

Community Board 10 Board Member Meeting Attendance
March 20, 2023; 7:00PM; Knights of Columbus

Board Members Present: 27

Salah Altayeb
Ibrahim Anse
Teri Brennan
Tracie Britton
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Leodan Castillo
Judith Collins
Richard Day
Carmelo DiBartolo
Chris Elisson
Carmen Feliciano
Michael Festa
Senja Frangipani
Dianne Gounardes
Justin Hyatt
Jill Infontolino-Hajjar
Daniel Loud
Stephanie Simone Mahaney
Nicholas Massab
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr
Husam Rimawi
Lawrence Stelter
Henry Stewart
Julie Thum
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Jack Zhang

Board Members Excused: 19

Jonathan Bova
Barbara Buchalter-Pollack
Shirley Chin
Doris Cruz
Ann Falutico
Barbara Germack
Stephen Harrison
Daniel Hetteix
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Stella Kokolis
Nikolaos Leonardos
Elizabeth Lovejoy
Anthony Marino
Essa Masoud
Dean Rasinya
Joseph Sokoloski
Jana Taoube
Lori Willis

Board Members Absent: 1

Michael Xie

Community Board 10 General Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023, 7:00 pm, Knights of Columbus, 1305 86th Street
YouTube Livestream: bit.ly/3HLO5lw

Chair Capetanakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Capetanakis called for the Adoption of the Agenda. Motion by BM Julie Thum, seconded by BM Dr. Husam Rimawi.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Capetanakis called for the Adoption of the Minutes from the February 27, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion by BM Judith Collins, seconded by BM Michael Festa.

All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

Jessica Kallo representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso:

- Greeted the audience and reminded all that the reappointment season is over and if you haven't already, you will be receiving an email regarding reappointment status.

Nancy Lulu representing DA Eric Gonzalez:

- Greetings on behalf of DA Eric Gonzalez and noted that March is Women's History Month. She acknowledged all the incredible women here in the room and thanked them for all they do.
- DA Gonzalez moved to vacate wrongful conviction of a man who was wrongfully convicted of a 1990 murder after pleading guilty. To date, the work of the conviction review unit has resulted in vacating 35 convictions since 2014. The Unit is currently investigating 50 cases and is committed to correct past injustices. To learn more about the details of this case or others, visit their website at thebrooklynda.org
- The office will be holding a Women's History Month event on March 29th and the flyer shared with the Community Board.
- A drug take-back event to get rid of unused medications and to safely dispose of them will take place in partnership with DEA on April 21st. There will be several locations to drop off medications and as an incentive, gift cards will be given to those who participate. A flyer for this event will also be given to the Community Board.
- As always, please feel free to call the Action Center at 718-250-2340 with any issues

Richie Barsamian representing Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny:

- Greeted everyone, stated he is the director for Community Affairs for the Assemblyman, who is in Albany at this time working on a fair, common sense NYS budget
- Announced that the Bay Ridge office is up and running and is located at 310 93rd Street; office phone number is 347-560-6302. Office is ready to assist with any questions or concerns on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am - 4pm.

- Although not within the Assembly Member's District Lines, he expressed concern and great sadness for the two lives were lost and those victims remaining in critical condition when two vehicles collided today on 18th Avenue and 64th Street. He expressed his wish that they rest in peace and asked for prayers and thoughts for the families of the victims.

Chair Capetanakis echoed those sentiments in respect for our neighbors and community members who were lost today.

Maureen Dolan Murphy:

- Speaking on behalf of the Bay Ridge Towers residents occupying a total of 811 apartments, many whom are seniors spoke about the proposed bus re-design. The proposal includes elimination of the bus stop at 65th Street and 4th Avenue. This would make it difficult and dangerous for the seniors to access the bus.
- The MTA claims safety comes first, but how can that be when they already removed the B9 stop on 3rd Avenue a few years ago.
- What the MTA is proposing for the seniors is the opposite of safe especially by keeping stops at 69th, 67th, and 63rd Streets and eliminating the stop at 65th Street. Seniors have difficulty walking, but the high school students can manage to walk further, so the 67th Street stop should be eliminated, not the 65th Street stop.

Kevin Murphy:

- Is a retired bus operator who drove in Bay Ridge for over 24 years.
- States the bus changes are not made by people who live in the neighborhood.
- Spoke about the planned elimination of the B37 stop at 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue – this is the stop near Food Town that seniors use to go grocery shopping
- They are also not considering the illegal parking at the bus stops which is a big problem
- Wheelchair users, and he knows a wheelchair passenger who always takes the bus at 92nd Street, will have to access the bus at 90th or 95th Street on 3rd Avenue and wheel herself home if the 92nd Street stop is eliminated
- Mentioned the whole line up of buses that wait at Fort Hamilton High School on Shore Road between 85th and 83rd Street every day at dismissal, so students do not have to walk to catch the bus, yet he does not understand why the bus stop at Senator Street cannot be moved to 65th And 4th and let the students walk a block and a half rather than inconvenience seniors.

