

Community Board 10 Board Meeting Attendance
February 27, 2023, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th Street

Board Members Present: 33

Salah Altayeb
Ibrahim Anse
Johnathan Bova
Barbara Buchalter-Pollack
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Leodan Castillo
Judith Collins
Richard Day
Carmelo DiBartolo
Chris Elisson
Ann Falutico
Carmen Feliciano
Barbara Germack
Dianne Gounardes
Daniel Hetteix
Habib Joudeh
Stella Kokolis
Daniel Loud
Elizabeth Lovejoy
Stephanie Mahaney
Essa Masoud
Nicholas Massab
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr
Dr. Husam Rimawi
Lawrence Stelter
Henry Stewart
Jana Taoube
Julie Thum
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Jack Zhang

Board Members Excused: 13

Tracie Britton
Doris Cruz
Michael Festa
Senja Frangipani
Stephen Harrison
Justin Hyatt
Jill Infantolino-Hajjar
June Johnson
Nikolaos Leonardos
Anthony Marino
Dean Rasinya
Joseph Sokoloski
Lori Willis

Board Members Absent: 1

Michael Xie

Community Board 10 General Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023, 7pm

Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th Street

YouTube livestream: bit.ly/3HLO5lw

Chair Capetanakis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Capetanakis called for the Adoption of the Agenda. Motion by BM Daniel Hetteix, seconded by BM Daniel Loud. All in favor.

Chair Capetanakis called for the Adoption of the Minutes from the January 23, 2023 Board meeting. Motion by BM Judith Collins, seconded by BM Dianne Gounardes. All in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Justin Brannan:

- Shared budget negotiations have already begun at City Hall.
- Announced that there will be a new express ferry from 69th Street pier to lower Manhattan (Wall Street) in just 20 minutes. This is the fastest way to get to Manhattan from Bay Ridge.
- Announced that a new school site, site #5, is coming to Bay Ridge which will be the first high school built here in 80 years to fill the overwhelming need for seats. There is still a community process and the SCA will come before the Community Board to make sure the community is involved in what the visioning for that high school will look like.
- Office offers free tax prep for all who need, also has the CUNY Immigration Team in the office once per week for anyone seeking assistance
- Acknowledged the 30th anniversary of the World Trade Center 1993 bombing and all the lives lost. He expressed gratitude for the first responders that were there and those who keep us safe every day.

Vito Labella Representing Assemblyman Lester Chang:

- Shared the office is in the process of being opened and running.
- Office location will be on 61st & 8th Ave near Fort Hamilton Parkway.
- Please call or email the office for any assistance at 718-540-8681, labellav@nystateassembly.gov.

Jessica Kallo Representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso:

- Announced that CB Board Member application season is now closed.
- New applicants will receive an email regarding interviews. If not received, please contact her for further information.
- A question was asked regarding who would be the required to have interviews. Jessica replied that new applicants and current Board Members with excessive absences will need to follow the interview process.

Ling Xia Ye Representing Congressman Dan Goldman:

- Shared the Congressman travels to Washington D.C. Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday.
- The office address is 340a 9th Street in Park Slope 718-312-7575.
- The Congressman is on the House Committee on Homeland Security as well as House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

- Discussed his goal on House Committee on Homeland Security is to improve immigration reform and to improve the situation on the border. Goals for Oversight and Accountability are to provide critical transparency to the American people and to hold the bad actors in Congress accountable in order to defend democracy and freedom.
- Feel free to contact the office regarding any service related to federal agencies.

Nancy Lulu Representing DA Eric Gonzales:

- Expressed condolences and sympathy for U-Haul victim Yijie Ye and his family during this time and anyone who was impacted. Their thoughts and prayers are with the families and all the victims.
- Expressed DA's highest priority is keeping people in our city safe.
- Acknowledged the 68th Precinct and NYPD and their efforts that day.
- Announced the DA's paid one week internship in April for Spring break for high school students as long as they meet the requirements. Please see the flyer about the program.
- Any inquires please call the action office at 718-250-2340.
- Thanked everyone and the Community Board 10 for all the work they do.

