

Community Board 10 Board Meeting Attendance
January 23, 2023, 7:00pm, Over Zoom

Board Members Present: 37

Ibrahim Anse
Jonathan Bova
Teri Brennan
Barbara Buchalter-Pollack
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Leodan Castillo
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Richard Day
Carmelo DiBartolo
Chris Elisson
Ann Falutico
Carmen Feliciano
Michael Festa
Senja Frangipani
Barbara Germack
Dianne Gounardes
Stephen Harrison
Daniel Hetteix
Jill Infantolino-Hajjar
Habib Joudeh
Stella Kokolis
Elizabeth Lovejoy
Stephanie Simone Mahaney
Essa Masoud
Nicholas Massab
Ruth Greenfield Masyr
Dr. Husam Rimawi
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Henry Stewart
Jana Taoube
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Lori Willis
Jack Zhang

Board Members Excused: 6

Tracie Britton
June Johnson
Nikolaos Leonardos
Daniel Loud
Dean Rasinya
Julie Thum

Board Members Absent: 4

Salah Altayeb
Justin Hyatt
Anthony Marino
Michael Xie

Community Board 10 General Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023, 7pm Over Zoom
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Chair Capetanakis called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Capetanakis called for Adoption of the Agenda. Motion by BM Gounardes, seconded by BM Harrison. All in favor.

Chair Capetanakis called for Adoption of the Minutes from December 19, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Harrison, seconded by BM Vellucci. All in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Justin Brannan:

- Greeted and wished everyone a Happy New Year and Lunar New Year for all those celebrating and stated it's the year of the Rabbit which signifies peace which we could all use right now.
- Gave a brief 2022 recap as follows:
 - Brought back \$28 million for long-term investments for our community which will go toward our schools, parks, courts, playgrounds, and libraries - which could use improvements and renovations
 - \$5 ½ million was allocated for local and citywide non-profit for feeding the hungry and for keeping seniors from being evicted
 - 60 bills were passed from strengthening environmental protection to tackling climate crisis and supporting business improvement districts citywide. He stated that in his new role as Finance Chair he gets to work with BIDS all across the city, which he finds very rewarding
- His District Office will hold info sessions beginning tomorrow regarding the Notice of Property Tax Values that are going out and available rebates and relief programs for homeowners, condo and coop owners. The road to property tax reform is underway
- It has been a busy season for new business ribbon cutting ceremonies. Over the weekend he attended one for a new upcoming local coffee shop, City League Roasters, on 68th & 4th Avenue. Also shared that exciting and new information regarding 86th Street corridor revitalization, which they've been working on for the past two years, is forthcoming
- Saddened by the death of Norm Fruchter who was a civil rights activist as well as an educator. Unfortunately, a few days before Christmas he was struck by a car while crossing 68th street and was killed. He added that this isn't how Norm's life was meant to end
- States his office is open and staff is always available to help. Also thanked Community Board Ten for their hard work and all they do and wished all a happy 2023

Anastasia Yaskova Representing Mayor Adams:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and Lunar New Year as well. Thanked Community Board Ten for the work they do
- Office is open and ready to assist and to reach out if necessary

Rob Aguilar representing Council Member Alexa Aviles:

- Greeted with Happy New Year and Lunar New Year
- Announced that this coming Saturday January 28, from 11-2pm the Sunset Park Lunar New Year celebration will take place in the park in front of recreation center located at 4200 7th Avenue, everyone is invited
- New office hours are Wednesday 9:30 am-7pm which is their late night to see constituents. Monday and Thursday remain 9:30 am-5:30 pm and Tuesday 11 am-5:30 pm.
- Since tax season is in full swing their office is going to offer free tax prep to those in need starting January 31, through April 13 by appointment only, call 347-502-6804. English, Spanish, Mandarin and Arabic speakers will be available to provide service.
- The Council Member's office can assist with Housing Connect applications for the lottery for new senior affordable housing at the building at 63rd and 4th Avenue. Appointments are not necessary for application assistance.

Jessica Kallo Representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso:

- Community Board Application season ends February 14, 2023. She encourages everyone to please apply on time.
- Announced that the Existing Conditions Report regarding the Comprehensive Planning Effort for zoning, health, etc. is out and recommended that everyone read it. You can make comments and recommendations on how comprehensive planning should move forward until January 31, 2023.
- Their office is getting involved with the BQE redesign effort and advocating for a much greener, environmentally safe, sustainable BQE. More information to follow.

Nancy Lulu Representing DA Eric Gonzalez:

- Extended greetings and wished all a great start to the New Year.
- Reflected on the outstanding work from the DA's Office from this past year and will continue to improve and enforce public safety working with law enforcement and community partners.
- Announced a reduction in gun violence and shootings which are down by 14% and murders are down by 8% over the past year.
- Will host a public awareness event, Empowered, Creating Change and Preventing the Exploitations of Youth, this month in honor of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Event will be held on Jan. 26th at Borough Hall in partnership with Safe Horizon. The event aims to educate about how to identify and how to prevent child trafficking. The reception starts at 5pm and event is from 6-8pm. Please RSVP at BKhumantrafficking@brooklynda.org.
- Action Center Office is open for anyone who needs to contact them at 718-250-2340.

Tori Kelly Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes:

- Legislative session began two weeks ago, and Senator is in Albany right now
- Has worked on Street Safety, Sexual Harassment, and MTA Reform
- Introduced family tax credit which would direct cash assistance to families, and they believe it will reduce child poverty by 20%.
- Mentioned the proposed MTA Brooklyn Bus redesign plan and stressed the importance of attending the Feb. 9th MTA workshop and providing feedback

- Regarding the senior housing application for affordable units opening at 6309 4th Avenue, there will be two info sessions held on Zoom on January 24 and February 27. There are 84 units available and anyone who needs to apply should do so.

Lingxia Ye Representing Congressman Dan Goldman:

- Introduced herself and was happy and honored to attend meeting on behalf of Congressman Dan Goldman who is the proud new federal representative for residents of New York Congressional District 10
- Team is working very hard and new office is set to open in February. It will be located at 340A 9th Street between 5th & 6th Avenue. Office phone is up and working for constituent inquiries at 718-312-7575, as well as office website, goldman.house.gov
- Generally, they work with federal agency issues, IRS, Postal Service, Immigration as well as small business administration. Federal issues fall under the Congress Member's jurisdiction.
- Owls Head Park, then all north of 68th Street to Ft. Hamilton Parkway and on to Borough Park is within Congressional District 10
- Co-Sponsored legislation regarding affordable housing, promoting good government and integrity and protecting reproductive rights as well as environmental justice, promoting democracy, and safety are top issues
- The Congress Member is the Vice Chair of a bipartisan working group in the house that aims to address gun violence issues and pipelines of illegally smuggled guns across state lines flowing into the black market
- Please call office with any questions.