Judith Grimaldi and Pierre Lehu:

- Ms. Grimaldi greeted all and stated she was very happy to be back in the room with her former fellow Board Members.
- Stated that to honor Joanne Seminara's memory and to acknowledge her strong commitment and dedication to the community during her life, there is an effort to dedicate the Art Room at the new Bay Ridge Center as a lasting tribute and memorial to Joanne who passed in December of 2022. They are requesting that donations be made in Joanne's name to fund the art room. Joanne's husband, Pierre Lehu, thanked all for the opportunity to memorialize his wife in such a creative and innovative way. Donations can be made at the following website:

<https://tinyurl.com/brcseminara>

Chair Capetanakis thanked Ms. Grimaldi and Mr. Lehu for the opportunity to hear about this creative and innovative way to inspire members of the community in Joanne's memory and added that we always feel Joanne's inspiration here at Community Board 10.

PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of a new SLA liquor/wine/beer/cider application for Las Puertas Hospitality Group, 8324 3rd Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209, 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 application for Las Puertas Hospitality Group, 8324 3rd Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209, 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 Sunday-Thursday 10AM-11PM, Friday and Saturday 10AM-1AM.**
- 6. There will be no smoking permitted.**
- 7. The doors and windows shall remain closed with any amplified music.**
- 8. Background or recorded music sound levels will remain below the level permitted by NYC Noise Code.**
- 9. The applicant may be hosting parties such as birthdays and anniversaries and may be utilizing and an occasional DJ. When DJ is utilized, the applicant must stop the music by 11PM.**
- 10. Once SLA license is obtained the Committee/Community Board may call upon the applicant to address any concerns that may arise.**
- 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 any such change.**

Discussion began and a question was asked if the owner had addressed the complaints on file. Chair Elisson clarified that the restaurant is not open yet, and those complaints were for other establishments in the area and have since been addressed.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of MTA Proposed Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Plan for CB10, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by BM Stephanie Simone Mahaney representing Acting T&T Chair Doris Cruz. See Attached.

Discussion began and BM Brennan expressed that she just does not understand how the proposal makes sense, and that if the same number of people are using the bus and they make the stops more spread out how does the MTA justify the saving of time? To her, it sounds irrational and arbitrary. DM Beckmann responded by saying she agrees with the community's concerns and mentioned that she believes it was the redesign plan for the Bronx that turned out after completion the time savings was negligible.

Motion: Community Board 10 to write a letter to the MTA denying the proposed Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Plan including the Board's comments detailing the most egregious changes included in the proposal.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair Chris Elisson rendered the report. See Attached.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

BM Stephanie Mahaney rendered the Committee report in the absence of Committee Chair Anthony Marino. See Attached.

Motion: CB10 to approve the application for 3rd Avenue Festival between Bay Ridge Avenue and 94th Street on October 1st, 2023, from 10:00am-6:00pm, with the following stipulations:

- **NYPD amplified sound permit to end at 6pm**
- **Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Third Avenue Merchants and all applicants MUST adhere to NYC Noise Code Regulations and NYPD rules relating to Sound Permits. A list of permits must be provided to Community Board Ten.**
- **DSNY must begin cleaning at 6pm and cleaning must commence at Bay Ridge Avenue and alternate each year (for 2023 must commence at 94th Street)**
- **All SLA licensed premises applying for one day outdoor use must submit a signed letter notifying Community Board Ten that their SLA licensed premises received the SAPO**

Festival Rules as well as the Stipulation Agreement with Community Board Ten and will comply with all rules during both events.

- **Violations of SAPO Rules will be subject to enforcement. In addition, the Community Board will submit complaints of rule violations with documentation to SAPO, NYPD and SLA.**
- **Establishments that do not obtain a one-day SLA Permit will NOT be permitted to serve alcohol. Festival Marshalls must report any vendor or business selling alcohol to NYPD for enforcement.**
- **Distribution of Festival regulations to all participating vendors and merchants.**
- **The Third Avenue Merchants as sponsor will attend an interagency meeting organized by Community Board Ten with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SLA, SAPO and DOT.**

27 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 recusal – BM Day. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued and BM Vellucci questioned how the SLA license one day rules are enforced and what the consequences of non-compliance are. DM Beckmann responded by stating that fortunately she is happy to report that there hadn't been any issues on 3rd or 5th Avenue in a number of years. The one year they did have an issue was due to the origin of an establishment and they were told midday of festival they had to stop selling alcohol. We had asked that they not be licensed to serve alcohol the following year, but the establishment was no longer in business, so there was no issue. Now with outdoor dining sheds, most establishments already have that outdoor license and those that do not have one are aware they have to apply for that one-day outdoor license to serve. The merchants have a list of all licensed premises, and if an issue were to arise, the Marshalls would report to NYPD. The Marshalls do a great job at enforcement.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the application for the 5th Avenue Festival on June 4, 2023, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on 5th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 85th Street with the following stipulations:

- **NYPD amplified sound permit to end at 6PM**
- **Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District and all applicants must adhere to NYC Noise Code Regulations and NYPD rules relating to Sound Permits. A list of permits must be provided to Community Board Ten**
- **DSNY must begin cleaning after event closes at 6PM.**
- **All SLA licensed premises applying for one day outdoor use must submit a signed letter notifying Community Board Ten that their SLA licensed premises received the SAPO Festival Rules as well as the Stipulation Agreement with Community Board Ten and will comply with all rules during the event**
- **Violations of SAPO Rules will be subject to enforcement. In addition, the Community Board will submit complaints of rule violations with documentation to SAPO, NYPD and SLA**
- **Establishments that do not obtain a one-day SLA Permit will NOT be permitted to serve alcohol. Festival Marshalls must report any vendor or business selling alcohol to NYPD for enforcement**
- **Distribution of Festival regulations to all participating vendors and merchants**
- **The Fifth Avenue BID as sponsor will attend an interagency meeting organized by**

Community Board Ten with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SLA, SAPO and DOT

27 in favor, one recusal - BM Day, Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the application for the Holy Cross Greek Cultural Festival on September 21-24, 2023, from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm (set up 10:00 am and breakdown by 9:30 pm) on Ridge Blvd. from 85th Street to 86th Street with the following stipulations:

- **That the music will end at 10:00 PM**
- **All rides will be removed by Tuesday following the festival**

26 in favor; two recusals - BM Day and BM Elisson. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 approve the application for the Iftar Feast on April 12, 2023 on 5th Avenue from Ovington Avenue-72nd Street, from 8:00 am to 10:30 pm

All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Mahaney continued to render the T&T Committee Report regarding BQE repair updates. See Attached

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUISNESS

BM Vellucci raised concern about drug abuse and overdoses and requested Narcan training, similar to the training that took place a few years ago where Narcan was provided for Board Members to take home. She asked if it would be possible since fentanyl seems to be rampant in our community. DM Beckmann agreed and will work to set up a presentation.

Seeing no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by BM Gounardes, seconded by BM Stewart. Chair Capetanakis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY BOARD 10

Date/Time: March 13, 2023/7:00 PM

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Place: Via Zoom

Quorum: Yes (See attached)

New SLA License for Liquor for Las Puertas Hospitality Group

Premise: 8324 3rd Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209

This is a new on premises liquor application. The applicant, Mr. George Ortiz and co-owner/manager Ms. Tiffany Ortiz Medina were present, and present was their attorney, Mr. Neil Visoky. The premises will operate as a restaurant with background music and an occasional DJ will be used for parties. The applicant currently does have an SLA license for another restaurant located at 1120 Cortelyou Road Brooklyn, NY. The hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday 10AM to 11PM and Friday and Saturday 10AM to 1AM. There will be outdoor seating as per DOT Covid regulations. Members of the public did speak and voice concerns. The majority of concerns were on noise and disorderly conduct of patron when they leave the premises.

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 Sunday – Thursday 10AM- 11PM, Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 1AM.
6. There will be no smoking permitted.
7. The doors and windows shall remain closed with any amplified music.
8. Background recorded and /or music sound levels will remain below the level permitted by NYC Noise Code.
9. The applicant may be hosting parties such as birthdays and anniversaries and may be utilizing an occasional DJ, when a DJ is utilized, the applicant must stop the music by 11PM.
10. Once SLA license is obtained the Committee/Community Board may call upon the applicant to address any concerns that may arise.
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 any such change.

The applicant has agreed to the above stipulation. The committee met in Quorum; The vote was in favor.

A presentation on e-bikes and fire safety was given by FDNY Captain Jerry Rocco from the Fire Department Education Unit. With the increase incidents of lithium batteries causing fires, the FDNY has set out to educate the public on safety. Lithium batteries are not just in e-bikes they are also in many cordless power tools, laptops and even in your cell phones. There have been several fires attributed to e-bike batteries with fatalities. Some of the fires can be attributed when the batteries get damaged or using generic batteries and chargers.

Laws can be enacted for e-bikes, but the public may, at times, will not abide by the laws. He stressed that buildings could set their own rules. Currently e-bikes are banned in all NYCHA housing and Metro Tech. Individual buildings can set their own rules regarding e-bikes. Charging of any lithium batteries should not be done when people are sleeping. Even cell phones have caught fire, though it is uncommon it has happened. E bikes should never be charged by entrances and exits and charging should be down outside.