Rob Aguilar Representing Council Member Alexa Aviles:

- Thanked everyone for attending despite the weather and expressed that these meetings are extremely important to have and to attend. He provided an example to reflect the importance of attending Community Board meetings. At a community meeting their office learned about a serious dumping issue on 61st Street. Their office worked closely with DSNY to clean up 61st Street between 8th Avenue and 12th Avenue. Conditions have improved and DSNY will continue weekly clean ups this area. They also worked to get MTA involved to have the area inside the fence cleaned up as well. They noted that six corner baskets had been thrown over the fence onto MTA property. He stressed that it is important for the community to get involved and bring issues to their attention for action. A comment was made that 62nd Street is also a dumping location. Mr. Aguilar agreed and stated that both sides have since been cleaned and are being monitored.
- The Council Member is hosting a job fair on March 4th in Red Hook where over 30 employers such as FedEx, UPS, NYU Langone as well as many more will be seeking new local employment.
- Announced that Saturday March 11th, free flood barriers will be distributed to help prevent flooding of basements. The event will be held at PS 69 starting at 10am.
- Office also has free tax prep on Monday, Tuesday, & Saturday.
- Thanked everyone and CB10 office as well.

Anthony Carrion, Community Coordinator for Civic Engagement Commission:

- Introduced himself and the agency he represents.
- He covers the boroughs of Manhattan as well as the Bronx
- Has been collaborating with DM Beckmann to coordinate presentations before our committees regarding programs such as The Peoples Money, Participatory Budgeting and Get Out the Vote.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Design plan for McKinley Park Playground Renovation, the Parks Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by Parks Chair Gounardes. See Attached.

Discussion included a question from BM Falutico regarding the park's brick building – the comfort station. BM Gounardes replied that the comfort station is operational and will remain as is since it is not part of this project.

Motion: CB10 to approve the renovation design plan for McKinley Park Playground.
All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE

Parks Chair Gounardes rendered the Committee Report. See Attached.

SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING AND HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Chair Taube rendered the Committee Report. See Attached.

JOINT COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS/YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee Report was rendered by Communications and Public Relations Chair Stewart. See Attached.

Following the report, BM Joudeh, on behalf of the Arab American Association, offered to provide translators stating that they have 200 volunteers who can translate English, French, Spanish and Arabic. Chair Capetanakis thanked BM Joudeh for the generous opportunity.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT

BM Stephanie Mahaney rendered the Committee Report on behalf of Acting Committee Chair Cruz. See Attached.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

BM Joudeh announced that with the holy month of Ramadan approaching they will be celebrating with a lot of food, mostly on 5th Avenue, and he invited all to visit the mosque and the Arab American Association to get acquainted and to learn what the month of Ramadan is about.

BM Stelter gave his opinion of the proposed MTA Brooklyn Bus Redesign Plan. He said that bus service is similar to a utility and should be available when people need it. It doesn't make sense to eliminate bus stops and have seniors walking further to get the bus. He gave an example in Jamaica Queens when MTA eliminated

an overhead subway line on Jamaica Avenue in the 1970s. Once the line was closed, the bustling shopping area just petered out. He equated the current redesign plan to that mishap and said that “MTA is shooting itself in the foot. They are supposed to be a transportation company.”

BM Teri Brennan urged all to consider becoming a poll worker for upcoming elections. Their staff is very limited, and they bounce from station to station to make sure process runs smoothly. She also mentioned the need for translators.

Poll workers receive a paid training once they work the election. Early voting and Election Day poll workers receive the same rate of pay for the day. Oftentimes, people work the Early Voting days and do not show up on Election Day, because it is a longer day. Although it is a long workday, she finds this role incredibly gratifying in helping people vote. She added that they could use the help in June as well as in November. If interested, you can sign up on the Board of Elections website. Chair Capetanakis thanked BM Brennan and added that we have been talking about civic engagement, this was a wonderful thing to share.

Seeing no further business, Chair Capetanakis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by BM Joudeh, seconded by BM Hetteix. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Our community did suffer this past month and we would like to take a moment of silence to remember the victims of the U-Haul rampage that happened in our neighborhood and to remember the victims' families who are also suffering. PAUSE. We also thank our NYPD who did respond as swiftly as possible, and we appreciate them. I understand two of the officers from the 68 Precinct were honored this week for their efforts and we thank them for their action.

This evening I want to continue to advocate for the voices of our community. If you live in this community or work in this community, that makes you a member of this community. Being a member of our community board is one way to play an active role in shaping our community.