Lori Windsor Representing Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis:

- Started out by greeting everyone on behalf of Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis
- Confirmed office location and phone numbers are still the same 718-306-1620. 7716 3rd Avenue right across from the Greenhouse Café.
- Congresswoman Malliotakis is now on Ways and Means Committee

Venus Scantlebury, Brooklyn Outreach Coordinator for NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board:

- Independent agency that investigates, mediates, and prosecutes against police misconduct under their jurisdiction - excessive force and abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language.
- Encourages residents to call 311 or file online, or at office 100 Church Street in lower Manhattan 10th floor or file at the local precinct
- Applications for the Youth Advisory Council are being accepted from young New Yorkers age 10-18 with a passion for criminal justice and interested in improving police and community relations. Application closes January 31st.
- Happy New Year to all and looking forward to working with Community Board Ten

Jason Chen, Community Liaison for DSNY:

- In an effort to reduce the amount of time garbage bags are placed out on the sidewalk, changes to set out time for residents will begin in April 2023. Currently, trash can be left out starting at 4 pm the day

before pickup. Starting on April 1, 2023, it will be 8 pm for garbage bags to be placed curbside or 6 pm for trash left in an individual garbage bin.

- There will also be changes to set out time for businesses and large buildings
- DSNY will post the information on their website, perform outreach, and send large scale mailings to residents, building owners, and business owners in advance of the April 1st set out time changes

Richie Barsamian Representing Assembly Member Alec Brook-Krasny:

- Greeted everyone on behalf of the Assembly Member and staff. They cover the 46th Assembly District.
- Office is open on Monday and Wednesday from 11am - 4pm, phone number is 347-560-6302. Office address is 310 93rd Street. If the office hours are not sufficient, please contact the office for an appointment
- For anyone needing assistance please feel free to contact the office

Odette Wilkens, President and General Counsel of Wired Broadband:

- Non-Profit advocating safe technology for the public
- Recommends disapproval and a moratorium similar to other Community Boards for 5G Link Cell Towers that are slated to be placed in front of homes, schools and medical facilities
- The radiation of these towers interferes with cardiac function while performing cardiac therapy since they are proposed to be placed by the electrophysiology department of the medical center
- Prolonged exposure of wireless radiation has been tied to the cause of developmental problems later in life including attention deficit and hyperactivity and could increase the childhood risk of leukemia
- CB8 in Manhattan has already garnered over 2,500 signatures in disapproval of these towers citing impacts to the environment and long-term health impacts, as well as impacts to sidewalk clearances and rat infestations. There was also the desire to have telecommunications infrastructure underground for better service and to minimize visual impacts
- Also concern about 5G towers that would track children's locations. 5G is easily hackable, so our children's locations could be easily accessed

Morris Denmark Branch Manager at the Public Library:

- Free covid tests available for distribution
- Dyker Heights Branch on 13th Avenue is holding a New Year celebration for all to attend

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In the matter of Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024, Chair Capetanakis stated that we are at the point in the process where we cannot change our priorities, but we do have the ability to reaffirm them. She explained that the Board typically adopts a motion to affirm our priorities in a statement to the Office of Management and Budget, and sends our priority list and the responses we received to our elected officials to assist in obtaining funds for these needed projects. Seeing no discussion, Chair Capetanakis called for a motion from the floor. Motion by BM Harrison, seconded by BM Cruz.

Motion: CB 10 to reaffirm the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities and to send letters of support to the Office of Management and Budget and to our Elected Officials.

34 in favor, 2 recusals – BM Stelter, BM Day. Motion Carried

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

In the matter of a transfer SLA liquor/ beer/wine/cider application for Georgian Cuisine, 8309 3rd Avenue, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Elisson. See Attached.

Discussion included a question from BM Harrison about the change in shares from prior to and with this application.

Motion: CB10 to deny the application for a corporate change to the SLA liquor/ wine/beer/cider license for Georgian Cuisine, 8309 3rd Avenue, unless the applicant agrees to the following stipulations.

1. The premises will operate as a restaurant.
2. There will only be prerecorded background music in the interior of the premise.
3. There shall be no music in the rear yard.
4. There shall be no smoking in the rear yard.
5. The hours of operation shall not exceed 11:30AM-10:00PM Sunday-Friday and 11:00PM on Saturday.
6. The applicant agrees that should it change its method of operation, it will give notice and meet with the Community/Committee Board/Police and Public Safety Committee at least 30 days in advance of such change.
7. The applicant agrees and will meet with the Committee and or Board for a three-month review of its method of operation should any matters require attention.

All in favor, Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of a new SLA beer/wine/cider application for Narrows Coffee Inc./b/a The Narrows, 10001 3rd Avenue, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Elisson. See Attached.

Motion: CB10 to deny application for an SLA wine/beer/cider license for Narrows Coffee In. d/b/a The Narrows, 10001 3rd Avenue, unless the applicant agrees to the following stipulations.

1. The premises will operate as a restaurant.
2. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until the appropriate license is issued by the SLA.
3. Applicant will not serve or allow BYOB until license is obtained.
4. The owner or manager will be on site during all hours of operation.
5. The hours of operation will be Monday-Thursday 6AM-10PM, Friday 6AM-11PM, Saturday 6AM-12AM, and Sunday 6AM-10PM.
6. The doors shall remain closed with any amplified music.
7. Background recorded and/or music sound levels will remain below the level permitted by NYC Noise Code.
8. There will be no outdoor music.
9. The establishment shall not sponsor or use any promotor or have promoted events.
10. There will be no smoking permitted.

- 11. Once SLA license is obtained the Committee/Community Board may call upon the applicant to address any concerns that may arise.**
- 12. There will be at least 20% visibility view into the establishment at eye level.**
- 13. The applicant agrees that should it change its method of operation, it will give notice and meet with the Committee/Community Board, at least 45 days in advance of any such change.**

Discussion began. BM Falutico questioned Chair Elisson about space next to building and outdoor dining. The applicant, Mr. Rosen, responded that the outdoor dining would be in the private side yard and that is privately owned by the landlord. He also explained that it would be fenced in as well. Another question was raised by BM Falutico regarding windows on the side of the coffee shop and if any residents were living there. Mr. Rosen responded again by stating there was only one window left for a small office after he renovated the space and now there are two new bathrooms without windows. He also stated that the landlord of the building lives on the second floor and confirmed that there are windows on the second floor.

