

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Meeting Held on Zoom Platform – Livestreamed on YouTube
Monday, October 18, 2021

Board Members Present:(34)

Tracie Britton
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Shirley Chin
Judith M. Collins
Doris Cruz
Richard Day
Chris Elisson
Ann Falutico
Carmen Feliciano
Preston Ferraiuolo
Michael Festa
Senja Frangipani
Barbara Germack
Dianne Gounardes
Judith Grimaldi
Daniel Hetteix
Jill Infantolino-Hajjar
Dr. Habib Joudeh
Stella Kokolis
Marty Lentz
Anthony Marino
Nicholas Massab
Iris Mulé
Robert Oliva
Dean Rasinya
Stephanie Simone-Mahaney
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Henry Stewart
Jana Taoube
Julie Thum
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Lori Willis

Excused:(7)

Jonathan Bova
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr
Stephen Harrison
June Johnson
Nikolaos Leonardos
Essa Masoud
Dr. Husam Rimawi

Absent:(4)

John Heffernan
Justin Hyatt
Wai Ging Leo
Michael Xie

AGENDA
COMMUNITY BOARD 10 GENERAL MEETING
October 18, 2021; 7:00 pm
Via Zoom

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

September 20, 2021 Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

(Limited to a maximum of ten minutes in total)

PUBLIC HEARING

Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023

CHAIR'S REPORT

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

New SLA Liquor/Wine/Beer/Cider license at Red Bowl Chinese Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Red Bowl, 8518-8520 3rd Avenue

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

Update on review of SLA License Renewal application at Chill Corp., d/b/a Chill Bar & Hookah Lounge 7810 5th Avenue in response to community complaints

Committee Report and Recommendation Discussion and Vote

PARKS COMMITTEE

Review of Parks capital projects and future parks budget needs for inclusion in the Capital and Expense 2023 Budget Priorities

Informational Report

SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Update on presentation by Bay Ridge Center regarding COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Informational Report

Update on presentation by NYU Langone regarding Family Health Centers and Services for Older Adults

Informational Report

Update on presentation by Resource Training Center/ Christopher's Reason

Informational Report

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Update on DSNY presentation regarding return of the Organics Collection Program including program changes

Informational Report

Update on DEP presentation regarding Green Infrastructure initiatives

Informational Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2021 – LIVESTREAM LINK BELOW**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJKsOBvFb5o>

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

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

Chair Willis asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the September 20, 2021 General Board Meeting. Motion by BM Chin, second by BM Cruz. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

State Senator Andrew Gounardes greeted the audience. He shared that Governor Kathy Hochul is very accessible, open, and eager for collaboration which wasn't seen in the prior governor adding that he believes the government is heading in the right direction. He stated that Governor Kathy Hochul signed his thirtieth piece of legislation into law a couple of weeks ago. This bill establishes Angelina Liu as the daughter of Detective Wenjian Liu who was murdered while on duty in December of 2014. The legislation entitles Angelina to the same benefits that children of other fallen NYPD detectives receive. State Senator Andrew Gounardes noted that currently he has twenty more bills pending on the governor's desk for this year. He thanked the audience and offered to take questions.

Michael Sheldon representing Council Member Justin Brannan announced that along with NIA and State Senator Andrew Gounardes they will be hosting the following events:

- NIA's 6th Annual Spooktacular on October 30th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at 11th Avenue between 66th Street and 67th Street.
- NIA's Halloween Festival on October 31, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Owl's Head Park, entrance at Colonial Road and 68th Street.

Mr. Sheldon noted that this month the city passed Council Member Justin Brannan's legislation to create a borough resiliency plan which is the first comprehensive resiliency plan passed in NYC adding that unfortunately it took Hurricane IDA for those in office to understand the need for this plan. Mr. Sheldon stated that there will be a hearing tomorrow to include in Council Member Justin Brannan's bill that NYC would pay for homeowners to install sewer back flow valves to help avoid water backups in basements. He left the office phone number, 718-748-5200 and email address at askjb@council.nyc.gov.

Donald DeRosa from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office greeted the audience, mentioning that he did not have any updates to announce.

Frank Fontana representing Department of Buildings discussed the Homeowner Relief Program. This program will help lessen the financial burden to one to two family homeowners whenever a violation is received by the Department of Buildings. The homeowner wouldn't receive the violation instantly, but as an alternative they will be informed of the condition and the homeowner would have sixty days to rectify the issue. After the sixty days the property will be reinspected and if the issue is rectified the violation will be dismissed without any penalties. This applies to homeowners that have not received a violation within the last five years and does not include homes that were illegally converted. Mr. Fontana stated that there are resources for new property owners when buying a property. He mentioned there were some revisions made to the NYC building codes and that he will provide a link in the chat for anyone interested in finding out more information regarding the revisions.

Nancy Lulu, representing Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said the District Attorney is committed to keeping Brooklyn safe. She announced that a portion of Jay Street which stretches between the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and Brooklyn Supreme Court, has been named District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson Way in honor of the late District Attorney who passed away five years ago. He was the first African American District Attorney in Brooklyn and put transformative reforms and radical changes to the criminal justice system into place. Ms. Lulu noted that on October 13, 2021, a Brooklyn man was arraigned on an indictment in which he is charged with manslaughter, criminal negligent homicide, and other charges for striking and killing a six-year-old child as she crossed a street in Dyker Heights. The defendant allegedly recklessly drove into oncoming traffic to get around a vehicle that was in front of him and ended up striking and killing an innocent child. She voiced that they will now seek to hold him accountable for his actions. She expressed that DA Gonzalez is committed to protecting pedestrians and all who use our streets from unsafe drivers and endanger our community. DA Eric Gonzalez will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at 1:30 pm at 85 Flatbush Extension and anyone who is interested in attending can RSVP via phone at 718-250-3888 or via email at communityaffairs@brooklynda.org. She mentioned 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.