This month we are hearing about the New York City Civic Engagement Commission. One of the ballot initiatives from the 2018 Charter Revision Commission established the Civic Engagement Commission. Their job is to help get people involved and, of course, every citizen has the opportunity for involvement by voting. Unfortunately, it is a sad statistic that only about one-third of eligible voters exercise that right. This commission helps to develop plans to ensure access to voter registration, which can begin at our high schools, addressing language access needs at voting sites, and participatory budgeting programs. Collaborating with community-based organizations and civic leaders, including our community board members, is how they can help us to increase civic engagement.

Coming up March 6 to 10th, schools across New York City will be celebrating Civics Week. Civics education is an essential part of every student's core academic experience. The New York City Department of Education launched the Civics for All initiative to strengthen opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge related to democracy. The goal is for all of our students to be engaged community members who can think critically and participate to chart the course that our city and country take. Civics for All helps schools support students in making connections between history, current events, and democracy. Civics Week is a time for schools to celebrate youth voice, civic empowerment, and the importance of registering to vote. Civics Week includes efforts to get every young person to understand that their voice matters and that they can create change as active participants of their community.

This month, I'd like to encourage our board members to speak to the young people in your lives. Maybe they are family members or neighbors. Tell them about how you volunteer your time to your community board to help to connect our neighbors and issues in our neighborhood to the city agencies. Often our role is to offer feedback. While that might seem small to some, imagine if there was no feedback from community members at all. Now, you can understand how our role can actually be mighty. Every young person and every grown up needs to understand that their voice matters and that they can create change as active participants of their community. I encourage you all to share what you know to help our children aspire to be the next generation of board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaynemie Capetanakis, Chair CB 10



DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

February 27, 2023

Good Evening Board Members:

During the month of February the Army Corps of Engineers NY & NJ hosted 2 virtual and in person public meetings for the New York New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries (NYNJHAT) Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study. Special thanks to Tracie Pitcher, Environmental Committee Chair who attended the February 2nd public meeting.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is investigating measures to manage future flood risk in ways that support the long-term resilience and sustainability of the coastal ecosystem and surrounding communities, and reduce the economic costs and risks associated with flood and storm events.

In summary, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing a \$52 billion, 14-year construction plan to build 12 flood gates across our waterways as part of the NY & NJ Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study (HATS). In August 2022 after reviewing a number of alternative plans, the Army Corps selected Alternative 3B which reduces 62.75 percent of risk in the study area and they shared is the best combination of measures - barriers, floodwalls, levees, non-structural and nature-based features to be balanced with cost and construction time. This plan is very technical.. it includes Coastal barriers proposed in East Harlem, Lower Manhattan, southern Brooklyn, and the entire Rockaway Peninsula to protect low lying New York City and surrounding areas from damage caused by future storm surges and flooding.

The Army Corps is soliciting public feedback on their report through March 7, 2023, in order to refine their proposal. We had hoped to host a joint CB10 and 11 joint Environmental Committee meeting in advance of the March 7th deadline. There will be additional comment periods in the future. While we hope to schedule a future meeting, in the interim, Community Board 10 will administratively share for the record CB10's Capital Priority advocacy for coastal flood mitigation measures to protect our coastline and valuable infrastructure including the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant and our CSOs/ Combined Sewer Outfalls.

Last week, I joined interns from the Bay Ridge Center to go out and survey bus commuters in the afternoon on proposed Brooklyn Bus Redesign. We visited bus stops proposed to be removed including 4th Avenue at 65th Street – which serves many seniors and 800 families Bay Ridge Towers and Bay Ridge Avenue from 4th Avenue to Shore Road. I learned a lot going out in the field. There were several commuters waiting for the bus at the 4th Avenue bus stop.. all were non-English speaking. Our surveys are available in multiple languages and will provide feedback to understand the impact of the elimination of proposed bus stops for many commuters especially those most vulnerable our seniors.. as well as those non-English speakers. CB10's Traffic and Transportation Committee will be putting comments together for Board review at the March General Board meeting.

Last week, I joined many CB10 Board Members at the Ground Breaking of the New Bay Ridge Center at 15 Bay Ridge Avenue – center plans to be open by Fall of 2023.

Looking ahead: The District Office is planning several important meetings including a presentation by the FDNY on lithium batteries on Monday, March 13th at the PPS Committee. This following a horrific fire in Community Board 10 at an E-Bike Shop on 11th Avenue, Traffic and Transportation Presentation on the BQE, and our Parks Committee is planning a Park Meet and Greet and Clean up with the Bay Ridge Environmental Group on May 20th.. please save the date!