Discussion continued with BM Infantolino-Hajjar asking how someone would access outdoor dining through the driveway, and how it would be separated from house next to driveway. Mr. Rosen responded that it would have a wooden fence with a door for entryway. BM Harrison expressed further concern regarding noise and how it may affect the home and residents next door and if he had or planned to mediate any unnecessary upcoming issues. Mr. Rosen stated that he hadn't directly asked neighbors their thoughts on outdoor dining, but he had spoken indirectly to neighbors and that to his knowledge residents were happy and excited about the coffee shop. The landlord of the building has been a resident for over 60 years. Mr. Rosen stated that he can reach out to the neighbors, he didn't have any issues regarding that. BM Harrison still had some reservations and would have liked Mr. Rosen to have spoken to them prior to meeting to ameliorate any potential noise complaints.

BM Falutico asked about renovations on the building and if he would be keeping a retro look, Mr. Rosen states that they had renovated due to coffee shop being so old and he put siding and a window and French doors leading to the outdoor dining space.

BM Vellucci in response to BM Harrison's comments regarding Mr. Rosen reaching out to tenants stated that it wasn't his responsibility that in fact it was the landlord's responsibility to notify tenants about any changes to the restaurant.

BM Infantolino- Hajjar added her concerns were about residents and potential issues due to noise from the outdoor space which does not exist currently. Mr. Rosen mentioned noise late into the night from the nightclub on the block as well as the outdoor dining set ups in close proximity and did not think it was his responsibility to speak to neighbors, since there are other noise factors nearby.

BM Zhang comments that it's a typical coffee shop as far as noise and thought it was "pretty cool" idea to have. He comments he has no issues.

BM Brennan commented that it was nice to see this coffee shop return. She wished him well and best of luck.

31 in favor, one recusal - BM Vallas. Motion carried.

In the matter of a new/transfer SLA liquor/ beer/wine/cider application for Tequila Restaurant Corporation, 8321 5th Avenue, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Elisson. See Attached.

Motion: CB10 to deny application for an SLA liquor/ wine/beer/cider license for Tequila Restaurant, 8321 5th Avenue, unless the applicant agrees to the following stipulations.

- 1. The premises will operate as a restaurant.**
- 2. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until the appropriate license is issued by the SLA.**
- 3. Applicant will not serve or allow BYOB until license is obtained.**
- 4. The owner or manager will be onsite during all hours of operation.**
- 5. The hours of operation will be Monday-Wednesday 11:00AM-10:00PM, Thursday-Saturday 11:00AM-11:00PM, and on Sunday 11:00AM-10:00PM.**
- 6. The doors shall remain closed with any amplified music.**
- 7. Background recorded and/or music sound levels will remain below the level permitted by NYC Noise Code.**
- 8. There will be no outdoor music.**
- 9. The establishment shall not sponsor or use any promotor or have promoted events.**
- 10. There will be no smoking permitted.**
- 11. There will be at least 20% visibility view into the establishment at eye level.**
- 12. 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 such change.**
- 13. Once SLA license is obtained the Committee/Community Board may call upon the applicant to address any concerns that may arise.**

There was no discussion.

33 in favor, 2 recusals – BM Lovejoy, BM Masoud. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In the matter of the proposal for placement of new LinkNYC Kiosks at 7701 Shore Road, 8301 Shore Road, 699 92nd Street and 166 Battery Avenue, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Communications and Public Relations Chair Henry Stewart. See Attached. Discussion followed.

BM Teri Brennan agrees with the conclusion of the Committee. She feels that the benefit of the service does not outweigh the potential impacts and appreciates all the work the Committee did on this issue.

BM Vellucci asked a question about where the tower would be placed, by or across the street from Fort Hamilton High School. It was confirmed by BM Stewart that it would in fact be on the same side of the street as the school near 85th Street. BM Vellucci expressed her frustration that the proposed site is directly outside a school that holds over 4,700 students attending three overlapping sessions plus faculty. She thanked the Committee for its work and for recommending denial of the proposal.

BM Zhang states that the radiation from the towers is less than the rays from the sun. He added that MTA has built infrastructure that is far less invasive. He is aware of these towers being placed in Chinatown and asked DM Beckmann if we need to support Chinatown as they push back to remove them. DM Beckmann responded that this proposal is currently making its way through the Community Boards and that she would look into the status of the Chinatown situation and get back to him.

Motion: Community Board 10 denies support as to the proposed placement of the LinkNYC towers without having more and better information about the potential health and safety effects.

All in favor, Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

PARKS COMMITTEE

Parks Committee Chair Dianne Gounardes rendered the Committee Report. See Attached.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTION COMMITTEE

The Traffic and Transportation Committee Report was rendered by Acting Chair Doris Cruz. See Attached. Following the report, Acting Chair Cruz thanked BM Dan Hetteix for his creation of an interactive map of the bus routes and proposed changes in Community District 10. DM Beckmann also thanked BM Hetteix and promised to email the map out again to Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

BM Vellucci spoke about a car that was parked on her block for almost two weeks without being ticketed for ASP violation. She feels these types of requests should receive swift attention. DM Beckmann stated that she did reach out and report to DSNY. In this case the owner moved the car before the condition could be checked. She suggested that in the future to reach out to the District Office to make the complaint right away to get a better outcome. Jason Chen from DSNY said these types of complaints should be made to 311, the Community Board Office, and added that NYPD should also be notified whenever appropriate.

Discussion about the proposed MTA Bus Route changes continued including an update by BM Hetteix that strong community opposition demonstrated that the current alignment is valuable and preferred by existing (Bronx) BX28 bus customers and that a couple of routes were changed in the MTA final addendum. They in fact released two final plans due to public input and pressure. He reminded all how important it is for everyone to participate in the February 9th MTA workshop. DM Beckmann added that there are many Change.org petitions, especially regarding the express bus routes.

BM Infantolino questioned BM Cruz if MTA wants us to use our cars less and mass transit more, then why decrease bus service? BM Cruz said there was no answer for that question.

BM Stelter added that the MTA logic to make the buses run faster, which is the underlying goal, is to eliminate bus stops that are underutilized. This, in turn, speeds up bus service.