Sonia Banegas, Outreach Coordinator at the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) explained that the CCRB is a city agency that investigates allegations against police officers. She announced that this week they will be hosting a week of awareness to celebrate and to honor the three-year anniversary of the passing of the Right to Know Act. This law changed the way police officers interact with civilians. Ms. Banegas also explained that police officers are required to carry business cards on them and in instances where someone is stopped in most cases, they must offer that business card to the civilian. The front of the business card lists their name, their rank, their command, and their precinct where they're located and on the back of the business card there's information on how someone can submit a comment or a complaint about the interaction as well as how they can request body camera footage which is also part of the Right to Know Act. It is a requirement for police officers to let people know of their right to say no when consensus is needed to conduct a search and to provide language access services for individuals. Ms. Banegas stated that she will provide contact information on in the chat as well as what pop-ups they will be doing across the boroughs.

Basil Capetanakis, representing Assembly Member Michael Tannousis greeted the audience on behalf of himself and the Assembly Member. Mr. Capetanakis stated that their office is always eager to help anyone in need and provided his email in the chat.

Jessica Kallo from the Brooklyn Borough President's office greeted the audience and noted that she could be contacted via phone at 718-802-3813 if needed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023, Chair Willis called on DM Beckmann who gave a brief explanation of the budget process. DM Beckmann explained that following the Executive Committee meeting that was held to establish our priority list, the District Office received a request to add 10th Avenue sewer upgrade request to our #4 priority. Also we did receive two capital requests from two community organizations, which were added as #37 – additional solar lighting along the Shore Road Bike Path submitted by Bay Ridge Cares, and #38 – a request for capital funding by the Bay Ridge Community Development Center for improvement of their building at 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway.

Chair Willis clarified that previously we had 35 Capital Requests. Some of them were funded and they have fallen off the list. Typically we have about 35-37 items on our list, so adding these two items really does not increase our requests.

BM Rasinya asked if the Community Center is inquiring about enlarging the building at their current location. DM Beckmann responded that to her understanding they have programming at their current location and their expectation is to redesign it. BM Marino mentioned that he believes they can't expand by adding to their building, it would have to be improvements to the existing structure. DM Beckmann noted that Bibi Esahack from the Bay Ridge Community Development Center was present and is answering the question in the chat. Chair Willis read aloud from the chat that Bibi Esahack stated that they can build up to 25,000 square feet and they're redesigning the current facility. BM Rasinya asked for clarification if they are expanding the current facility or they're just redesigning what's already there. Chair Willis replied that it states in the chat they're expanding. BM Grimaldi questioned what the number for the Bay Ridge Community Development Center is on our list. Chair Willis noted that it was added to the end of the Capital Budget Priorities sheet.

Chair Willis called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Motion by BM Rasinya, second by BM Cruz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Willis noted that the two budget priorities that were discussed, the addition of solar lighting on the Shore Road bike path and request for capital funds for improvements to the Bay Ridge Community Development Center required a motion from the floor. Motion made by BM Rasinya, seconded by BM Sokoloski.

Discussion followed.

BM Marino questioned where the buildable 25,000 square feet is coming from. Chair Willis was inquiring through the chat for an answer. BM Grimaldi asked for clarification if the Board was referring to Bay Ridge Center. BM Marino responded no that they are referring to the former St. John's Episcopal Church at 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway. BM Hetteix pointed out that they said they conducted a zoning study and suggested that is where they got the buildable 25,000 square feet. BM Cruz asked DM Beckmann what zoning district for this location is. BM Marino replied that it's an R4B. DM Beckmann noted that community facilities are granted additional FAR, even within an R4B zoning district. DM Beckmann added that there would review by DOB of any plans that are submitted to ensure zoning compliance. BM Grimaldi inquired if the site has a parking lot. DM Beckmann replied that there is no parking lot. BM Cruz noted that they have been active for some time and she hasn't seen any parking issues.

BM Thum questioned if anything could be done with regards to the sewers backing up at Shore Road between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue, near 101st Street, as it wasn't mentioned as part of the locations that had sewer issues. She added that the homes in that area have flooded very badly several times, especially in recent storms. DM Beckmann responded that in the short term our office will ask the Department of Environmental Protection to investigate and take a look. She also stated that if it is okay, she would be happy to tack that location on to our current Priority #4, which is high on our list, requesting initiation of a design for new larger sewers for several problematic locations. Chair Willis clarified that would be another proposed change to our priority list.

BM Stelter asked for clarification regarding the senior centers. DM Beckmann pointed out that Priority #3 is the Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults that's currently located at 4th Avenue and Ovington Avenue which is near the Lutheran Church. The Bay Ridge Community Development Center is located at 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway. BM Stelter asked if this is the location is where the Board has their meetings. DM Beckmann replied no, that's a different building which is the Department of Parks and Recreation's building currently located across the street. The Bay Ridge Community Development Center is the location of the former St. John's Church at 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to our Capital Budget Priorities and add the two additional items, solar lighting on the Shore Road Bike Path and the addition of advocating for funding for the Bay Ridge Community Development Center. 30 in favor; 1 recusal – BM Marino. Motion carried.

BM Thum made a motion to amend #4 on the Capital Budget Priorities list to add Shore Road between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue, second by BM Sokoloski. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

With regards to the Expense Budget Priorities for fiscal year 2023, Chair Willis called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Motion by BM Festa, second by BM Hetteix. 28 in favor; 2 recusals – BM Stelter, BM Day. Motion carried.

CHAIR’S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – See Attached

BM Rasinya asked if there are applicants for School Crossing Guards why are the positions still vacant. DM Beckmann noted that there was an issue with the training classes and there was more attrition than expected, but she will reach out to the 68th Precinct for an update. BM Rasinya expressed that other communities are probably having a similar issue and he stated that this is unacceptable. BM Joudeh inquired if the School Crossing Guards can stop the bikes/scooters/electric bikes when pedestrians are crossing the street. DM Beckmann responded yes, they can stop any moving vehicle.

BM Capetanakis questioned the size of the homeless shelter. DM Beckmann replied that the homeless shelter is for 121 families. She pointed out that it was a former gas station and is a large lot but there weren't any design plans filed yet. BM Capetanakis questioned if there was a timeframe for information to be provided to the Board for the school district zoning. DM Beckmann stated that she had inquired about that so the schools would be prepared and was told that this will be discussed in an upcoming meeting. DM Beckmann announced that the target date for the school to open would be the end of 2022.