Announcements

DSNY Waste Setout Times Change April 1, 2023

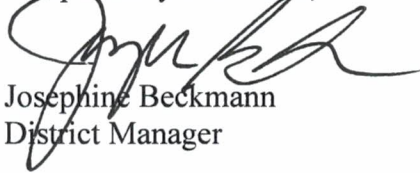
The NYC Department of Sanitation is implementing a new rule to reduce the time that trash, recycling, and curbside composting will sit on sidewalks. The new rule goes into effect **April 1, 2023**. Residential buildings have two options: Place waste out after 6:00 PM in a container of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, or Place waste out after 8:00 PM, if putting bags directly on the curb

To ensure collection, all waste must be set out by midnight.

SYEP Applications are now open – deadline to apply is March 31st.
Sunset Ridge Affordable Senior Housing Application deadline is March 17th.

Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Parade will take place Sunday March 26th from 1 to 4pm. Formation is on Marine Avenue at 4th Avenue and will travel down 3rd Avenue ending at Senator Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURER'S REPORT

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

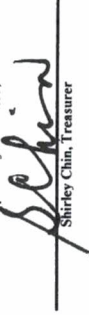
Budget Appropriation for FY 2023											\$267,591.00		
	7/15/22	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	1/31/23	2/28/23	3/31/23	4/30/23	5/31/23	6/30/23	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$14,818.29	\$10,076.43	\$10,274.00	\$10,274.00	\$10,274.00						\$75,474.44
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,090.53	\$6,082.28	\$9,123.42	\$6,218.26	\$6,329.49	\$6,337.74	\$6,321.24						\$46,502.96
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE						\$1,322.38	\$1,338.46						\$4,403.60
COLLEGE AIDE	\$1,742.76					\$263.50	\$232.50						
Total Personal Services	\$17,712.15	\$15,961.14	\$23,941.71	\$16,294.69	\$16,603.49	\$18,197.62	\$18,166.20						\$126,877.00

Expenses Code	Description	7/15/22	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	1/31/23	2/29/2023	3/31/23	4/30/23	5/31/23	6/30/23	4/19/87
10B	Telephone													
10X	Intra-City Supplies	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99						
40B	Intra-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									
322	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		325.78	119.61	206.17	207.73	162.89	118.05						
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip													
451	Local travel expenditures													
602	Telecomm. Maintenance													
613	Office Equip. Maint.	51.44	51.44	51.44	51.44	51.44	102.88							
615	Data Process Equipment													
622	Printing Supplies			82.00										
624	Temporary Services-contractual													
624	Cleaning Services		200.00		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	\$198.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,746.61	

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	17,963.58	16,618.35	24,274.75	17,716.66	16,942.65	18,743.38	18,364.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130,623.61
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TOTAL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE													\$136,967.39
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Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Chin, Treasurer

Community Board 10 Parks Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023
Minutes

The members of the CB10 Parks Committee met in quorum on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7 pm. We entertained presentations from The Nature Conservancy and from the NYC Parks Department.

Emily Maxwell, Director of The Nature Conservancy spoke about this global organization whose mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. They have been in NYC for 10 years. Ms. Maxwell reminded us of the NYC Urban Forest Agenda, an initiative endorsed last year by all the Borough Presidents of NYC to plant an additional 1m more trees. She explained the importance of providing canopy cover to combat the effects of climate change. It is anticipated that by the 2050's to the 2080's we will see 3 to 5 times more extreme heat events and 1 ½ more precipitation events which will cause significant flooding as well as sea rising. Extreme heat is the number 1 weather related killer in the United States. Creating more canopy cover supports increased vegetation which result in a cooler environment. Increasing urban forests benefit the community by managing air pollution, encouraging children and adults to spend more time outside to help keep them active and physically fit and encourage them to socialize, reducing stress, storing tons of carbon and decreasing temperatures. It also provides habitats and refuge for a variety of wildlife and plant species. Forest for All NYC is a coalition of more than 50 organizations whose vision is to provide a healthy, biodiverse, robust, accessible, well understood and resilient urban forest that justly and equitably delivers its multiple benefits to all NY residents. Their goal is to expand canopy cover by 30% by 2035. Closer to home, we have a good amount of canopy cover in Community Board 10 and we advocate additional plantings when we can. In fact from 2010 to 2017, our canopy coverage increased by 3% for a total of 21% in our neighborhood. There is of course the potential to expand even more. It is important to advocate not only for new plantings but to also request larger budgets for the Parks Department and Forest Department in order to maintain existing and new trees. Ms. Maxwell ended her presentation with a request that our Community Board adapt a resolution in support of growth and maintenance of the urban forest and of the NYC Urban Forest agenda. She will be sending along a draft of the resolution which we can tailor to address our specific needs and concerns.