Seeing no further business, Chair Capetanakis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by BM Taoube, seconded by BM Hetteix. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY BOARD 10

Date/Time: January 18, 2023/7:00 PM

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Place: Via Zoom

Quorum: Yes (See attached)

New SLA License for Beer Wine and Cider for Narrows Coffee In. DBA as The Narrows
Premise: 10001 3rd Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209

This is a new on premises Beer, Wine, and Cider application. The applicant Mr. Richard Rosen was present, and also present is his Attorney Terence Flynn. The premise will operate as a restaurant with only background music. Hours of operations will be Monday through Thursday 6AM to 10PM, Friday 6AM to 11PM, Saturday 6AM to 12AM and on Sunday 6AM to 10 PM. The applicant anticipates they will be closing the outdoor seating on Saturday earlier so as not to disrupt the neighbors. Outdoor dining will not have any speakers or background music. The premise does not have a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) but they will be filing for a letter of no objection. The applicant was informed that he may need a Public Assembly since his occupancy may be greater than 75 and they are filing for one. There is no adverse history at this location.

After a discussion period the committee's decision is to deny the applicant unless the applicant agrees to the following stipulations.

1. The premises will operate as a restaurant.
2. There will be no sale or consumption of alcohol on the premises until the appropriate license is issued by the SLA.
3. Applicant will not serve or allow BYOB until license is obtained.
4. The owner or manager will be on site during all hours of operation.
5. The hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 6 AM- 10 PM, Friday 6 AM – 11PM Saturday 6 AM – 12 PM and Sunday 6 AM to 10 PM.
6. The doors shall remain closed with any amplified music.
7. Background recorded and /or music sound levels will remain below the level permitted by NYC Noise Code.
8. There will be no outdoor music.
9. The establishment shall not sponsor or use any promoter or have promoted events.
10. There will be no smoking permitted.
11. Once SLA license is obtained the Committee/Community Board may call upon the applicant to address any concerns that may arise.
12. There will be at least 20% visibility view into the establishment at eye level.
13. 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 stipulation. The committee met in Quorum; vote was in favor with one recusal motion was adopted.

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New Business:

Discussion on Parliamentary procedures.

Old Business:

Discussion on upcoming presentation from the Office of Cannabis Management.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Elisson", followed by a stylized circular flourish or mark.

Chris Elisson, Chair

The Communications Committee Report

January 10, 2023

The communications committee of Community Board 10 met in quorum on Zoom on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:15pm. Committee members present were chair Henry Stewart, Salah Altayeb, Tracie Britton, Judith Collins, Carmen Feliciano, Elizabeth Lovejoy and Essa Masoud, as well as board chair Jaynemie Capetenakis and district manager Josephine Beckmann.

Others present were Stacy Gardner, senior director of external affairs for the city's Office of Technology and Innovation, which oversees the LinkNYC franchise, operated by a consortium of companies called CityBridge; Brett Sikoff, executive director of franchise administration at OTI; and Nick Colvin and Rob Sokota of CityBridge.

On the agenda was a discussion of OTI's plan to install four LinkNYC sites in residential areas of CD10—at 7701 Shore Road, 8301 Shore Road, 699 92nd Street and 166 Battery Avenue. There are presently no LinkNYC sites in the district. They are in all five boroughs, but mostly Manhattan.

OTI has the authority to let companies use the city's rights of way, in this case streets and sidewalks, to deploy telecommunications technology, and in return they pay the city revenue. This is the franchise agreement.

The program began in 2014–15, as a way to replace payphones. The original Link kiosk provided free wi-fi, free nationwide calling, free device charging, a dedicated 911 button and a tablet to access city services—311, maps, nearby social services. They also had advertising screens on the sides, which provided the revenue source. It was not taxpayer funded. It makes money, so far \$100 million, with approximately 2,000 kiosks.

There were problems with CityBridge and the franchise agreement, and the contract was amended, most significantly to require 90 percent of new kiosks to be outside of the central business district of Manhattan (above 96th Street and the other four boroughs). They also pivoted on the revenue source. Advertising screens continue to be a part of the program, but another source was sought, tied to expanding telecommunication service to the city. The LinkNYC kiosk was redesigned to accommodate mobile telecommunication infrastructure—antennas and radios. At the top of the redesigned kiosk is space for equipment that cell phone providers use to enhance their networks. The Public Design Commission approved the redesign in late 2021, after which OTI began fabricating the Link 5G structures.

OTI is now in a five-borough rollout in twenty community districts. Some of these are on commercial corridors, as in the original program; others are in historic districts, parks and residential areas. Three of the four proposed in CD10 are in zoned residential areas. Kiosks in residential areas do not have advertising screens. None of the towers proposed in CD10 would have advertising screens, but they would have the tablets, charging stations and wifi. (The fourth, by Fort Hamilton High School, is zoned as parkland.) They are 32-foot poles with the tablets offering access to city services and

the other services. They have room for a "multi-tenant structure" on top, so several different providers can utilize it. AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile could all put equipment in there that decreases the amount of cell towers on rooftops and pole tops. The sites in CD10 were chosen for mobile communications companies' benefit.

Mr. Colvin said the new custom-built structures plug in coverage and capacity needs on the mobile-carrier networks and build out high-speed networks, particularly in the outerboroughs, where there's a dearth of available siting opportunities. He said they were necessary for building out the future of mobile wireless communication. There's a need and demand in the city for not just faster speeds but also service capacity. Every Link 5G site is driven by a specific request from a mobile carrier because of identified needs for service.

Mr. Sokota said he understands objections to new large infrastructure placed in neighborhoods, but the reality of changes in cellular service and the increasing demands all citizens place on the mobile-phone services means that over the next few years there will be a need for new infrastructure, additional places to broadcast their signal, to support the ever-increasing demand of their customers for service. As a result, this type of infrastructure is going to parade through the city in all neighborhoods; if it doesn't, for whatever reason, that neighborhood will have a much lower level of service, potential "holes in the network," creating problems for residents, visitors and emergency services.

It is difficult for carriers to provide service to parts of Bay Ridge because of the nature of the neighborhood—highly residential, largely low scale. From a siting perspective, it's a difficult place. Even from a Link5G perspective, there are limited place to put towers according to their siting rules, because of overhead wires or thick foliage. They cannot be placed on corners, at bus stops, in front of fire hydrants or curb cuts; they must be placed on sidewalks at least eight feet wide; they can't interfere with a driver's line of sight or be too close to a sidewalk café or newsstand. There are more than 100 limitations. Moving forward, more infrastructure will probably need to be placed on existing light poles and utility poles. The sites chosen were not done so randomly or arbitrarily; they are carefully vetted, though they may still prove unusable—perhaps someone installs a curb cut, or there's something unknown underground that prevents installation. They are meant to solve a problem that exists today but also will be worse tomorrow without new infrastructure.

