane. So, the parking spots are removed only from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. DOT has promised to monitor the situation and revisit this item.

The committee met in quorum and all were in favor of motion in support of the DOTs plan to implement a peak hour traffic lane on the west side (parkside) of Fort Hamilton Parkway from 76th to 78th Streets between the hours of 3pm to 7pm Monday through Friday. Do we have any questions or discussion?


We are ready for our Zoom Voting.

Next, we have a street renaming request for Ralph Schiano's Corner at the southwest corner of 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue. As per Community Board 10 Street Renaming Guidelines, this is a two-part process and takes place over two monthly meetings. Applicants submit their application and supporting documentation to the Traffic and Transportation Committee and the information is shared at the General Board meeting for informational purposes in the first step of this process. The following month, this item will come up for vote by committee. If the application meets Committee approval and recommendation, a proposal will be made for a full board vote at our next meeting, which will be in June.

In this application, we learned about Ralph Schiano, a beloved businessman and family man. The Schiano family opened the Marine Market in 1938 and the store operated for 61 years on the corner of 92nd and 3rd Avenue, which is now home to a Starbucks. The Marine Market was described as an original gourmet market known for top quality produce, specialty items and outstanding customer service. Mr. Schiano's son Rocky described his father as a man who always wanted "to do good" and had a strong work ethic, pride in his business, devotion to his customers and love of his community. Having grown up in the depression, Ralph Schiano was compassionate to the role he could play as a grocer in helping to feed the hungry. This was evidenced by his donations of food to local neighborhood organizations, the FDNY, Sisters of Visitation, and even making sure that his son delivered groceries during a blizzard. As one of the many testimonials stated, making sure that "no one was hungry and that people were fed" were what Mr. Schiano was known for. One story Rocky told described how his father handled a shoplifter by actually giving the person the groceries because as he told his son, "you don't know what people are going through or how bad things must be." While the store motto was "Marine Market home of pampered produce," Ralph's widow Mrs. Eleanor Schiano added that it was also the "home of pampered customers" because

customer service and customer appreciation were a central part of Mr. Schiano's successful small business. Mr. Schiano was also a founding member of the Upper 3rd Avenue Merchants Association and fondly described as a "local mayor". As the family and written testimonials described, Mr. Schiano spent his life in service to the community and they request to honor and recognize his contribution with this street naming. Once again, this report was informational only.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted, 
Jaynemie Capetanakis
May 15, 2021

Parks Committee Report – May 17, 2021

The Parks Committee met on May 13, 2021 7:00 PM. There was not a quorum.

The sole item on our agenda was the Parks Department plans for the **Owls Head Basketball Court**. **Mr. Michael Madden** of the Parks Department presented the project, which is to **renovate and repave** the basketball courts and existing adult exercise area.

The presentation was detailed, thoughtful, and well-received by Parks Committee members in attendance, with some notable discussion from community members

Details of the presentation:

- The project area is 3/4 acre in size
- Owl's head is a Legacy Park with a historic value. In choice of materials and colors, the Parks Department put a priority on keeping the feeling and character consistent with other areas of Owl's Head Park.
- Notably to that end, the Owl statue will be moved to the playground! Good job CB10.
- plan includes a 3-foot fence with gated entry made of chain link. There will be 12-foot-high fencing behind each basketball hoop to keep basketballs inside.
- the design plan includes two rain gardens to aid in the drainage of stormwater
- erosion control will be accomplished via native plantings to be installed to prevent erosion down hill
- workout area and bench seating area will have a semicircle border allowing for more usable space
- benches (in between the basketball courts) will be both backless and with backs of the World's Fair design seen in other areas of Owl's Head Park
- expected project completion estimated date of Jan 2024

Public Q and A: -A Resident attended the meeting and offered feedback.

He feels 3-foot fence is not adequate, basketballs will go over the fence constantly. Also, he feels that no fencing is needed on the Colonial Road side near the downslope.