Capt. Rocco informed the committee that last year there were 99 fire fatalities and this year 14. Some of the types of fire incidents are as follows:

1. Smoking, he stressed if you are a smoker to consider smoking outside and properly extinguishing the cigarette preferable in water.
2. Kitchen fires, never put water on a grease fire it would only spread. Deprive the fire of oxygen by covering it or use something to smother it like baking soda which may be handy in your kitchen. Also have a fire extinguisher handy in the kitchen, preferably mounted by the entrance.
3. Natural gas, if you smell it call 911.
4. Home extension cords should not be used for anything that produces heat like microwave ovens, electric ovens, and space heaters. They should be plugged directly into an outlet. Also, if you're not using the appliance unplug it.
5. Power strips should not be used with extension cords plugged directly into them. They have been known to overheat.
6. Home wiring can be a cause of fires. Light switches and outlets that are not working should be changed, call an electrical contractor to replace them.

Smoke alarms should be in working order, newer ones last for about 10 years and have a sealed battery. In smoke alarms that have a removable battery it should also be checked frequently and if you remove the battery for any reason make sure you put it back or replace the alarm with a newer model. Homes should have a combination of smoke and carbon monoxide and be tested at least once a month. People should also pay attention when an alarm is sounded. Close doors when exiting to contain the fire from spreading. Fireproof buildings are usually 7 stories or more and have no fire escapes. If a fire is in this type of building you can stay in your apartment. Venturing into a smoke filled hallway you can be overcome by smoke with only 3 breaths. Have a meeting place outside where you can meet such as a corner or by a tree outside, this way you can account for loved ones.

Capt. Rocco also informed the committee that the Red Cross also provides a service for smoke alarms. You can call (877) 733-2767. The Red Cross will come to your home and see what you need and also install it for free. Also for hearing impaired there is a device that goes under the mattress and shakes when the alarm is sounded. This can also be provided by the Red Cross.

Prevention is everything and always have a plan and practice that plan. Know if you live in a fireproof building. Have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes. Do not charge anything with lithium batteries while sleeping.

The Fire Department Educational Unit can do presentations to any community group that requests it. Contact Fire Educational Unit at (718) 281-3870.

The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Elisson,

Attendees:

CB 10 District Manager, Josephine Beckman

CB 10 Chair, Jaynemie Capetanakis

PPS Committee:

Chair, Chris Elisson

BM Judith Collins

BM Elizabeth Lovejoy

BM Ruth Greenfield Masyr

BM Sandy Vallas

BM Lori Willis

BM Michael Festa

BM Barbra Vellucci

BM Jonathan Bova

BM Jill Infantolino-Hajar

Absent Committee members:

BM Michael Xie

BM Nikolaos Leonardes

BM Husam Rimawi

Applicants:

George Ortiz

Tiffany Ortiz Madena

Neil Visoky Esq.

FDNY Presentation:

FDNY Captain Jerry Rocco

Addition to the Police and Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, March 20, 2023

Adams signed five bills into law on Monday, all intended to combat the growing threat of lithium-ion battery fires.

- 1) The first bill requires the FDNY to work with the New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) to develop an informational campaign to educate the public on the risks of lithium-ion battery fires.
- 2) The second requires those same agencies to publish materials that provide guidance on the safe usage and storage of e-bikes and e-scooters.
- 3) The third prohibits the sale, lease or rental of e-micromobility devices that fail to reach established safety standards.
- 4) The fourth requires the FDNY to submit regular reports on lithium-ion battery fires and provide recommendations for amendments to the administrative code that could help prevent future fires.
- 5) The last bill prohibits the sale, assembly or reconditioning of lithium-ion batteries using cells removed from used storage batteries.

Traffic and Transportation Committee Report – Bus Redesign March 2023

The committee met in quorum via zoom on March 2, 2023.

This meeting followed earlier T&T meetings and an MTA forum on the bus redesign.

Other community boards have objected to the redesign because the MTA offered no data on ridership for any bus lines. Our committee felt it would be more effective to object to the redesign and highlight the unique mass transit conditions in CB 10 and to detail the most egregious changes for CB10.

CB10 is often described as a transit desert. At the launch of the new direct ferry service from the 69th Street pier to Wall Street, sponsors of the plan describe south Brooklyn as a transit desert. Mayor Adams was quoted saying South Brooklyn is a transit desert.

CB10 is also home to a large and growing senior population. Our seniors need convenient and reliable mass transit. Especially bus service because there is limited access to subway service for wheelchair users and others with mobility issues.

The city is working on a carbon neutrality plan. Reducing mass transit options does not make sense when trying to reduce the carbon footprint of the city.

The committee made a motion to send a letter to the MTA as follows -

CB10 is a transit desert. Large areas of the community are far from subways and have very limited bus service. CB10 is home to a large and growing senior population that needs access to bus service. Making bus service more inconvenient will increase the dependence on cars and is contrary to a plan to create carbon neutrality.

We are opposed to elimination and relocation of bus stops in CB10. We highlight these proposed changes.

B1 – Removal of the bus stop at 86th Street and Dahlgren Place will be detrimental because a new middle school is under construction at this location and elimination of the stop will create crossing hazards on a busy thoroughfare.