The first site is 8301 Shore Road, in front of the high school, across from the park, just off the corner of Shore Road Lane, where the sidewalk is wide, hopefully creating minimum impact on residents while increasing coverage on Shore Road. The next is 699 92nd Street, in front of the hospital, just off the corner of Seventh Avenue, where the sidewalk is also wide. The next is in front of a private home at 166 Battery Avenue, with the kiosk actually on 92nd Street, just off the corner with Battery, approximately 600–1,000 feet away from the previous location. The house is set back from the street, with a wide sidewalk, a site meant to cause less imposition on residents than others. The last is 7701 Shore Road, on the east side of the street, just south of the corner of 77th Street, in front of another private home. Finding locations on Shore Road are difficult, because of grassy areas on sidewalks, driveways and dense tree cover, but the

site at 7701 is one of the few they found that was suitable.

These sites are residential but also heavily trafficked—Shore Road, 92nd Street—meaning there's a higher demand for services on them than there might be in other residential areas.

Chair Capetenakis said when these ideas were first presented to the board ca. 2017, the city was talking about parks, not residential areas, so this shift requires some serious consideration from the board. She also asked for the dimensions of the kiosks. Mr. Colvin said the Link 5G structures for residential areas are 32 feet tall, 18" in diameter at the base, 19" in depth with the tablet interface, and at the top 28" or 34" in diameter, to accommodate the telecommunications infrastructure, which begins about 17 feet up. Street poles (light, traffic, utility) are 32 feet tall. Height is important because it allows the signal to travel farther with fewer interruptions.

Chair Capetenakis asked why existing street poles aren't being used at this time, instead of new Link 5G towers. Ms. Garden said a separate franchise with OTI has been doing that work in cooperation with DoT for the last fifteen years, supplementing carriers' 4G coverage throughout the entire city, in every district. But that it's not an either/or proposition. Mr. Sokota said the 5G infrastructure is different from 4G, and also that street poles were not built for this purpose and can't handle the same capacity as a Link 5G tower, which are specially designed to handle four times the radios. He said this is more efficient. He added that in a neighborhood like Bay Ridge you will see both of these solutions deployed in the next few years.

Chair Capetenakis expressed concern about safety and nuisance concerns. BM Masoud expressed concern about radiation and radio-frequency emissions from the towers—the services from the kiosks are welcome, but not the communications infrastructure. Ms. Gardner said there are already these types of installments in residential areas, needed to provide cell phone service—on pole tops, on rooftops and private properties. This project reduces the number of towers that need to be deployed by allowing multiple tenants to use the same one.

The city does not regulate radio-frequency emissions, but the federal government does, and Ms. Gardner said the contract with CityBridge requires its equipment to comply with FCC regulations, which it does, as verified by independent testing. Mr. Sikoff said 4G and 5G are not novel technologies but have been employed in the city and elsewhere for years. Chair Beckmann said this is different, because it's a tower in front of a residence, facing windows; she added that the FCC requirements are antiquated, having been put in place ca. 1996. She said this is new, and we don't have up-to-date studies. Once, she reminded the committee, X-rays were considered safe.

BM Britton asked if there have been environmental studies on the effects on plants and wildlife. Mr. Sokota said he's not aware of any scientific studies looking at the different frequencies used by 4G compared with 5G and whether they have different impacts, and that these networks have been deployed for twenty or thirty years.

BM Stewart asked how far the service from these towers extends. Mr. Sokota said

about 500 feet, perhaps a little longer. BM Stewart asked if the service only extends 500 feet, will there one day be a 5G tower on every block? Mr. Sokota said there will be more, in addition to pole-top installations, but not on every block. They must be at least 200 feet apart, one per block and only on one side of the block. Ms. Gardner said the original LinkNYC kiosks were permitted to be much closer together, but these are not.

BM Stewart also asked whether towers could continue to be placed on the tops of tall buildings, as there are many in Bay Ridge. Mr. Sokota said Shore Road, for example, is park on one side and residences on the other, so it makes it difficult to find the tall buildings needed to expand mobile service. BM Stewart said while ten to fifteen blocks of Shore Road featured private residences, the rest has apartment buildings six or more stories tall. Mr. Sokota said the cell service in those areas might be better. The parts of Shore Road they chose were generally lower-lying areas.

Member of the public George Shahin lives close to the tower proposed for 77th Street and said he was dissatisfied with the reasoning for it. He opposed all the towers, but at least the other three are not directly in front of homes; the tower on 77th Street would be very close to a private residence, without a setback. He also couldn't believe there was a restriction against placing a tower near a sidewalk café but not in front of a private home.

Mr. Sokota said he understood the objection, but in that area of Shore Road it was challenging to find a location, because it was essentially all residential homes similar to the ones they would build adjacent to. He said they desire to avoid building in front of homes wherever possible, but in this particular area there were no siting locations that wouldn't be in front of someone's house.

Ms. Gardner clarified that sidewalk cafés limit clearance space on the sidewalk, which is why they impact 5G tower placements.

BM Stewart said there was a religious building now being used as a school two blocks away from the proposed site on 77th Street, on Bay Ridge Parkway, and asked whether that site had been examined. Mr. Sokota said he'd have to check, but he thought maybe Bay Ridge Parkway might have been too far north for the coverage needed in the lower-lying area of Shore Road.

Member of the public Brenda Lutfey Avignone lives next door to Mr. Shahin and said this block has special challenges, going back to when the city tried to plant a tree in front of her house and broke the gas line. The block has ConEdison problems—a fire last year, and an explosion—the gas and electric lines underground are close together, a fire hydrant, a sewage problem and people loitering, drinking and doing drugs, and she was worried that the tower would attract more people. She asked why the tower couldn't be placed in the park.

Ms. Gardner said some towers were being sited inside parks, so that was a possibility. And she was glad to know about potential underground infrastructure problems at this point in the process.

Member of the public Odette Wilkens is a technology attorney and the head of the nonprofit Wired Broadband. She said CB8 in Manhattan has placed a moratorium on Link 5G poles in its district, because of long-term health impacts; illuminated advertising; vagrants congregating around them; and that there were no reported gaps in phone or Internet access. She asked where the gaps in cell phone service are; there are no reports, just telecom say-so. She said OTI had no legal right to build without demonstrating gaps in coverage.

She said there's already a fiber-optic buildout on which 5G depends, so why not build out that superior network service to physical premises? In Chattanooga, she said, they installed fiber optics to all premises, so now they have the fastest Internet in the U.S. She added the FCC sets emission levels, but it doesn't track any tower below 200 feet; the telecoms do the testing to show they're in compliance, and those tests are unreliable. Their claims about gaps in coverage have also been found to be less than 100 percent reliable.