BM Gounardes expressed that she advocated several times for School Crossing Guards at eleven Pre-K centers and she was informed they don't qualify for School Crossing Guards because Pre-K students are accompanied by adults when traveling to school.

BM Rasinya asked if the Board has a say in the design plans for the homeless shelter as he believes that a place for the children to play other than the streets might be beneficial. DM Beckmann answered that is something the Board could suggest at the meeting when the design plans are filed by WIN. BM Infantolino-Hajjar noted that a public member wrote in the chat their concern regarding the infrastructure around the homeless shelter.

TREASURER’S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Motion: CB 10 to deny the application for a New SLA Liquor/Wine/Beer/Cider license for Red Bowl Chinese Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Red Bowl, 8518-8520 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209, unless the owner agrees to the following stipulations:

- **The premise will operate as a restaurant.**
- **There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until appropriate authorization is issued by the SLA.**
- **The hours of operation will be Sunday-Thursday 12PM– 11PM, Friday & Saturday 12PM-12AM. The doors and windows are to remain closed in coordination with any amplified music.**
- **There will only be background recorded music. The sound level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code.**
- **There will be no music on the outside of the premises, and there will be no use of outdoor space.**
- **The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.**
- **There will be no smoking permitted.**
- **There will be a 20% glazing – eye-level view into the establishment at all times.**
- **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.**

Brief discussion followed.

BM Thum questioned if no outdoor use included the back of the establishment and for use under the NYC Open Restaurant Program. Committee Chair Vellucci responded that the owner stated there would be no outdoor use. Chair Willis inquired if the owner had any prior restaurant experience. Committee Chair Vellucci replied yes, their prior establishment was located at 208 Bedford Avenue, but they closed due to the pandemic. BM Joudeh asked if the owner decided to apply for the NYC Open Restaurant Program could the Board stop it. Committee Chair Vellucci answered no. DM Beckmann pointed out that any establishment owner that applies for the NYC Open Restaurant Program and wants to serve alcohol must inform the Board so it could be added to their liquor license.

30 in favor; 1 abstention – BM Taoube. Motion carried.

Regarding Chill Corp., d/b/a Chill Bar & Hookah Lounge, 7810 5th Avenue;

Motion: CB10 to send a letter to the New York State Liquor Authority in support of the letter that was sent by Council Member Justin Brannan, Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis, State Senator Andrew Gounardes, and Assembly Member Michael Tannousis requesting that the liquor license for Chill Corp., d/b/a Chill Bar & Hookah Lounge, 7810 5th Avenue be revoked.

29 in favor. Motion carried.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Acting Parks Committee Chair Henry Stewart rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Brief discussion followed.

BM Infantolino-Hajjar commended Acting Parks Committee Chair Henry Stewart for all his efforts and his detailed report.

BM Cruz noted that she had asked the Department of Parks and Recreation to follow up more than five years ago regarding the trees they had removed at 4th Avenue between 99th Street and 101st Street and were never replaced. She mentioned that the developer is required to install the trees which the Department of Parks and Recreation still never replaced and that this was unacceptable. (Following the meeting the District Office reached out to Parks Dept. regarding this location and was informed that due to underlying infrastructure issues, this location is not a plantable site.) BM Cruz noted that although there is only one gardener at John Paul Jones Park, which is also known as Cannonball Park, the grass is perfectly cut.

SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee Chair Jana Taoube rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Brief discussion followed.

BM Kokolis asked how to obtain more information regarding programs provided by the Resource Training Center and Christopher's Reason. Committee Chair Taoube answered that she will forward the requested information to BM Kokolis.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Environmental Committee Chair Tracie Britton rendered the Committee report. See attached.

Brief discussion followed.

BM Stelter inquired about how to participate in the Organics program and where to get the brown bins. BM Cruz responded that the brown bins are for private homeowners and she believes that apartment buildings could make a request to participate in the program. Committee Chair Britton added that the Department of Sanitation is gathering personal information so that even if you're in an apartment building, they're encouraging people to sign up and give your personal information so that they know how to reach out to the management department as well to possibly work together to establish a program within the building.

BM Cruz stated that the city has resumed organic collections on a very limited basis, and she believes that it's in one Community Board in Brooklyn. BM Cruz mentioned that Community Board Ten is in the top ten of people who had signed up. She asked if there is a way to increase the number of participants and what steps could be taken to encourage the public to sign up. In addition to this, BM Cruz stated that she is tired of throwing the organics in the trash and there are no drop-off sites within ten blocks of where she resides. Committee Chair Britton agreed with BM Cruz that there should be more drop-off sites within South Brooklyn, and she said that the Department of Sanitation had mentioned that they're doing a lot more outreach and requesting that people sign up. Committee Chair Britton noted that there are flyers that could be distributed to neighbors. DM Beckmann stated that the Board could promote it more as well. BM Grimaldi inquired if there any funds in the budget to send out public notices through the USPS. DM Beckmann replied that it would have to be a targeted area and she mentioned that possibly she could obtain data from the Department of Sanitation of the prior locations that had the most organic usage. This would help target the areas for the public notices to be distributed for people to sign up. BM Grimaldi suggested that since there are flyers regarding the organic collection program, could a volunteer distribute it to possibly the senior centers such as Bay Ridge Center. DM Beckmann responded yes and that is a great idea. She noted that the Board has many helpful members and a specific connection with BM Day who was the presenter for the organic collection program at the Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Thum noted that she believes she sent an email to DM Beckmann regarding the speeding of vehicles and the noise coming from vehicles on Shore Road and inquired what actions are being taken. BM Thum voiced that the 68th Precinct had been notified and she also spoke to Council Member Justin Brannan who responded that a lot of it's coming from the Belt Parkway. Chair Willis expressed that this is going on in many neighborhoods, and it's not only the noise but the danger of the speeding vehicles. She pointed out that she was in Queens and observed vehicles speeding and the mufflers backfiring. Chair Willis suggested that DM Beckmann reach out to the 68th Precinct again and inquire about additional enforcement. BM Thum recommended that speed bumps be placed on

certain blocks, speed cameras be placed in specific locations, etc. BM Joudeh expressed that the noise had become unbearable and that if it's not coming from the mufflers it's coming from the loud music playing in the vehicles and he noted that he knows a guy who is taking photos of these vehicles and found that most of the vehicles have Pennsylvania license plates. Chair Willis stated that it is a huge problem in the community which affects the quality of life for residents and that the Board will reach out to the Elected Officials and the 68th Precinct for additional enforcement. She also mentioned that State Senator Andrew Gouardes had passed legislation on the SLEEP Act which bans loud vehicles.