He plays basketball at Owl's Head year-round and seemed to offer expertise on the matter at hand. He also expressed that the lighting would not be adequate, as the plan is to use the two existing light poles. According to the resident, one light is totally obscured by trees, the other light is not bright enough.

He would like to see a second water fountain added if possible.

The resident raised the issue of trees dropping leaves on the court which make it slippery and asked if pine trees could be planted instead of trees with leaves. Parks Rep Michael Madden mentioned that the trees will be pruned back, and the slipping hazard will be mitigated with installation of the new court surface. Pine trees would not be appropriate because they lose their needles every 3 years, which causes a mess of a different kind. The resident suggested removing trees from inside the gated area. Parks Rep Chris Syrett added that healthy trees are not removed whenever possible. The mature trees are worth preserving because they offer shade.

Despite the seemingly valid issue regarding fencing raised by the resident, the project was well-received. The issue of fencing has been raised in other Parks Committee meetings in the context of playground design. My experience is that Parks leans towards an "open playgrounds" design, with minimal fencing, and Committee Members--such as myself who have small children--are leery of reducing the amount of fencing, as we feel it keeps our children safe. Similarly here, while 3 foot fencing may be aesthetically pleasing, it may well serve a functional and safety purpose of keeping basketballs contained on the court.

After the Committee meeting, the following was submitted to CB 10 for consideration:

A parent from the Parks Meeting last month when the Parks Dept. presented the design for the playground had mentioned to close off both entrances between the sprinkler park and the basketball courts because the basketball players cut through the sprinkler park to get to the courts, and they do. When the sprinklers are on and kids are running around, the basketball players are not considerate to the smaller kids and there are plenty of collisions. That parent's point is still valid.

Present on Zoom meeting:

Parks Committee

Marty Lentz, Acting Chair

Chris Elisson

Robert Oliva

Parks Dept. Reps

Michael Madden

Chris Syrett

Rachael Kramer

Elected Official Reps

Sophie Majeles - Sen. Gounardes

Basil Capetanakis - Assembly Member Tannousis

CB 10 – Dorothy Garuccio

Respectfully submitted,



Marty Lentz

Parks Committee Acting Chair

COMMUNITY BOARD #10 POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Date/Time: May 17, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Meeting Via ZOOM on May 10, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Quorum: YES

- **New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider for Brooklyn Bagels & More D/B/A Taqueria El Toro**
- Premise: 7302 – 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209

This is a new application for a restaurant named Taqueria El Toro located at 7302 – 3rd Ave. The owner Brenda Paez was present for part of this meeting. Mr. Ralph Mesa, the attorney, was not able to log-on to ZOOM.

There is a letter a Letter of No Objection as this premise was already a restaurant known as The Hen House. The questionnaire was complete, the menu, and premise photos were provided. There are 6 tables and 26 seats. There will not be any music or outdoor space used. In this application, we ask that you revise and check off on page 5 that you will agree that there will be no smoking in the outdoor space – sidewalk.

In the application, you state that there is a stand-up bar with 6 six seats. As of May 5th, there was no bar or seats. Where this would be placed? Are you changing the interior of the establishment to fit this?

Since the owner and the attorney were not present for the entire meeting, we adjourned without a vote. Ms. Beckmann was able to speak with the attorney, Mr. Mesa on May 17th. On behalf of the owners, he agreed to the following stipulations via telephone and email.

The Community Board moves to deny this application unless the owner agrees to the following stipulations:

1. The premise will operate as a restaurant.
2. The owner or manager will be present at all times.
3. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until appropriate authorization is issued by the SLA.
4. The hours of operation will be Sunday-Wednesday 11:00AM – 12:00AM – and Thursday-Saturday 11:00AM – 2 AM.
5. There will not be music. The sound/noise level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code at all times.
6. There will be no music on the outside of the premises, and there will be no use of outdoor space.
7. The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.
8. There will be no subletting.

9. There will be no smoking permitted.
10. That there will be at least 20% visible view at eye-level into the establishment.
11. 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 via the attorney has agreed to the above stipulations.