She spoke on behalf of Barbara Hayes, who was having a trouble unmute. An elderly woman, Ms. Hayes lives in an apartment outside of which a 5G tower was placed; formerly healthy, she has since become very sick, which she attributes to the tower. In Pittsfield, Mass., 17 people became ill when Verizon placed a 5G tower on their street. Wireless radiation in parks have led to a decline in bird populations, beehive collapses and the deaths of trees. She said a school was not a good place for a tower because children exposed to 5G could lead to developmental problems later in life, and leukemia. Healthcare facilities were also no good because wireless radiation can impact cardiac function. She said 5G infrastructure runs hot, and it can eat up tremendous energy and catch fire.

In the chat, a member of the public asked about damaged kiosks going unrepaired, and about promised revenue falling short. Ms. Gardener said CityBridge must maintain the kiosks physically and clean them twice a week. Open data shows which kiosks need repair in near-real time, and if that system fails, there is a 311 category for reporting malfunctioning kiosks. The revenue issue was part of what drove the renegotiated contract/restructured franchise. These issues have been addressed.

Ms. Gardner has been at OTI for six years, during which it has deployed the kiosks. She said she receives all the complaints about LinkNYC; anecdotally, she receives very few, for the number of kiosks in the city, but when she does, they work with agency partners to remedy them immediately, such as vagrancy, scaffolding, debris or illegal activity. She said 311 was the best way to get attention to these problems. Ongoing issues can get NYPD attention.

DM Beckmann said the most difficult problems to address that come in through 311 are quality-of-life issues, particularly noise.

BM Thum asked if the board had the final say in this matter, and DM Beckmann said the board's role tonight was to provide feedback to OTI about its proposal.

In the chat, a member of the public asked about the towers' effects on property values,

and also about the security of the data from the kiosks and what kind of cameras they use. Ms. Gardner said property values were not her wheelhouse, but that these kiosks provide necessary services and OTI sees them as a boon to any community. OTI has an extremely strong privacy policy; the franchisee is not allowed by contract to collect any information except for email addresses provided by users when agreeing to terms of use, and those are purged after a year. They are not connected to you or your device. They don't retain any device identifiers. If you just walk by, they're not taking information from your phone.

Mr. Colvin said cameras are permitted on the structures above advertising screens. Those cameras are kept off unless needed, such as if there were a vandalism spree, during which they may be turned on for a brief time. There's a camera on the tablet for the deaf and hard of hearing to make phone calls in sign language. There are internally facing sensors that monitor the heat of the structures.

A member of the public commented that free wifi was not needed, and that locals on 77th Street paid for fiber-optic cable. Member of the public Julie Mardin asked about the new type of antennae used and about millimeter waves. Mr. Sokota said the federal government has made higher-bandwidth frequencies available to the mobile companies. The earliest cell phone service broadcast on 800 to 900 MHz, followed a decade later by about 1,800 MHz, and now the frequencies are going above 6 GHz, or 6,000 MHz, above which are called "millimeter waves." The principal difference to more traditional services, the higher frequency bandwidth travels a shorter distance, and as a result will be at a lower power than traditional frequencies, because it's not going as far. In some instances, they won't penetrate certain surfaces, such as a wall. But they can carry significantly more traffic, so there's a tradeoff—is capacity more important than how far the signal can travel? He said he was unaware of any information that these new frequencies have a different effect than the older frequencies.

Member of the public Donna Lu said studies have shown people are getting sick from CitiBike emissions; now we're talking about kiosks less than a mile from CitiBikes, in addition to apartment building towers. She said when cell phone towers were first being placed, there were restrictions about their proximity to schools, and now they're being built across the street from schools. She said she didn't know what the health effects would be five or ten years from now.

BM Stewart asked for the committee's input on a recommendation. BM Feliciano said she became disabled fifteen years after volunteering at Ground Zero and has received so many scans that she can no longer be exposed to unlimited radiation, and tests must be evaluated to be necessary. She said having these towers near schools, healthcare facilities, was too dangerous given the unknowns about their health effects. That's the number one issue, because those things cannot be reversed.

BM Collins said further study was needed and the board shouldn't be pressured to make a decision this quickly.

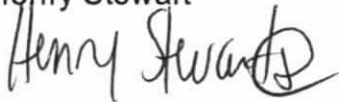
The board also received at least 15 emails from local residents concerned about loitering and the health implications of placing these technologies in residential areas.

BM Stewart proposed a motion that CB10 denies support to the placement of these towers without having more and better information about the potential health and safety effects. It was seconded by BM Britton, and the motion passed unanimously.

DM Backmann proposed a future joint meeting of the Communications, Health and Welfare and Environmental committees to delve deeper into these issues.

With no other questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Stewart

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Chair's Report - January 23, 2023

Thank you for your continued service as we begin this New Year 2023 and this weekend also began the Lunar New Year celebration as we welcome the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit is a symbol for hope and peace and with all New Year greetings; we wish you a year filled with good health, prosperity and happiness. It is our intention for good health that has led us to change the format of tonight's January General Board meeting to virtual over Zoom. Recent email notification from the NY State Department of Health reported that flu is widespread across NY State and COVID cases in our area are hovering at 14%. The health and well-being of our members and community are of the utmost importance and we appreciate this opportunity to gather virtually.

As may have been previously mentioned, Brooklyn Community Board Application Season has begun and will remain open until February 14th, 2023. We take pride in our work and invite you to encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer and apply to the community board so we can continue having the vibrant voices of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Fort Hamilton be heard. If residents watching this evening want input on bus route redesign, traffic, bike lanes, housing developments, liquor licenses at restaurants and bars, trash concerns, or other matters that effect our community, then you need to come to a board meeting more often! Earlier this evening, the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024 were re-affirmed. It is worth noting that the top priority was that capital funds must be added for remedial action to address recurring sewer backups along 10th Avenue from 77th Street to 86th Street. This is now a public health emergency and it was residents speaking up at our community board meeting that brought this important issue to the attention of our elected officials and city agencies. This was an example of a community board's grassroots level of government and the positive impact citizens can make.

Another issue that has become a recent concern is the number of new smoke shops in our area. The NYS Office of Cannabis Management will be holding virtual information sessions on cannabis dispensaries. Information was emailed to board members and the sessions are scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2023 at 12:30pm, Wed. Feb 1st at 7pm and Thursday, February 2nd at 10am. Additionally, CB10 Police and Public Safety Committee is planning an informational presentation by the NYS Office of Cannabis Management in March 2023. Please look for that date in our upcoming newsletter.