The next presentation was made by members of the NYC Parks Department. James Morris introduced us to Rita Coelho who was the designer of the plans to renovate and update McKinley Park, a 1.1 acre parcel located between 74th and 75th Streets and between 7th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway. It is in close proximity to schools and churches and multifamily houses. Councilman Justin Brannan allocated \$5m to upgrade the active play capacity for the park and neighborhood, to facilitate passive use and community events, and to enhance and add to the environmental amenities of the site. Last May, 2022 the Parks Committee and the general public were invited to a virtual input meeting where we offered suggestions on how the park should be redesigned. This presentation offered the initial design created by the suggestions of the participants. It must be noted that this project does not include renovation of the basketball courts or comfort station. The new design calls for surface and equipment replacement of the outdated facilities. A new ADA compliant ramp will be installed to enter the park off of 7th Avenue. The current entrance to the park in the middle of the block will be closed off and only the two entrances on the corners of 7th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway will be open. Because of the beautiful mature trees throughout the park, this site is considered a Legacy Park. However, two trees that cannot be saved will be removed. Additional trees will be planted as well. There will be two areas with gym equipment, one for younger children and one for older children. These gym structures offer sensory activities and nature colors on their panels. There will be one ADA compliant swing in each of the two swing areas, which will each have four bays with two swings each. The spray shower will be relocated to an area that will not interfere with pedestrian traffic. This spray shower will include in ground showers as well as an overhead shower. The bocce courts will be removed and replaced by grass. These courts are no longer used for their intended purpose and have become filled with illegal dumping of garbage like TVs, tires, refrigerators that require special equipment to be removed. The tree pits and sidewalks on Bay Ridge Parkway will be reconstructed. There will be a drinking fountain with a bottle filler. There will be two rain gardens to collect rain waters. Natural perennial plant pallets will be placed in the rain gardens. Increasing the green areas helps make this a more sustainable park. A suggestion was made to include pollinator plants in this area as well. The benches placed around the park will be those with cut out ends to facilitate those in wheelchairs. The fitness area will be totally renovated with exciting

equipment and new cement. A request was made to provide us with a more realistic rendering of the gym equipment. Questions regarding providing a regular dog run in the park were answered by reminding us that a well constructed dog run requires a good amount of funding and was not included in the funding of this project. The timeline of this project is as follows: Design phase from May, 2022 to May 2023; Procurement phase from May 2023 to May 2024; Construction phase from May 2024 to May 2025. The park would be closed during the construction phase. A motion was made by committee member Jack Zhang and seconded by committee member Leodan Castillo to send a letter to the NYC Parks Department to proceed with the design presented to us at this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. This recommendation will be brought to the Community Board at large at our next meeting.

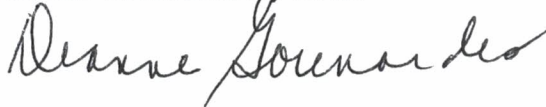
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by 8:25 pm.

Subsequent to the committee meeting, some residents who participated via the zoom meeting sent in comments regarding the proposal put forth from the Parks Department.

In addition, CB 10 District Manager Josephine Beckman and myself contacted James Morris from the Parks Department to discuss the proposed closure of the Fort Hamilton Parkway entrance at 73rd Street. We voiced our concerns about this closure. Mr. Morris advised us that they would take another look at this part of the proposal.

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne Gounardes, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianne Gounardes".

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

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The Senior Issues, Housing, Health, and Welfare Committee of CB10 met in quorum for a meeting via zoom on Monday, January 30th, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was also live-streamed on YouTube for those who could not access it via zoom.

This was an informational meeting with a representative from the Healing Center presenting a program that provides assistance to victims of sexual assault named Project Hope Bethesda; next, there was an update on the progress of the new location of the Bay Ridge Center being 15 Bay Ridge Avenue with their Executive Director Todd Fliedner.

The presentation from the Healing Center was given by Stephanie Rovine, a sexual assault victim advocate with Maria Santiago, an elder justice advocate. To begin, the Healing Center has been an active not-for-profit organization for 22 years and they have a new sexual assault program. The program provides a plethora of resources including court accompaniment, police assistance, and legal and immigrant services. Please note, the presentation is focused on a sensitive topic, and although there will be no depiction of scenes of violence, I will now discuss the details given on the topic of sexual assault.