The Community Board moved in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Vellucci". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

Barbara Vellucci
Chairperson

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 2021

The committee met in quorum on May 6, 2021 via zoom.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the Department of City Planning (DCP) Zoning text Amendment, Zoning for Accessibility.

As discussed last month, the MTA is committed to increasing access city wide and wants to be sure that no one is more than two stations from a handicap accessible station.

The proposed text amendment will create a citywide easement program. A developer within 50 feet of a subway entrance/exit and with a lot size of 5,000 square feet or more will be granted an easement to allow the MTA to install an elevator and any other access to the station. The developer will be granted a height increase, an increase in bulk and flexibility in the street wall design. A developer may not opt out of the program.

We did not vote on this last month because I was confused as to whether the text amendment had been certified. It had been certified. The extra month gave us time to review the amendment and what impact it would have on CB10.

Traditionally the MTA only installs elevators at "manned stations". When asked about this, they said they would be flexible. Knowing this, it adds additional locations for possible elevator service. I was concerned about the use of the 93rd Street exit which is in the C-8 triangle and the possibility of a rezoning that could include extra height under the Zoning for Affordability and the extra 10 feet under Zoning for Accessibility. The Zoning for Accessibility has strict requirements for distance from curbcuts/driveways. Those restrictions make the 93rd Street area extremely unlikely for use by the MTA.

The MTA also advised that while they are creating this easement program, if there are no applicable locations, the MTA can still install elevators on the street.

The committee voted to approve the Zoning for Accessibility Text Amendment.

A motion is on the floor. Any comments, questions, discussion.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion of the Department of City Planning (DCP) Hotel Text Amendment. This amendment would require a special permit for the siting of hotels. Several years ago the City adopted a Hotel Text amendment requiring a special permit for hotels in manufacturing zones. CB10 at the time said that the text amendment should be extended to commercial zones. Now the DCP is extending the Special Permit Process to commercial zones.

The committee welcomes this proposal but we are unclear as to what commercial zones would require a special permit. In the presentation that I saw, DCP said it would apply to "high" commercial zones. They did not define "high". A motion was made to ask DCP to define "high".

In addition, hotels are allowed as of right in C2 districts within a 1,000-foot radius of the entrance/exit of a limited-access expressway. There are locations in CB10 that meet this criteria. We need to learn more about this.

The meeting was adjourned in 45 minutes.

The Zoning and Land Use Committee will have a briefing on the Hotel Text Amendment on May 26.

There are more two more DCP Text Amendments proposed. Both are important and impact our Board. The Health and Fitness text amendment as proposed would allow the siting of spas and massage parlors in residential districts. It would remove any community review of the siting of gyms and spas. Of equal concern is the siting of gyms in residential zones. Many fitness establishments operate long hours, often from 5 AM to midnight. Many use loud music a part of their exercise routines. I am concerned about residents living above these facilities and the impact on their lives. Remember Cross-Fit on Third Avenue in the 80's. This Text Amendment is not yet certified. They hope to have it certified by June 7.

There is also a proposed Open Restaurants Text Amendment to make the Department of Transportation's Open restaurants permanent. In a short presentation on this topic, the Department of City Planning was very vague on details. I have concerns about sidewalk space, hours of operation and street safety. I think that the amendment allows for reduced sidewalk access. This Text Amendment is not yet certified. They hope to have it certified by June 7.

Dealing with four text amendments in such a short period is extremely unusual. At one briefing, The DCP said the goal is to have the amendments adopted "by the end of the term". This is an unusual statement from the DCP. But if they want the text amendments adopted by the end of the term, the end of the term for this administration is December 31. Communities should have additional time to consider so many complex text amendments. These text amendments should not be rushed through in late May/early June as the community boards go on summer hiatus.

I ask your help in reviewing these upcoming text amendments. Three of the text amendments have one thing in common, they remove community input from the process.

Respectfully submitted,


Doris N. Cruz

Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn
May 17, 2021

Introduction

The Communications and Public Relations Committee Meeting met at 7:00 pm on May 4th, 2021 via Zoom. We meet in quorum.