There are also many things to consider with the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign. We will hear more about this in tonight's Traffic and Transportation Committee report. We understand that many have questions and concerns and we encourage members of the community to attend the virtual MTA workshop for CB 10 on February 9th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

And, it is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of another traffic fatality. We recently learned of neighbor Norm Fruchter who was killed by a driver while crossing 68th Street by Owl's Head Park heading toward his home. He succumbed to his injuries earlier this month. We send our deepest condolences to his family and recommit our efforts as a community board to fight for safer streets.

If these issues are important to you, we hope that you will consider applying to be a board member and have an impact on our community's future.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,



Jaynemarie Capetanakis
Chair, CB 10

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

January 23, 2023

Good Evening Board Members:

Happy New Year! I want to begin my report with a quick update regarding Dyker Lights. The District Office is planning to attend an interagency meeting to review this year's organic event. Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, the 68th Precinct, Traffic Control Agents, the Mayor's CECM unit and SAPO provided resource support and we are thankful.

This was a very busy month for the District Office, preparing for important January and February meetings. I want to share 2 important upcoming agency meetings with proposals that will impact Community District 10. The MTA Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign plan. This initiative is described by the MTA as one that aims to comprehensively modernize New York City's bus network and improve service in each borough. The MTA will be hosting virtual workshops by Community District. CD 10 workshop will be held on February 9th via Zoom. Our Traffic and Transportation Committee will be in attendance and is already working on its review of the plan which you will hear about tonight.

The US Army Corps of Engineers New York District is planning two virtual and two in person meetings for the NY NJ Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study. I attended a briefing last week. We are working on setting up a joint Environmental Committee meeting next month with our neighboring Community Board 11 during the month of February.

Last week, I attended and testified at the New York City Council's Oversight Committee meeting on the proliferation of unlicensed smoke shops citywide. I shared CB10's adoption of a resolution calling upon NYS for clear enforcement rules and shared our ongoing concerns about the proliferation of unlicensed smoke shops in Community District 10. The hearing was attended by parent advocates, as well as business owners who are frustrated by the a limited number of licenses issued by NYS. The Administration was represented by cannabis task force members, NYC Sheriff, NYPD and DCWP who are working to crack down on the illegal cannabis market. The NYPD has visited every reported smoke shop in the city.

The Committee promises to also tackle the marketing to teenagers. The NYPD reported that nearly a third of the robberies of smoke shops were committed by teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19. State Senator Kruger, one of the primary author's of MRTA said she is in negotiations with the Governor's office to craft a new state law to address enforcement challenges.

Agency Announcements

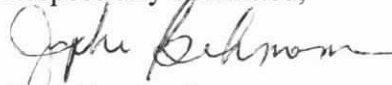
New York City Department of Homeless Services will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) During the annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate

(HOPE), teams of volunteers canvass select areas of the City and count the number of individuals sleeping on the street and in other public spaces, including the subway. HOPE 2023 take place tomorrow on Tuesday, January 24th from 10pm until 4am. You can volunteer to survey homeless individuals if you are 16 or older (those under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian). Willing to work from 10pm to 4am. Please continue to call 311 if you see a homeless person in need. Homeless outreach staff will arrive within 2 hours of a call to reach out to offer assistance.

Sunset Ridge Affordable Housing Virtual Information Session will take place tomorrow and February 27th at 6pm. The Fifth Avenue Committee Sunset Ridge is a new unit with 83 units of affordable senior housing earning less than \$37,000 annually. It includes 53 studios and 30 one bedroom apartments in elevator buildings. The

Our next Community Board Ten Meeting --Monday, February 27th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Josephine Beckmann

District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURERS REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Budget Appropriation for FY 2023

\$267,591.00

	7/31/22	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	1/31/23	2/28/23	3/31/23	4/30/23	5/31/23	6/30/23	V - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$14,818.29	\$10,076.43	\$10,274.00	\$10,274.00							\$65,200.44
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,090.53	\$6,092.28	\$9,123.42	\$6,218.26	\$6,329.49	\$6,337.74							\$40,181.72
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,742.76					\$1,322.38							\$3,065.14
COLLEGE AIDE						\$265.50							
Total Personal Services	\$17,712.15	\$15,961.14	\$23,941.71	\$16,294.69	\$16,603.49	\$16,197.62							\$108,710.80

Expense Code	Description	7/31/22	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	1/31/23	2/28/2023	3/31/23	4/30/23	5/31/23	6/30/23	12/25/98
10B	Telephone	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99							
10X	Int'l City Supplies													
40B	Int'l City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials				176.37									
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office Furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	120.00			120.00									
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel. Communications													
412	Rental/Misc. Equip	325.78	119.61	206.17	207.73	162.89								
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures													
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	51.44	51.44	51.44	51.44	102.88								
613	Office Equip. Maint.													
615	Data Process Equipment													
622	Printing Supplies			82.00										
634	Temporary Services-contractual													
634	Cleaning Services		200.00				200.00							
686	Professional/Computer Services													
684	Professional/Computer Services				588.00									
676	Infrastructure Maint/Operation													
Total Other than Personal Services	\$251.43	\$657.21	\$333.04	\$1,421.97	\$339.16	\$545.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,548.57
TOTAL PS AND OTS EXPENSES	17,963.58	16,618.35	24,274.75	17,716.66	16,942.65	16,743.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	112,259.37

TOTAL UNINCURRED BUDGET BALANCE

\$156,331.63

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Chin
Shirley Chin, Treasurer

**Community Board 10
Parks Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

The members of the Parks Committee met via Zoom on January 17th 2023 beginning at 7:02 pm. We met in quorum for two informational presentations. The District Parks Manager, Christopher Clay, was also in attendance.

The first presentation was from the Partnership for Parks organization, an arm of the NYC Parks Department. Presenters were Curtis Sherrod (Curtis.Sherrod@Parks.nyc.gov 917-699-7772) and Karley Chamblee (Karley.Chamblee@Parks.nyc.gov), who shared the vision and mission of the organization. We were told to consider the parks in our community as our canvas as we the community members are the paint. Partnership for Parks arranges for various activities that take place in our neighborhood parks for all ages. If you have an idea for an activity to enhance the lives of those who frequent the parks this organization can assist and facilitate the event. Some of the recent activities include the Mulchfest that turned our Christmas trees in to mulch as well as leaf gathering events. Another program offered is the "It's my Park Day " which our CB10 Parks committee has participated in prior to the COVID pandemic. We were urged to feel free to contact these representatives if we have any special events we would like to host in the parks.