B4 – The route should be extended to terminate at Shore Road. This would eliminate problems on Narrows Avenue. It would provide access to Shore Road Park, to playgrounds, ballfields, and many sponsored events. It would improve access to local high schools.

B8 – We are opposed to moving the bus stop at 14th Avenue and Cropsey. This is across from Dyker Beach park with playgrounds and ball fields. It is a dangerous crossing

B9 – We are opposed to the removal of the stop at Bay Ridge and Narrows Avenue. The Bay Ridge Center which serves many hundreds of senior citizens is scheduled to open at this location in the fall. Easy and safe access to the center is a high priority.

We are also opposed to the elimination of the east and west stops at 65th Street and 4th Avenue used by Bay Ridge Tower residents – an 811 family Mitchell Lama complex. Eliminating this stop would force users to go to another stop. If they are travelling north to downtown Brooklyn, or Manhattan the next subway station going north is the 59th Street station. Users would be forced to cross 65th Street and 4th Avenue, under the Gowanus Expressway and one of the most dangerous intersections in CB10.

The District Office received a petition from the Bay Ridge Towers

The Bay Ridge Center also created a survey with 161 commuters – 151 indicating they would be impacted by B9, B64 changes..

The Bay Ridge Towers submitted a petition opposed to changes with 364 signatures.

B16 – The bus stop at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 77th Street serves PS127. It should not be removed. The stop at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 68th Street serves the Public Library. It should not be removed. The bus stop at Shore Road and 91st Street serves the Shore Hill Senior Apartment complex with close to 600 apartments (and soon to be several hundred more apartments). Access for seniors, guests, support staff, medical providers should not be moved.

B37 – We oppose the removal of the bus stop at Third Avenue and 92nd Street. This stop is in front of a local supermarket. There is a bus shelter and bench which indicates that it is heavily used. The stop at 4th Avenue and 100th Street provides easy access to doctors offices and local shops (a deli and takeout restaurant) which are used by bus drivers. It should not be removed and bus drivers should be consulted before any action is taken. This also applies to the B16.

B63 – We have heard concerns from seniors about the removal of stops on 5th Avenue at Senator Street, 72nd Street and 77th Street. Removal of these stops should be reconsidered.

In one of the many meetings the CB10 held about bus redesign, it was said that no bus stops be removed on commercial corridors. The B37,B63 and B16 serve commercial corridors. We should encourage residents to use mass transit to patronize local businesses. We should not make it more difficult.

B70 – The B70 line is the main route to Brooklyn’s Chinatown. No bus stops should be removed on such a heavily utilized line.

B64 – We are opposed to the rerouting of the B64 at 4th Avenue. Providing access to NYU Langone is important but it will severely limit access at 69th Street/Bay Ridge Avenue to The new Bay Ridge Center, local high schools (a new 200+ school is scheduled to open soon), to Shore Road Park, to the Narrows Botanic Garden, to Owl’s Head Park and to the ferry at the 69th Street pier.

It should be noted that there is no bus service on Shore Road. It is not possible to travel north and south on Shore Road. Elimination of any access to Shore Road is not warranted.

And

Express Bus Service – We are opposed to the changes to Express Bus service. As noted, CB10 and especially the Shore Road area is a transit desert. Stops should not be eliminated. Terminating service in lower Manhattan is not acceptable. Forcing riders to transfer to other buses or the subway will lengthen their commute. The redesign does not take into consideration how buses are used and by whom buses are used. Morning and Evening bus service is for commuters. But many midday users are seniors, people with mobility issues using the bus for doctor’s visits, shopping, theater, etc.

The plan was created with a map and with a concept of how stops should be placed. It does not take into consideration how buses are used and by whom buses are used.

The motion was seconded, we met in quorum.

Any discussion.

Respectfully submitted.


Doris Cruz

Acting Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

Good evening and Happy March! Here in Bay Ridge, we are still celebrating St. Patrick's Day and look forward to the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 26, 2023. The parade will run along 3rd Avenue starting at Marine and down to 67st Street and is an event enjoyed by all. In fact, tonight's agenda items from the Traffic and Transportation committee include events that make our neighborhood special. This includes votes for permits for the festivals, street fairs, and strolls that bring our community together, support our merchants, and invite others into this beautiful neighborhood. These events contribute to making our community a vibrant and thriving place to live and work. As each event comes up, I invite you to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

March is also Women's History Month. This month serves as a time to honor the achievements and contributions that women of all backgrounds have made throughout the history of the United States, both by remembering those who paved the way in the struggle for gender equity in the United States, and by recognizing the history-makers and barrier breakers of today. In 2023, the theme for Women's History Month is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," which "honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade." Here in our community, one of our local schools, PS/IS 30 is named for Mary White Ovington, who was born in Brooklyn and was an American civil rights activist, suffragist working for voting rights, and journalist. She worked with the National Consumers League in efforts to end child labor and close sweatshops, and was co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where she served in leadership positions for four decades, joining people of all races working together to fight oppression.