BM Stelter noted that he recently spoke with DM Beckmann about his observation of bicycle policy in Madrid the Spanish Capital. Chair Willis noted that she had read an article regarding the dangers of riding a bicycle in Paris and said that when she was a youngster there was classes that were taken on the proper way to ride a bicycle teaching hand signals, etc. Chair Willis stated that she is not sure what had happened to the classes as she doesn't hear education is still happening.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Cruz commended all the new Committee Chairs and the Acting Committee Chairs for their efforts and their wonderful, detailed reports. Chair Willis pointed out that includes BM Cruz and all her efforts.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Name/Address

PMC Bakery Corp.
d/b/a Jean Danet Bakery
7526 5th Avenue

Received at CB 10

10/22/2021 certified mail

Status

Renewal
Wine, Beer & Cider

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

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 BROOKLYN
CHAIR'S REPORT
October 18, 2021 General Board Meeting

Good evening, and welcome to Community Board 10's October 18, 2021 General Board meeting, via Zoom, with live stream to the public.

It is good to see you all. This is the first time I am seeing many of you since the summer hiatus, as I was unfortunately unable to attend last month's meeting. However, I am lucky enough to have a very ready, willing and capable Vice-Chair in Jaynemie Capetanekis, who, as always, stepped in seamlessly and handled the meeting with aplomb, and I thank her. I am also very lucky to have Anthony Marino, our new T & T chair, who has stepped up, either bravely or unwittingly, to undergo a trial by fire in handling the 7th and 8th Avenue hearings, and he did a great job. I was disappointed to have had to miss last month's meeting, knowing how much work had been done in preparation for it, and how important the issues are, and when I watched the livestream, I was just so thankful for the team that we have here. Everyone cares so much and puts in so much work, and although at times I feel like the ant trying to move the rubber tree plant, it is all worth it when I see changes, small or large, occurring because of our efforts to bring the voice of the people of this community to the powers that be.

Tonight we will be hearing from two more new chairs, Jana Toubé and Tracie Britton, who have undertaken to be our new Senior Issues Housing Health and Welfare and Environmental committee chairs, respectively. I am so grateful for their willingness to do so and I am excited that they have come aboard in their new roles. I also want to thank Stephanie Simone-Mahaney for agreeing to be the new chair of Youth Services, Education and Libraries, and Henry Stewart for stepping up to be our new chair of Communications, and I look forward to working with them and hearing from them in future meetings.

We voted on our capital budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year this evening, and infrastructure upgrading and repair have moved up higher on our list. As we experience worsening storms and more development on our street beds, we have seen greater numbers of floods and dangerous cave-ins, and I expect this to be the trend in coming years. I was so very happy to see that we received funding for a number of the requests for upgrades and repairs to our parks and amenities which had been hanging around for years. As the City's use of our outdoor spaces has increased, this has become even more important, and I want to thank Councilman Brannan for making a lot of that happen. With regard to expense budget priorities, increasing patrol strength of the 68th Precinct remains one of our highest priorities. There is no question that our precinct is deficient in patrols. We have had two shootings in our District within a month, and that is not welcome news in any community. I was very disappointed, but unfortunately not surprised, by the agency's response, which you all saw, stating that "due to fiscal constraints, the availability of funds is uncertain". The sentiment we repeatedly hear across the community is that we lack law enforcement in all regards. As I am the chairperson of the board of ants trying to move the rubber tree plant, I am asking those listening who are in a position to do so to find it in the budget to provide additional funding for increased police patrols in the 68th precinct.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori Willis

Lori Willis, Chair

Brooklyn Community Board 10

District Manager Report
October 18, 2021

Good Evening Board Members,

The District Office has been busy this month preparing for Fiscal Year 2023 budget and upcoming District Needs Statement. Over the past month I attended several budget consultation meetings with agencies of the City of New York to discuss overall budgetary needs presented and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

We heard from many residents and community organizations following our outreach. Several parents reached out concerned that the School Crossing Guard at Ovington Avenue and 7th Avenue was removed by the 68 Precinct. I learned that of our allotment of 34 School Crossing Guards – has remained the same, however, six posts have vacancies. We are in need of new school crossing guards and we will certainly be advertising the position in upcoming newsletters.

Friday afternoon I received a call from Department of Social Services regarding the planned opening of a homeless shelter to be sited in Community District 10. This will be the first city run shelter for 121 families with children at 801 65th Street – a vacant corner property at the former site of a one-time gas station. The call was followed by a letter explaining that WIN, a non-profit social services provider in in the process of opening a shelter for families with children with priority at this location to individuals who have roots in this community and this area of Brooklyn broadly. DSS also encourages community members to partner by joining the Community Advisory Board (CAB) to maintain direct lines of communication between staff and the community to address any concerns as they rise. We are currently working on dates to invite WIN representatives to an upcoming Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee meeting.

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

2021 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Brooklyn and Staten Island

Brooklyn Community Boards # 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Staten Island Community Boards # 1, 2, 3

Set out leaves curbside in paper lawn and leaf bags or unlined bins after 4 PM on these days:

Saturday, November 20

Saturday, December 4

Announcements:

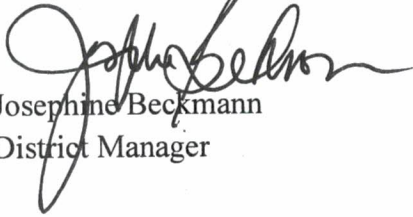
The 68 Precinct will be hosting it October Precinct Community Council meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm.

The TCS NYC Marathon will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 beginning at 8am. There will be numerous citywide and highway closures. Full details will be included in our e-newsletter.