The second presentation was made by Jimmy Johnson from the Narrows Botanic Gardens. Mr. Johnson gave a detailed talk about the need to address the green space area between the Belt Parkway and the Narrows Botanic Gardens with native plantings and grasses that will provide the necessary food and shelter to countless birds and insects. By planting environmentally acceptable plants and grass, we can change the soil structure and mitigate flooding by increasing the drainage with more porous soil. Mr. Johnson further explained that native plants are those that have been here for the last 15,000 years. Non-native plants are those we have introduced from all over the world. Invasive plants are those that take over an environment. Along Shore Road, 80% of the plants are non-native and invasive. One such invasive plant is the Mugwort which is a leading cause of hay fever and is useless to our environment. Native insects do not eat mugwort. We need to remove this useless mugwort and replace it with native plants such as milkweed, meadow flowers and grasses. These native plantings will bring back

pollinators and native birds to our neighborhood. Narrows Botanical Gardens purchases their native plants from the Staten Island Native Plant Center. They also get help from schools such as Fort Hamilton High School. They do have a small nursery but it is not large enough to supply all the plants they would need. The participatory budget process approved a proposal to begin this work but then the pandemic hit and nothing has been done. Total estimated cost for the plantings and grass purchase and three years of intensive maintenance on these plants would total between \$40,000 and \$50,000. We will follow up with Councilman Brannan to inquire about the status of the budget proposal now that we have returned to a semi-natural state.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leodan Castillo and seconded by Dan Hetteix. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne Gounardes, Chairman
Parks Committee

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Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting , January 19, 2023

The committee met to discuss the MTA Network Redesign.

The MTA did an online presentation in December 2022.

I would like to give special thanks to Board Member Dan Hettix who designed a comprehensive map of the proposed bus changes. It was an incredible help.

The meeting was two hours and as I reviewed the changes today, this report could easily be two hours. To keep it to a reasonable length, I will give a breakdown of the major changes on each line and briefly discuss the most egregious changes.

The MTA does not report ridership per stop on bus lines. This makes it difficult to understand some of the proposals.

B1

Three stops are eliminated. Those stops are on 86th Street between Dahlgren Place and 14th Avenue.

B4

Nine stops are removed. There was lengthy discussion about problems at the Colonial Road 77th and 78th Street stops. This area is at the end of the line. Frequently disorderly passengers are removed from the bus and cause problems in the area. One suggestion was that the line be extended to shore road, at least to Shore Road Park, possibly lengthening the run along Shore Road. The stop at 78th and 4th is to be removed. This stop provides access to the subway.

B8

Five stops are removed. There is a bus stop inside the VA hospital gate. Stops outside the gate are removed. This seems logical but concerns were raised that the stops outside the gate are used by people accessing Dyker Park. The stop at 14th Avenue and Cropsey is also proposed to be removed. This stop is also used for access to the park.

B9

Four stops are removed.

The stop at Narrows and 69th Street is proposed to be removed. This is the location of the new Bay Ridge Center. This could cause difficulties for seniors going to the new center. The stops at 65th Street and 4th Avenue are also proposed for removal. This might cause people to cross 65th Street and 4th Avenue, a very dangerous intersection. It could also be an issue for Bay Ridge Towers residents.

B16

Eighteen stops are removed, at least 5 of those on Shore Road. Most concerning is the removal of the southbound stop at 91st and Shore. This is the most convenient stop for Shore Hill residents. The MTA proposed removing the stop at 4th Avenue at 100th Street. This stop is used as a layover by bus drivers.

They have access to food and especially overnight, it is much less isolated than the layover on Shore Road.

B37

Nine stops are removed. The MTA proposes removing the bus stop at 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue. This is in front of Foodtown. There is a bus shelter and it is a heavily used stop.

IT was suggested that no stops be removed on commercial corridors. We should not eliminate mass transit options on commercial corridors.

B63

Seven stops are removed. One stop to be moved is at 99th and 3rd. This is a difficult intersection with a weird stoplight set up. A traffic study should be completed to consider the impact of moving the bus stop in this area.

B64

Twenty seven stops are removed. Ten of these stops are between 4th Avenue and Shore Road. The MTA reroutes the B64 from 69th Street at 4th Avenue to travel north on 4th Avenue and going to NYU. We do not know why this change was proposed. There will now be very limited service on 69th Street from 4th to the Shore. This limits mass transit access to parks, the pier, Xaverian High School and the new Bay Ridge Center. Concerns were raised about traffic issues at 3rd and 4th Avenues.

B70

Ten stops are removed. This should be reviewed because it is a very busy line.

Express Bus

Eight stops are to be removed in Brooklyn. Elimination of the Wakeman Place stop and the 88th Street stop are both problematic. There are many changes to Manhattan service. There appears to be elimination of mid-town service and serious reductions in service. The MTA does not seem to realize how this bus is used. As a former rider, I can say that it takes less time to get from 4th Avenue and Shore Road to Battery place than it takes to get from 95th Street on the R line to DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. The express bus is used by many people to go into Manhattan for doctor's appointments, shopping and to the theater. Only one subway station in Bay Ridge is ADA accessible. This is a very serious issue.

It appears that the MTA looked only at numbers and an arbitrary distance between stops and not at the human element on how buses are used and how bus stop locations impact riders.

I ask all of you to attend the MTA's February 9 workshop on the bus network redesign. This is just the beginning of the conversation.

Thank you and respectfully submitted,

Doris N Cruz



State Liquor Authority-New Applications and Renewals

Name/Address	Received at CB10	Status
Mussels & More, LTD 510 80 th Street	01/17/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Skinflints Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Skinflints, 7902 5 th Avenue	01/18/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Brooklyn Specialty Foods Inc. d/b/a South Brooklyn Foundry 6909 3 rd Avenue	01/18/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
MVR Restaurant & Bar Corp. d/b/a Las Margaritas Bar & Restaurant 7206 3 rd Avenue	01/18/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
John Hughes Knights of Columbus Club Inc., 1305 86 th Street	01/18-2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Sporting Club Gjoa Inc. 850 62 nd Street	01/25/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Swedish Football Club 725 65 th Street	01/26/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
American Legion Assoc. Inc. 343-345 78 th Street	01/26/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
The Bay Ridge Post of the American Legion Assoc. Inc., 343-345 78 th Street (Duplicate)	01/30/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Sabor Andino #2 Inc, 6314 14 th Avenue	02/02/2023	Renewal Beer, Cider