When we think about the theme of "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," I also encourage you to remember the importance of the stories of our own grandmothers as part of Women's History. Do the young people in your family know those stories? When I think of my maternal grandmother, I think about what it must have been like for her to come to America through Ellis Island as the oldest of four children after the death of her mother in Italy. The challenges of living in poverty, only having had minimal schooling in her hometown and marrying in her teens as was the expectation of the time. She went on to have nine children and visiting her apartment was like going to a restaurant; her whole day was spent cooking and preparing meals. My paternal grandmother also came to America from Italy, and she and her new husband were able to buy a house and open a shoe repair shop in the front. My paternal grandmother quickly had eight children and then suddenly as the children were growing, my grandfather died. My grandmother became a businesswoman, and had to rent out the shop, rent out rooms in the house, and she would make sandwiches or soup to sell to the customers coming for shoe repair so she could afford to keep her home and support her children. My heart swells with appreciation for the struggles and courage of these hard-working everyday women. Recalling even a bit of their stories reminded me of just how important it is to remember our own female ancestors. Perhaps you'll be inspired to remember, or even interview, one of your female elders. If you are fortunate to have a living matriarch in your family or maybe you are that matriarch, tell your younger family members what it was like to be a woman when you were young. Women's history is our history when we take time to remember it and share it with others.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaynemarie Capetanakis, March 19, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaynemarie Capetanakis", written over the typed name and date.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

March 20, 2023

Dear Board Members,

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and George DiGrande for their hospitality and support of Community Board 10. The District Office has been working on setting up a number of Committee meetings and I want to highlight a few for you.

Next week our Parks and Environmental Committee will begin planning a local park clean up with the Bay Ridge Environmental Group. The Clean Up date is set for Saturday, May 20th with a location to be determined soon.

On March 30th – The Traffic and Transportation Committee will host a review of Open Streets for Schools application for Bay Ridge Prep and review newly released (as of today) rules for NYC Permanent Open Streets program. I emailed the new rules to the entire Board today. Since there is a small window for comments, you are all invited to attend or share your comments in advance for Committee review.

The March 30th Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting with participants attending via Zoom or in person from CB10 District Office.

On April 4th the Environmental and Zoning and Land Use Committee will be reviewing a presentation from the Office of Environmental Remediation for Voluntary Clean Up Program application submitted by Watermark Capital LLC for the property located at 6128 8th Avenue formerly known as 6200 8th Avenue. We have invited our neighboring Community Board 7 Members to attend as the property falls within our border. It remains unclear why there was an address change. It also seems as the project is proceeding as of right and not requiring a Special Permit to build over the railroad right of way – as previously required. The proposal is currently for a 27 story mixed use tower building with full cellar and partial sub-cellar level. This will be discussed in further detail at the meeting.

As we all know there is a citywide rat problem and in Bay Ridge we have a number of locations that experiencing rat sightings and community members call regularly. This Thursday, the Brooklyn Borough President's office is hosting a Rat Academy at the Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch 10 Grand Army Plaza on March 23rd from 6 to 8pm. It is recommended for community gardeners, property owners, neighborhood associations, local businesses, building superintendents and staff.

Announcements

Reminders

The 68th Police Precinct will be meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd 7pm at the Bay Ridge Towers – 260 65th Street – Meeting Room.

The Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 26th. The parade forms at Marine Avenue/3rd Avenue at 1:00 pm and runs along 3rd Avenue to 67th Street. The grandstand is located on 77th Street.

I attended a meeting with our local BIDs and merchants regarding the NYC Department of Sanitation's implementation of 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.

Residents

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.

Businesses

Businesses that place waste at the curb* for collection have two options:

- If using a container with a secure lid, place waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM

* This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

Remember, containers must be removed from the curb by the time your business reopens.

I also want to remind all to please read our newsletter – eblasts as well as our Website.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, April 17th at 7pm right here at the Knights of Columbus.

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

\$287,591.00

	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	Y - T - D
DISTRICT MANAGER													
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$9,878.86	\$9,878.86	\$14,818.29	\$10,076.43	\$10,278.00	\$10,278.00	\$10,278.00	\$10,278.00	\$6,329.49	\$6,329.49	\$6,329.49	\$6,329.49	\$85,748.44
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$6,090.53	\$6,082.28	\$9,123.42	\$6,218.26	\$6,329.49	\$6,337.74	\$6,321.24	\$6,329.49					\$52,832.45
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,742.76					\$1,322.38	\$1,338.46	\$1,407.26					\$5,810.86
COLLEGE AIDE						\$763.50	\$232.50	\$379.96					
Total Personal Services	\$17,712.15	\$15,961.14	\$23,941.71	\$16,294.69	\$16,603.49	\$16,197.62	\$16,166.20	\$18,390.71					\$145,267.71