We will once again be collecting food in loving memory of our late CB10 Member Helen Sokoloski, a staunch advocate, dedicated volunteer and was passionate about the need to collect food for local families in need. This year, non-perishable food donations can be delivered directly to Saint Patrick's Rectory, 9511 4th Avenue – Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm. Monetary donations will be accepted to Saint Patrick's Food Pantry. Special thanks to Saint Vincent DePaul Society food pantry at St. Patrick's Church for continued distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families in need. It is hard to believe this is our 13th Annual Drive!

The next General Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 15th via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josephine Beckmann', written in a cursive style.

Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Budget Appropriation for FY 2022

\$261,219.00

	7/31/21	8/31/21	9/30/21	10/31/21	11/30/21	12/31/21	1/31/22	2/28/22	3/31/22	4/30/22	5/31/22	6/30/22	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86										\$29,636.58
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,091.03	\$6,082.28	\$6,082.28										\$18,255.59
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,944.65	\$2,047.00	\$2,047.00										\$6,038.65
COLLEGE AIDE													
Total Personal Services	\$17,914.54	\$18,008.14	\$18,008.14										\$53,930.82

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/21	8/31/21	9/30/21	10/31/21	11/30/21	12/31/21	1/31/22	2/29/2022	3/31/22	4/30/22	5/31/22	6/30/22	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	79.99	79.99	79.99										
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials													
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture													
315	Office Equipment			5,450.00										
319	Security Equipment	120.00		120.00										
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	91.50		399.90										
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip													
451	Local travel expenditures													
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	43.21	44.38	1,194.42										
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		325.00										
110	Food & Forage Supplies													
Total Other than Personal Services		\$922.70	\$124.37	\$7,569.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,616.38

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	18,837.24	18,132.51	25,577.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,547.20
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TOTAL UNCOMBURED BUDGET BALANCE														\$198,671.80
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Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Chin
Shirley Chin, Treasurer

COMMUNITY BOARD #10 POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Date/Time: October 18, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Meeting Via ZOOM on October 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Quorum: Yes

- **Renewal Application for Chill Bar & Hookah Lounge**
- Premise: 7810 – 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209

This is a request of an On-Premise license renewal Chill Corp., d/b/a Chill Bar & Hookah Lounge. The owner Joseph Seikali and his sister, who is the manager of this establishment were present for this meeting. The attorney, Kathleen E. Neri Stathopoulos was also present.

In the detailed report from the last review in April 2016, numerous complaints were placed into the record regarding this establishment. In sum, complaints stem from the continuing issue of the smell of hookah smoke emanating from this establishment into the street and surrounding residential and business premises. This was caused because the screen doors were left open. The stipulations agreed to at that time (2015) were clear and included that smoke-eaters be installed and that the doors remain closed at all times during hours of operation. These hours are Sunday – Thursday 4PM-2:30AM & Friday – Saturday 4PM – 4AM.

Not only were these stipulations not adhered to, but the owner failed to attend the 2016 review. In preparation of this meeting all proper protocols regarding notification were followed. There are several letters in the file from 2015 requesting compliance from this owner. “No Response” is noted. (Please note that this board denied this application in 2015, based on non-compliance from applicant.)

In response to community notification regarding this meeting on October 12, 2021 several letters and calls were received. The letters were reviewed that complained of the owner’s failure to maintain/supervise patron behavior outside of the premise. In addition, serious complaints from all, were regarding the noise, unruly behavior and the intolerable stench of the smoke and “burning” that is emanating out of the back doors into the neighbors yards, apartments and businesses. All neighbors stated that they want to move because of the presence of this particular establishment.

In October 2020 and again October 2021, gunshots were fired directly in front of this establishment.

There are additional serious incidents concerning this establishment up to and including the present time.

34 - 311 Service Requests (2019-2021) Noise, Fireworks, Non-Adherence to Covid Protocols

Complaints:

- Serving hookah/shisha with tobacco and marijuana. (Councilman Brannan referred this to the Department of Health – Nov. 2020)
- Hosting gambling events regularly
- Illegal Kitchen in the Basement/Boiler Room (Department of Building's violation 2018)
- Owner does not supervise/maintain appropriate behavior from patrons.

SLA Violations Issued:

- Failure to supervise - Disorderly Premise Civil Penalty \$2,500.
- Serving alcoholic popsicles
- Not following NYSLA and NYS Social Distancing Guideline
- Non-Conformance to DOB Building and Fire Codes
- Non-adherence to Community Board #10 Stipulations

The owners this evening stated that they will be willing to cooperate and follow all stipulations from 2015. They will work hard to improve their business. Mr. Seikali's sister is now manager. They stated that the crime rate in New York City is up this year, and they have hired security who will search patrons and scan them before entering the establishment. The committee's response was clear. The concerns regarding this establishment has been ongoing since the beginning. The owner has blatantly disregarded the calls for meetings and reviews to discuss these issues. In addition, if security and metal detectors are necessary then that is evidence that the clientele is known to be unsavory. None of the problems delineated are a reflection of the mood of the city, but rather of this specific establishment in this community.

We are in receipt of a well-publicized letter signed and dated October 4, 2021 by all four of our elected officials summarizing the history of this establishment. To summarize it, it reads *'On October 2, 2021 at approximately 4 AM several gunshots were fired into the air outside Chill Hookah Lounge. This is the second time shots have been fired in less than a year. Over the past several years, there have been many incidents of violence, illegal gambling, drug sales, underage drinking. Many fines have been issued. The stipulations agreed to by the owner have been ignored. It is evident that the owner is either unwilling or unable to operate a safe and lawful establishment.'*

In closing, all four of our elected officials *'request the SLA to revoke this license'*.

-This letter is signed by Councilman Justin Brannan, Member of Congress Nicole Malliotakis, State Senator Andrew Gounardes and Member of the Assembly Michael Tannousis.

The members of the committee expressed that we support local establishments, but that we also have a responsibility to our residents. That there is an expectation that businesses be respectful and ensure that the quality of life for residents. We as a Community Board represent the residents. We are their voice. It was also expressed that the owners blatantly disregarded efforts for outreach and cooperation for several years. Now, that a letter was written and signed by all of the elected officials do, the owner and manager promise to cooperate. This is unacceptable.