First off, speaking about sexual assault is a very difficult topic because it makes many individuals feel uncomfortable; however, knowledge is protective, and recognizing the problem is the first step to solving it. Sexual assault includes two elements: sexual contact and lack of consent. For the sake of clarity, consent is freely given, enthusiastic, specific, informed, and reversible. About 46.8% of women report sexual assault in their lifetimes as well as 24.8% of men reporting sexual assault in their lifetimes. Sexual abuse of children is also extremely common with 1 out of 4 girls having experienced it and 1 out of 13 boys having experienced it; remember, children can never consent. Signs of abuse in children can include but are not limited to scratches, scrapes, or bruises in the genital and/or rectal regions, changes in toilet habits, and even drawings with sexual, aggressive, or morbid themes. Sexual abuse among older adults also occurs especially as they are at increased risk of physical frailty and cognitive decline. Perpetrators against older adults are typically younger and in better condition. Signs of abuse among older adults can include but are not limited to STDs, scrapes, blood, changes in behavior, and report of abuse.

After such experiences, individuals may feel overwhelmed, disconnected from their own bodies and surroundings, experience a lack of emotion, and be confused. If someone you know has experienced such a thing, after seeking professional help, it is important to remember to help them create a sense of choice and have them feel safe in the present; somatic healing has also been shown to help. Making these conversations happen and giving presentations is extremely

important to help reduce the stigma and occurrence of sexual assault; if you would like to reach out to the Healing Center, you can email them at srovine@thehealingcenterny.org.

In the second half of our meeting, the Executive Director of the Bay Ridge Center, Todd Fliedner gave us an update on the progress of the new location at 15 Bay Ridge Avenue with many wonderful additional resources. The Bay Ridge Center has been around since 1976 and since then has only grown. In fact, the community is projected to continue to increase as it is estimated that South Brooklyn will house the largest elderly population by 2030, making the need for such spaces incredibly important. The center has been successful thus far with resources for the elderly being provided, including 650 meals on wheels serviced a day.

The new center, located at 15 Bay Ridge Avenue, was awarded a new contract from the NYC Department for the Aging to scale up its services, with the service capacity increasing by 300%. They are currently renovating a two-story, 21,000-square-foot facility located at 15 Bay Ridge Avenue with an anticipated opening after build-out being mid-2023.

The center is a respectful and dignified, safe space for all older adults with many resources including a spacious dining room/café, dedicated fitness studio with advanced exercise equipment designed for older adults, classrooms for arts, education, music, and performance classes, private offices for case management and counseling, and includes a quiet space. The center aims to serve underserved communities with diverse, multicultural programming with sensitivity to religious and cultural mores, including programming for older adults with special needs. The center's design elements include a charging station for hybrid and electric vehicles to prepare for the update of their transportation services, solar paneling, uniquely designed outdoor space, state-of-the-art HVAC filtration, sprung flooring, private gated parking for the center's cars, is handicap accessible and is ADA compliant. An individual with a membership at any older center can utilize the new center and the center is hoping to open the new facility to the elderly by September of 2023. They are currently speaking to physical therapists to also bring this service to the center.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the center; their information can all be found on their website bayridgecenter.org.

With this all being said, the meeting was brought to an end at about 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Taoube

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

Communications Committee Report

The Communications and Youth Services, Education and Libraries committees met jointly on February 15, 2023 by Zoom. In attendance were District Manager Josephine Beckmann, committee chairs Henry Stewart and Stephanie Simone-Mahaney, and board members Sarah Altayab, Teri Brennan, Tracie Britton, Barbara Buchalter-Pollack, Shirley Chin, Judith Collins, Carmen Feliciano, Barbara Germack, Justin Hyatt, Stella Kokolis, Elizabeth Lovejoy and Nicholas Massab. Board chair Jaynemie Capetanakis was also present. BM Stewart chaired the meeting.

Also present were Ivie Bien-Aimé (ibienaime@civicengagement.nyc.gov) and Anthony Carrion (ancarrion@civicengagement.nyc.gov), community-engagement specialists from the city's Civic Engagement Commission, who presented an introduction to the group and what it does.