Expense Code	Description	7/31/22	8/31/22	9/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	1/31/23	2/29/2023	3/31/23	4/30/23	5/31/23	6/30/23	8/30/97
108	Telephone	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99	79.99					
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials				176.37									
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
120	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office Furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	120.00			120.00				120.00					
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		325.78		119.61		206.17		162.89		118.05		207.73	
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip													
451	Local travel expenditures													
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	51.44	51.44	51.44	51.44	51.44	102.88		51.42					
613	Office Equip. Maint.													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies			82.00										
622	Temporary Services-contractual													
624	Cleaning Services		200.00		200.00		200.00		200.00					
686	Professional/Computer Services													
684	Professional/Computer Services				588.00									
676	Infrastructure Maint/Operation	\$251.43	\$657.21	\$333.04	\$1,421.97	\$339.16	\$545.76	\$198.04	\$659.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,405.75
Total Other than Personal Services	\$251.43	\$657.21	\$333.04	\$1,421.97	\$339.16	\$545.76	\$198.04	\$659.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,405.75
TOTAL PS AND OTIS EXPENSES	17,963.58	16,618.35	24,274.75	17,716.66	16,942.65	18,743.38	18,364.24	19,049.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149,673.46

TOTAL UNCOMMITTED BUDGET BALANCE

\$117,917.54

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Chin
Shirley Chin, Treasurer

Traffic and Transportation Committee Report
2023 SAPO Festival Applications
March 2, 2023

On March 2, 2023, the Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum and on Zoom. We also met to review and vote on Festival permits. The 5th Avenue Festival, Holy Cross Festival and the 3rd Avenue Festival. Dan Teixeira, President of 3rd Avenue Merchants, Chip Cafiero – 5th Avenue Events and Holy Cross Church representatives in attendance.

3rd Avenue Festival: 10/1/2023

Event ID: 685137

Event time: 10 am – 6 pm (setup 8 am, breakdown 8 pm)

Location: 3rd Avenue between Bay Ridge Avenue and 94th Street

Motion: CB10 to approve the application for the 3rd Avenue Festival, located at 3rd Avenue between Bay Ridge Avenue and 94th Street, on 10/01/2023, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, (set up 8:00 am and breakdown by 8:00 pm) event 685137, with the following stipulations:

- NYPD amplified sound permit to end at 6pm
- Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Third Avenue Merchants and all applicants MUST adhere to NYC Noise Code Regulations and NYPD rules relating to Sound Permits. A list of permits must be provided to Community Board Ten.
- DSNY MUST BEGIN CLEANING AT 6PM and CLEANING MUST COMMENCE At Bay Ridge Avenue (for 2023 must commence at 94th Street) and alternate each year.
- All SLA licensed premises applying for one day outdoor use must submit a signed letter notifying Community Board Ten that their SLA licensed premises received the SAPO Festival Rules as well as the Stipulation Agreement with Community Board Ten and will comply with all rules during both events.
- Violations of SAPO Rules will be subject to enforcement. In addition, the Community Board will submit complaints of rule violations with documentation to SAPO, NYPD and SLA.
- Establishments that do not obtain a one-day SLA Permit will NOT be permitted to serve alcohol. Festival Marshalls must report any vendor or business selling alcohol to NYPD for enforcement.
- Distribution of Festival regulations to all participating vendors and merchants.
- The Third Avenue Merchants as sponsor will attend an interagency meeting organized by Community Board Ten with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SLA, SAPO and DOT.

5th Avenue Festival: 6/04/2023

Event ID: 683999

Event time: 10 am – 6 pm (setup 8 am, breakdown 8 pm)

Location: 5th Avenue between Bay Ridge Avenue and 85th Street

Motion: CB10 to approve the application for the 5th Avenue Festival, located at 5th Avenue between Bay Ridge Avenue and 85th Street, on 6/4/2023, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, (set up 8:00 am and breakdown by 8:00 pm) event #683999, with the following stipulations: (Sane as 3rd Avenue –)

-NYPD amplified sound permit to end at 6PM.

- Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District and all applicants must adhere to NYC Noise Code Regulations and NYPD rules relating to Sound Permits. A list of permits must be provided to Community Board Ten.
- DSNY must begin cleaning after event closes at 6PM.
- All SLA licensed premises applying for one day outdoor use must submit a signed letter notifying Community Board Ten that their SLA licensed premises received the SAPO Festival Rules as well as the Stipulation Agreement with Community Board Ten and will comply with all rules during the event.
- Violations of SAPO Rules will be subject to enforcement. In addition, the Community Board will submit complaints of rule violations with documentation to SAPO, NYPD and SLA.
- Establishments that do not obtain a one-day SLA Permit will NOT be permitted to serve alcohol. Festival Marshalls must report any vendor or business selling alcohol to NYPD for enforcement.
- Distribution of Festival regulations to all participating vendors and merchants.
- The Fifth Avenue BID as sponsor will attend an interagency meeting organized by Community Board Ten with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SLA, SAPO and DOT.