A motion was made and seconded:

That we as Community Board #10 send a letter to the NYSLA in support of the letter sent by all of our elected officials that the license for Chill Bar and Hookah Lounge - not be renewed - but revoked.

Committee voted 100% in Favor.

Community Board Approved.

- **New Application for Full Restaurant named Red Bowl Chinese Restaurant, Inc.**

This is a new application for a restaurant named Red Bowl Chinese Restaurant located at 8518-8520 – 3rd Ave. The owner Vivian O. Chan was present at this meeting. Also present with the owner was Mr. Terrence Flynn, Jr. – the attorney. This applicant is transferring the liquor license from the premise located on 208 Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, NY of the same name. The questionnaire was complete, the menu, premise photos and the floor plan was provided. There will only be background recorded music and no outdoor use. The Certificate of Occupancy was available stating a number of 120 persons. There will be 104 seats and 9 seats at the bar.

After a discussion period, the committee's decision was to move to deny this application unless the owner agreed to the following stipulations:

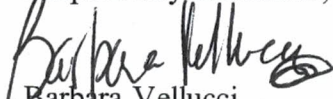
1. The premise will operate as a restaurant.
2. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until appropriate authorization is issued by the SLA.
3. The hours of operation will be Sunday-Thursday 12PM– 11PM, Friday & Saturday 12PM-12AM. The doors and windows are to remain closed in coordination with any amplified music.
4. There will only be background recorded music. The sound level will remain below the level permitted by the NYC Noise Code.
5. There will be no music on the outside of the premises, and there will be no use of outdoor space.
6. The licensee shall not use any promoter or have promoted events.
7. There will be no smoking permitted.
8. There will be a 20% glazing – eye-level view into the establishment at all times.
9. The applicant agrees that should it change its method of operation, it will give notice and meet with the Community Board/Committee, at least 45 days in advance of any such change.

The applicant has agreed to the above stipulations.

Committee – all in favor.

Community Board Approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Vellucci
Chairperson

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 18, 2021

The parks committee of Community Board 10 met in quorum on October 4, 2021, at 7pm. Chair Dianne Gounardes was unable to attend, so BM Henry Stewart was acting chair. Other board members present were Jonathan Bova, Richard Day, Chris Elisson, Daniel Hetteix, Justin Hyatt, Marty Lentz and Wai Ging Leo. Dianne Gounardes was excused, and Habib Joudeh was absent.

Others present were district manager Josephine Beckmann; Chris Yandoli and Lauren Sylvester, of the parks department; James Johnson, of the Narrows Botanical Gardens; Michelle DelPin, NBG volunteer; Barbara Pollack, resident; Sophie Majeles from Senator Gounardes's office; Michael Sheldon from Councilmember Brannan's office; and Basil Capetanakis from Assemblymember Tannousis's office.

The agenda was a presentation by Chris Yandoli, from the parks department, about the current status of capital projects and parks needs identified in the community.

The Fort Hamilton Field Courts, running along 83rd Street between Colonial Road and Narrows Avenue, identified as "the worst courts in Brooklyn," are undergoing a \$2.2 million renovation, including two full basketball courts and two full tennis courts. These are in active construction, expected to finish fall 2022.

Russell Pedersen Playground, on Colonial Road from 83rd to 84th streets, is undergoing a complete, \$5.4 million renovation, with new playground equipment, drainage, sidewalks, lighting and more. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2022 and finish a year later. (However, Covid has upended the parks department's schedules, so all construction start dates are subject to change.)

The \$2.45 million reconstruction of the J. J. Carty Park Courts, on Fort Hamilton Parkway between Marine Avenue and 101st Street, was recently completed, with new tennis courts, pickle ball courts, a parking lot and a garden for the senior center.

Phase 2 of J. J. Carty, focused on the playground along Fort Hamilton Parkway, between roughly 95th and 97th streets, should commence in fall 2023 and finish a year later. The complete, \$5.4 million renovation will include new playground equipment, drainage, sidewalks, fencing, spray shower, benches and more.

Patrick O'Rourke Playground, on 81st Street between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, will get a \$1 million reconstruction, with new asphalt, hoops, backboards and benches. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022 and finish in fall 2022. It's funded through the mayor's new "State of Good Repair" funding program, for small, expedited projects. DM Beckmann asked if the work would include new fencing, and Chris Yandoli said no.

The 95th Street Fieldhouse, in Shore Road Park, was completely renovated, though the project was delayed because of Covid. The department and National Grid also had to run a new gas line from Shore Road to the building, which caused additional delays. The work however has been completed, and parks was just waiting for a final inspection and hoped to open it within two or three weeks. The \$4.25 million renovation features updated HVAC, comfort station, maintenance spaces and a community room.

Work on a new, \$1 million dog run in Shore Road Park, between Third and Fourth avenues, is expected to begin in the fall of 2022 and finish a year later.

A path in Shore Road Park, along the fence from about 95th to 97th streets, connecting Vinland

Playground and the fieldhouse to the courts area, behind the ball fields, will be restored; it's presently woodchips. The \$1.27 million project, with new drainage, is expected to begin in fall 2022 and finish a year later.

Vinland Playground, on Shore Road at 94th Street, will receive a \$3.4 million renovation, with new play equipment, drainage, lighting, fencing, sidewalks, spray shower, benches and more. It's currently in design, with work expected to begin in fall 2023 and finish a year later.

In Dyker Beach Park, a multipurpose asphalt play field, on 86th Street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues, will receive a \$925,000 reconstruction, and the basketball courts will be resurfaced, also as part of the mayor's "State of Good Repair" program. Work is expected to begin in spring 2022 and finish by fall 2022. Mr. Yandoli said this site has been the subject of many complaints, so he was excited to address them.

The Owl's Head Park Playground, including the spray shower area, along Colonial Road on either side of 67th Street, will receive a complete, \$4 million renovation, with new play equipment, drainage, pavement, lighting, fencing, spray shower, benches and more. Construction is estimated to begin in fall 2023 and finish a year later. The basketball courts will also be reconstructed, as a separate \$4 million project, including the removal of redundant fencing. Work is expected to begin in spring 2023 and finish a year later. Chris Yandoli said these courts were the second worst in Brooklyn, a close runner-up to those along the Fort Hamilton athletic field. He expressed hope that these two jobs could be consolidated into one contract, as it would be more affordable and move more quickly.