The CEC was established by ballot initiative in 2018, through a change to the city's charter. It's the first democratically elected commission responsible for restoring civic trust and strengthening democracy by promoting inclusive civic participation by all New Yorkers. They do this through four programs: Democracy NYC, poll-site language assistance, a participatory budgeting process known as The People's Money and community partnerships and education.

In NYC, there are about 5.2 million registered voters. In the last general election, about 35 percent of them voted. Democracy NYC works to increase voter participation through registration, education and advocating for reform. Voter resources include Find Your Poll Site, voting by mail, voter registration, checking your registration status and voter's rights.

There are more than 700 languages spoken in NYC, the most linguistically diverse city in the world (and world history). Almost half of New Yorkers speak a language other than English at home. That's why in NYC there's a right to vote in your language, and to bring an interpreter to the voting booth. The CEC supplements access to interpreters at select polling sites in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Urdu and Yiddish (in addition to the Board of Elections' interpreters).

BM Brennan, a poll worker, thanked the commission for this work, and Ms. Bien-Aimé said she knows first-hand from her work in Flatbush that these services are necessary. She said the Russian community makes the most use of poll-site services.

The People's Money is a citywide participatory-budgeting program that awards \$5 million of the mayor's expense funds annually across the five boroughs. It is distinct from the city council's participatory budgeting program, which is locally focused on only capital projects. All New Yorkers age 11 and older are able to decide how this money is spent on local community projects across the city. It does not matter your immigration or incarceration status.

Elections will be held in May and June, and you can vote by setting up an account at participate.nyc.gov.

The CEC also programs and partners with other city agencies and local organizations to increase awareness, access to city services and education through civic workshops, such as Civics 101 and Voting 101.

It's also forming a community-based coalition of local organizations, the People's Coalition. You can partner with them by emailing info@civicengagement.nyc.gov. A lot of funding goes to the same community-based organizations, and smaller ones don't always get the same opportunities; the CEC can help them to identify funding opportunities earlier. The CEC is so small and new that organizations will find they have a voice with it. It began in August 2022 and wants to be in touch with communities at the ground level.

The CEC wants to promote the People's Money program as well as the upcoming city council elections. It is reaching out to community boards and school-district offices. In March, it will focus on introducing the commission to the public; in April, it will focus on participatory-budgeting workshops; and in May, in ranked-choice-voting workshops in the lead-up to the elections to get the word out through organizations such as our own.

Chair Capetanakis suggested reaching out to schools for the department of education's Civic Week in March. She also offered to facilitate a meeting between CEC and school district 20. Carrion said they had a meeting next week about it, and that he would reach out. District 20 participates in Civics for All curricula. Bien-Aimé said CEC met with family-support coordinators in districts 20 and 21, who invited the commission to meet with parent coordinators and provided contacts for the community-education councils and Title 1 President's Council.

BM Brennan emphasized how important poll-site interpreters are. She said her poll site has Spanish and Chinese interpreters if they're lucky. CD10 has a large Arab-American population but no Arabic ballots or translators. She has sometimes coopted voters to translate Arabic or French. She asked if CEC could creatively address this. She also said full staffing at the site is 25, but often there are only 10 workers. This might impact voters' experiences. Perhaps CEC could encourage people to sign up to work at poll sites. Carrion said the commission has a grant from NYC Service to unroll a volunteer program. The volunteers will be used for tabling and canvassing, but they could prioritize volunteers with Arabic or other language skills in certain areas. Bien-Aimé has also experienced polling-site issues with translators. CEC is new but its impact, she believes, will grow with time. Right now it's identifying community members with language skills that can volunteer and also help raise awareness of community needs, which can get more funding allocated. Carrion said at the end of workshops, such as Voting 101, they can promote information about paid positions at polling sites, as well as at tabling events.

DM Beckmann asked how the district office could be helpful and partner with CEC. CD10 has seen the need for language access. The district office can promote CEC events, programs and outreach initiatives, in the newsletter and at future meetings. Bien-Aimé said she would follow up about the People's Power Coalition, and they are always willing to come back to provide more information.

BM Hyatt said he works with an organization that works with young people, and he asked how he could reach out to have the CEC do a presentation. Carrion said he could contact them directly, and they would send him an event-request form.

Carrion said he did not want CEC to be a nuisance but a constant presence at the community board, providing updates during public session and inviting us to workshops on ranked-choice voting and participatory budgeting. DM Beckmann said the district office provides voter registration forms and has posted banners in multiple languages and has asked for forms in multiple languages. During the last election cycle, the office distributed more than a hundred; in the presidential election, even more. She said the office has gone through a whole case of forms, and the office was presently out of forms.