Presentation regarding Ranked Choice Voting to be used in the upcoming June 22nd Primary Election.

The Committee met with Shannon Curran-Trzepacz and Joe Maisel from Ranked Choice NY, who provided an informative presentation on how Ranked Choice voting works for the upcoming June 22nd Primary Election. Currently, in NYC, Ranked Choice is only for Special Elections and Primaries. New York City will still use the Plurality System for the General Elections. The meeting was live-streamed to the CB 10 YouTube channel, and we recommend that Board Members view the recording. In addition, the link will be distributed to the community via the newsletter to help educate the community on this upcoming change.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tracie Britton
Committee Chair Communications and Public Relations

Committee Members Attending:

Josephine Beckman, DM
Tracie Britton
Dorothy Garuccio
Doris Cruz
Carmen Feliciano
Henry Stewart
Michael Festa
Judith Collins

Nominating Committee Report

May 11, 2021

The members of the 2021 Nominating Committee are Ruth Greenfield Masyr, Susan Pulaski, Judith Grimaldi, Anthony Marino and Tracie Britton, serving as Chair of the Committee.

The Nominating Committee met in quorum on April 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm over Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the procedure for notifying Board Members that the Nominating Committee was accepting nominations for officer positions for fiscal year 2022, which runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Committee decided that the District Office staff would email Board Members stating that the Nominating Committee would accept submissions from Board Members interested in being nominated for Community Board Officer Positions until noon on Monday, May 10, 2021. A copy of the email is attached to this report.

The Nominating Committee met for a second time on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm again via Zoom. All of the current officers had contacted the Committee indicating that they agreed to run for another term in the office they currently hold. As no other Board Members expressed a desire to be nominated for an officer position, the committee unanimously voted to present the slate of officers for fiscal year 2022 as follows:

Chair	-	Lori Willis
Vice Chair	-	Jaynemie Capetanakis
Secretary	-	Sandy Vallas
Treasurer	-	Shirley Chin

I would like to thank the Members of the Nominating Committee for serving on this year's Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracie Britton

Nominating Committee Chair

Att.

From: Garuccio, Dorothy (CB)
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:28 PM
Cc: BK10 (CB) <BK10@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: Nominations for Board Officer Positions

Dear Board Member:

The Nominating Committee has met, and I am contacting you to determine if you have any interest in running for an Officer position for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).

If you would like to be considered, please respond in writing stating the position you would like to be considered for to the attention of the Nominating Committee via e-mail to **bk10@cb.nyc.gov** with "Att. Nominating Committee" in the subject line no later than Monday, May 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Please include a brief summary of your qualifications, both past and present, and what you feel you can bring to the position you are applying for.

Our current Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, have each completed their second term in their current position and are eligible to run for one more consecutive one-year term if they so choose. Shirley Chin was appointed by the Chair to the position of Treasurer in Sept. 2020 to fill out Brian Kaszuba's second term as Treasurer and is eligible to run for two more one-year terms as Treasurer.

We are reaching out to our current officers also, to see if they are interested in continuing in their current position. If you are a current CB 10 Officer and would like to be nominated for another term in your current position, a simple email stating so to **bk10@cb.nyc.gov** with "Att. Nominating Committee" in the subject line no later than Monday, May 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon will suffice.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tracie Britton

Chair, Nominating Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jonathan Choy 6508-6510 11 th Avenue	3/1/2021	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
8406 Third Avenue Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Sofia's 8406-8408 3 rd Avenue	5/7/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Cavatappi Inc. 8024 13 th Avenue	5/14/2021	*New Application Wine, Beer & Cider
O'Sullivan Pub & Grub LTD. 8902 3 rd Avenue	5/14/2021	Alteration Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
For the Love of Art Corp. d/b/a Pinots Palette 7518 13 th Avenue	5/19/2021	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
O'Sullivan Pub & Grub LTD. d/b/a O'Sullivan's 8902 3 rd Avenue	5/20/2021	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

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