Owl's Head Park is also receiving \$2 million to reconstruct, in two phases so as not to close the entire park, the slopes, paths, retaining walls, drainage, landscaping, seating area and lighting. Chris Yandoli said that this might not sound like much, but it would be transformative, making the park feel brand new.

A \$7.6 million engineering study of the bike path, from the Verrazano Bridge to Ceasar's Bay, is underway, to explore the best use of funds for construction. It is expected to be completed in fall 2021. The worst parts of the bike path, from Fort Hamilton to Seventeenth Avenue, were repaved this summer, a \$600,000 "band-aid," Yandoli said, until the study is complete to figure out a better long-term solution.

\$5 million was recently allotted for the "desperately needed" reconstruction of McKinley Park's basketball courts and playground. A scoping meeting with the general public will be held soon.

BM Leo expressed concern that the 95th Street Fieldhouse project cost \$4 million. Yandoli said a typical comfort station renovation cost \$1.5 million, but the building on 95th Street is significantly larger. He added it was a historic building, with façade work necessary, plus a gut renovation of two bathrooms and a multipurpose room in the middle. Parks also ran all new utilities.

BM Lentz said she appreciated the renovation of the J. J. Carty tennis courts but expressed concern that some of them are uneven and pitched—visible to the naked eye. Yandoli said there are formal inspections during construction, which they passed, but that contracts usually include a one-year guarantee, and he would look at whether that was relevant here. There are also other forms of recourse with contractors. He also acknowledged issues with the lines on the pickleball courts, which parks tried to address.

BM Lentz also asked about the tennis courts in Shore Road Park, adjacent to the upcoming dog park, and whether they would be renovated. Yandoli said it has been in parks' needs statement before, and that the department would be open to that if provided funding, but as of now none has been provided.

DM Beckmann added it's also on the board's priority list.

BM Day asked if the "band-aid" fixes on the bike path would continue until the larger engineering study were completed. Yandoli said if there are other areas of concern, to let parks know. DM Beckmann asked if parks could find out the status of the engineering study, and Yandoli said yes, and that maybe next time he meets with the board he could bring on an engineer to explain it. He did not know a lot about it.

Barbara Pollack, a member of the public, expressed concern about the lack of maintenance at the 97th Street Ramp into Shore Road Park. She said much of the shrubbery had died, and the tiered gardens had been overtaken by weeds. Lauren Sylvester, the district's parks manager, said it had been difficult during the pandemic to hit all of the neighborhood's green spaces. (The same staff services districts 10 and 12.) For the summer, a four-person cutting crew was assigned to Shore Road, while the other cutting crew hit the rest of the districts, which she thought helped. But, she added, because of all the rain this summer, as well as the department's inability to use chemicals such as Round-Up, it can be difficult to keep the weeds in check.

Yandoli added that maintenance is not built into capital-project budgets, though parks has asked for that before. He expressed disappointment that a year after a ribbon cutting, parks often experience visible decline. He added that in addition to funding for capital projects, the parks department also needed more staffing. Sylvester said District 10 has only one gardener on staff (with horticultural expertise), although recently all the gardeners in the borough were pulled and sent as a team to problem spots, including a week and a half at the 95th Street Ramp.

Pollack asked if parks could bring in goats, as in Riverside Park, as they are effective, "green" and not prohibitively expensive. Sylvester said she would love that and would reach out to see how that would work. Yandoli added there are volunteer groups active in the neighborhood, which the department welcomes.

James Johnson, of the Narrows Botanical Garden, expressed astonishment that with all the acreage of parks in the district there's only one gardener, and that the parks department desperately needs more money to hire horticultural help. He added the general public needs to be aware that there's only one gardener; Sylvester agreed, saying that when the public shines a light on an issue, it can get the attention of local government. Sylvester noted that weed cutters don't touch the plantings at the 95th Street Ramp. DM Beckmann added that this could be included specifically in the district needs statement. Johnson also asked what the community room in the Fieldhouse would be used for. Yandoli said parks is working with its recreation team to figure out programming uses, but the conversation is ongoing.

Pollack added that a lot of community effort in the past had helped restore Prospect Park and the Old Stone House Park and asked if locals in Bay Ridge had thought about having something like the Prospect Park Alliance to privately manage Shore Road Park. She said the park seems blighted compared to those in other parts of the borough. Sylvester said the Shore Road Parks Conservancy had been active, but she wasn't sure of the group's present status.

Johnson asked if funding could specifically hire gardeners in District 10, and Yandoli said that councilmembers had funded specific positions before, though it's rare, such as a carpenter solely to work on repairs to the Coney Island Boardwalk.

Michelle Del Pin, who has horticultural experience, said it's important to protect newly planted trees so they can grow up to shade invasive plants, and she asked if she could just go down to Shore Road and pull some weeds. Sylvester said she would connect her to parks' horticulture department, and

that the department could use all the knowledgeable help it can get.

BM Leo asked if there was a district-specific maintenance budget, and Sylvester said no. BM Leo asked if there was a citywide budget, and DM Beckmann said the department has an expense budget, for personnel, basic services and maintenance, which the department distributes to all five boroughs and individual districts. But it's not enough to meet the need.

Yandoli said the district has more ongoing parks projects than most, thanks to funding from Councilmember Brannan. But there are still some needs, as identified by the parks department. Dyker Beach Park, for example, could use a three-phase, \$15 million reconstruction, including new paths and drainage throughout the Bay 8th Street quadrant; reconstruction of the Mosomillo Memorial basketball courts; and reconstruction of the tennis courts on Fourteenth Avenue. This could be funded by the councilmember in cooperation with the mayor and/or borough president.

Dyker Beach Park also needs another three-phase, \$30 million reconstruction, including two natural-turf baseball diamonds on the western side of the Fourteenth Avenue quadrant; three smaller natural-turf baseball diamonds on the east side of the Fourteenth Avenue quadrant; and the playground, basketball courts, handball courts and sitting areas at the corner of 86th and Fourteenth.