Carrion also said CEC would be happy to participate in community-board events. Bien-Aimé said the People's Money program is looking for artists, and she would send the information to the district office.

There being no more questions or comments, a motion was made to adjourn, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Stewart



Traffic & Transportation Committee Report – February 27, 2023

On February 9, the MTA hosted a “Bus Network Redesign Forum” for southwest Brooklyn.

Many CB10 members and local residents were in attendance. DM Beckmann has summarized the comments in a PowerPoint presentation.

The MTA said that they were limiting comments to 30 seconds. I identified myself as a representative of CB10 and they afforded me more time.

I focused on the comments from previous T&T meetings on the redesign.

Committee Members in attendance were concerned about the removal of bus stops on the B37 (3rd Avenue Bus) at 90/91 street on both directions. These stops service Foodtown and their removal is not warranted.

Committee Members in attendance were concerned about removal of the B16 stop at 90th Street and Shore Road. This stop services Shore Hill residents and residents of many multiple dwellings in the area.

Committee Members in attendance were concerned about the rerouting of the B64 west of 3rd Avenue. The B64 would be rerouted to provide access to NYU/Lutheran. However, removal of access to Shore Road via Bay Ridge Avenue would limit access to high schools and to local parks. And most importantly it would limit access to the new Bay Ridge Center at Bay Ridge Avenue and Narrows Avenue. The MTA was unaware of the new Bay Ridge Center location.

I suggested that the B4 bus terminate at Shore Road, not on Narrows Avenue. The MTA indicated that they would look at this possibility.

Committee Members in attendance were concerned about the many changes to the Express Bus Service. The MTA does not seem to realize how important mid-day service is to area residents and how inaccessible other mass transit options are to residents of the Shore Road area. And it was noted by many that the Express bus is the only handicap accessible option for many riders. One local resident very clearly described that lack of access to mass transit for residents of the Shore Road area. He also demonstrated the need for buses to service all of Shore Road.

I also mentioned that the removal of the express bus stop at 88th and Shore would be detrimental. This is an area with many multiple dwellings, and again, very poor access to mass transit.

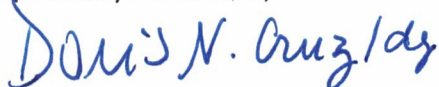
I noted that CB10 is fortunate to have many parks and that all should have mass transit access.

CB10 is the terminus/end of the line for all of the buses that serve the community. Most of the delays in bus service is on service into CB10, not leaving CB10. I recommended to the MTA that they work at clearing bus stops of illegally parked vehicles at bus stops.

The MTA plans to do community outreach at two locations, 92nd Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway and at 86th Street and 4th Avenue. This is inadequate. I recommended that they include 86th Street and 5th Avenue and 92nd Street and 5th Avenue during the evening rush. I also recommended outreach at Shore Road between 3rd & 4th Avenue and at 88th Street and Shore Road.

I encourage everyone to attend CB10's March 2, 2023 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris N. Cruz / ds".

Doris N. Cruz, Acting Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY-NEW APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

Name/Address	Received at CB10	Status
V & M Pizzeria Inc. Vesuvio 7303 3 rd Avenue	02/07/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse 8812-8814 4 th Avenue	02/09/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
King Souvlaki 8402 3 rd Avenue	02/13/2023	Renewal Wine, Beer, Cider
GORM REST. INC. Hunter's Steak & Ale House 9404 4 th Avenue	02/15/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Galanilla Inc. The Hideout 8415 5 th Avenue	02/21/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Pippins Pub 8814 3 rd Avenue	02/21/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Las Puertas Hospitality Group LLC 8320 3 rd Avenue	02/16/2023	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
To Restaurant & Bar, Inc. Euphoria 834 62 nd Street	02/27/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer, Cider
Something Greek LLC 7616 3 rd Avenue	03/06/2023	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Luliano's Trattoria Corp. 7902 3 rd Avenue	03/06/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Lil Frankie's of Bay Ridge LLC 279 71 st Street	03/06/2023	**New Application Wine, Beer & Cider
Birria Mania NYC Inc. 7508 3 rd Avenue	02/24/2023	**New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
HOM Imports Corp. 8810 3 rd Avenue	03/09/2023	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider

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