John Paul Jones Park needs \$2 million to reconstruct paths and benches, similar to the work scheduled to be done at Owl's Head. John Paul Jones has hexagon-block paths, which lead to weeds and sunken stones. The parks department is also advocating for \$10 million in general improvements to Shore Road Park, including new paths, drainage, sidewalks and benches. Yandoli said you could budget \$30 million to Shore Road Park and still not get to everything.

He said the department wanted to hear from the community about other needs, so they can plan, provide cost estimates and advocate. DM Beckmann said the board's capital needs statement is very parks-heavy, also incorporating ideas from the public, including new sidewalks at Shore Road Park that are navigable for wheelchair users, as well the sidewalks around Leif Ericson Park, from seniors and merchants. Other needs include a renovation of the park house at McKinley Park. On the expense side, more money for tree pruning and new trees.

With no other questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Stewart



Community Board 10
Brooklyn, NY
Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee

The Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee of CB10 met in quorum for a meeting via zoom on September 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was also live-streamed on Youtube for those who could not access it via zoom.

It is an honor to be the new chair to this committee and it is a position I take with great pride and seriousness; there are so many wonderful resources available in our community and in this meeting we were able to highlight a few.

This was an informational meeting with three presentations; presenters were given about fifteen minutes including a question and answer session to address any concerns.

The first presentation was given by Katerina Bartel and Todd Flidner from Bay Ridge Center regarding updates on the COVID-19 Vaccination program that they have been working on. It was mentioned throughout this meeting that COVID19 created many difficulties in communication especially for our Senior community members. The program targeted primarily assisting Seniors and also aimed to connect community members to vaccination sites to make it easier to obtain a vaccine. They participate in a City referral program, which can reward participants getting their vaccine up to \$200.00. In addition to connecting community members, the Center was also available to answer any questions residents had regarding the vaccine and now regarding the booster shot. Not much information was available on this topic as the updates are being given daily but it was generally agreed that booster shots would help boost immunity in people who are high risk which consists of primarily our community members who are 65 years or older. They have successfully helped vaccinate over 2,000 Seniors and have distributed over 40,000 flyers around Bay Ridge. More information can be available regarding their services upon request.

The second presentation was given by Lauren Volker and Rebecca Gallagher who are representatives from NYU Langone; they gave presentations regarding Family Health Centers and Services for older adults. The resources expressed in this presentation were extremely detailed and can be provided upon request but the main points are that they support all community members including those that do not have access to health care and are primarily oriented to the needs of immigrant families from diverse origins. In addition to this, their behavioral and mental health services are still available during the pandemic as they were giving sessions over telehealth services. In addition to this, they have engaged with over 20,000 community residents from maternal health services to services for older adults and youth development including providing support to drop out students and those at high- risk to drop out.

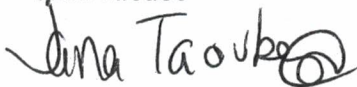
They also provide hot and nutritious meals to Senior Citizens at their location at 9000 Shore Road and provide assistance for them in navigating the digital world. They were very clear to note that citizens do not need to be residents at the Senior Center to be able to enjoy the services provided. They also offer social adult day services for adults 60 years or older with cognitive impairments and who are at risk for social isolation. Their goal is ultimately to help support all in our community and create a plan based on their individual needs.

The third presentation was given by Donna May DePola who provided information regarding programs given by the Resource Training Center/ Christopher's Reason. She expressed the need to have a center that can provide an appointment for high-risk community members right when they call; oftentimes those struggling with substance abuse or alcoholism do not have a large window before a relapse or overdose. The goal is to keep our community members supported and have them understand that there are local organizations that can provide them with support. Their Staten Island location, in fact, houses 20 young adults for free and helps teach them life skills including how to work and care for themselves. If these young adults can master these skills, then when they face the outside world they will be very well prepared. Again, more information can be provided upon request.

The Senior Issues, Housing, Health, and Welfare Committee meeting ended at about 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Taoube

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jana Taoube" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Introduction

The Environmental Committee Meeting met at 7:00 pm on Oct 6, 2021, via Zoom. We meet in quorum.

Presentation by representative of DSNY on the reinstatement of Organics Collection, including changes to the program

Curbside composting has started back up earlier than originally expected and the DSNY is working to bring back the program more efficiently. The 44 Districts that previously had access to curbside composting are eligible to get service starting this month and the map can be viewed on the DSNY website. They are working to add more Food Scrap Drop Off Sites in the community districts not yet eligible for curbside composting. If you are interested, it is important to sign up as DSNY needs to know that you plan on participating. The more sign ups in your area, the quicker service will start. The goal is to expand as quickly as possible. In the past, brown bins may have been dropped off to those not interested in participating and signing up ensures that trucks routes are organized efficiently for material pickup. Food scraps, food-soiled paper and waste comprise of one third of all the trash New Yorkers throw away. Just a reminder that 'if it grows, it goes' and that food scraps, including meat, food soiled paper and leaf & yard waste can all go in the brown bins. Plastic bags can now be used. Please sign up at nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting or by calling 311.

Presentation by representatives of DEP regarding Green Infrastructure Program updates/changes

When it rains, green infrastructure collects and manages the rain water or "stormwater" that falls on our city's streets and sidewalks. Green Infrastructure prevents stormwater from entering the City's sewer system, which helps to improve the health of local waterways. The DEP Green Infrastructure Program for south Brooklyn overlaps into CB 10 roughly between 10th Ave and 14th Ave and 63rd Street to 81st Street. Over the past year, you may have seen the DEP in that area performing geotechnical investigation of soil suitability for porous pavement. Porous pavement is special roadway paving that is designed to collect and manage stormwater that runs off the streets and sidewalks when it rains. During construction, material underneath is excavated to a two foot depth and backfilled. The excavated area is then backfilled with stone which allows for infiltration. The asphalt surface will be replaced with four foot wide porous concrete panels. Any sidewalk or curb that must be removed during installation will be replaced. During construction, every effort will be made to limit the impact construction activities may have on residents. All ongoing maintenance will be the responsibility of the city. You can find more information on Green Infrastructure and more specifically the brochure on porous pavement at www.nyc.gov/greeninfrastructure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tracie Britton
Committee Chair | Environmental Committee