Holy Cross Greek Cultural Festival: 9/21/2023 – 9/24/2023

Event ID: 687296

Event time: 10 am – 10 pm, including set up and breakdown

Expected attendance: 500 - 999

Location: Ridge Blvd, 85th – 86th Street

Motion: CB10 to approve the application for the Holy Cross Greek Cultural Festival, located at Ridge Boulevard between 84th and 86th Streets, on 9/21/22 through 9/24/2022, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, (set up 10:00 am and breakdown by 9:30 pm) event #687296, with the same stipulation be put in place as last year That the music will end at 10:00 PM and an additional one to remove all rides by Tuesday

Iftar Feast: 4/12/2023

Event ID: 686819

Event Time: 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

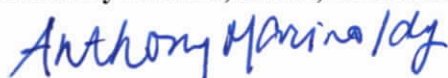
Location: 5th Avenue, 71st – 72nd Street

No prior stipulations – Although this is not a new event – as it was previously hosted by Balady Supermarket, this year, the 5th Avenue BID is sponsor of the Iftar Feast closing one block on 5th Avenue from 71 to 72nd Street for safety that will allow greater community participation from residents and merchants.

Motion in favor of the Iftar Feast on April 12, 2023 was supported by members of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Marino, Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee



Traffic and Transportation Committee

March 16, 2023

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on March 16th 2023 via Zoom. The Department of Transportation provided an update on the BQE reconstruction plans. In attendance were Leroy Branch and Danielle Zuckerman, director of Government Affairs for the DOT.

The Adams Administration's primary focus is the city-owned portion of the BQE which spans from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street. It is very old and needs repairs urgently. The administration would like to take advantage of the once in a generation federal funding opportunity by the bipartisan infrastructure law to get federal money and get it fixed once and for all.

The city owns 1.5 miles of the BQE (12%) and NY State owns 10.6 miles of the BQE (88%). The city owned portion includes the triple cantilever. The BQE was built 1937-1964 with the city-owned portion constructed 1944-1948.

There are more than 130,000 daily vehicles, including 13,000 trucks that travel along this vital freight corridor for the region. The triple cantilever is a unique structure. The Administration is also concerned about the effects the BQE has on community. There is also hope to include a sustainable, resilient and cutting-edge design that would include recycled concrete and steel, marine delivery of construction materials, storm water management, green walls and other sustainable elements. The goal is to engage top firms to present a variety of new concepts, responsive to community input.

There is a corridor-wide strategy

1. **BQE CENTRAL** (Atlantic Ave to Sands St) Move forward on long term fix. Prepare for environmental review process Capitalize on federal funding
2. **BQE NORTH and SOUTH** Improve public space, safety and mobility along the BQE corridor in Brooklyn. (short-term) Design and implement vision to reconnect communities (Long term)
3. **FREIGHT DIVERSION** Interagency planning and implementation to divert trucks from local streets.

The Engagement Approach - Community engagement will guide Mayor Adams' and DOT's decisions about the future of the full Brooklyn BQE Corridor. The approach is to be inclusive, transparent, and consistent. DOT wants to hear from as many people as possible. DOT will offer a variety of ways to provide input, both online and in-person, at various meetings to accommodate varying schedules and preferences.

Engagement methods will include, but not be limited to: ◦ Public Workshops (in-person, virtual options) Regular Community Visioning Council Meetings ◦ Online Platforms for Community Input Topical working groups ◦ Collaboration with Community Partners. The Community

Visioning Council (CVC) guides the engagement process. It includes representatives such as elected officials, civic and tenant associations, industry, small business organizations, environmental justice and transportation advocates.

Members act as ambassadors from their communities to NYC DOT to advise on the engagement process and support communication between NYC DOT and broader constituencies. All community input will be valued equally as the CVC meets regularly throughout the process, including meetings of geographic and topically-focused subgroups.

DOT Community Partners help lead grassroots engagement. \$25,000 provided to 18 community-based organizations to prioritize:

- Equitable access to visioning through tailored events and activities
- Momentum-building and individual supports for participation in the visioning processes, including for childcare, food, and transportation
- Grassroots information sharing and feedback

There is a long list of community partners, and engagement is done in 18 community groups in 23 languages/dialects. Over 45 activities to reach folks and involve the community.

There is a project timeline - BQE Central 2023 – the plan is to make urgent repairs as needed. Continue monitoring the structures. More workshops, more engagement, more community outreach.

This fall, prepare for Environmental review. Design and construction target is 2027.

Committee Discussion. The following questions were asked:

What does DOT mean by PROMOTING was the first question? DOT explained the term promoting was used to boost events and posts on social media. It was suggested that PROMOTING might mean bolstering what is already done, as opposed to listening to ideas and comments of the community. It was felt the word PROMOTE implies things are already done. A better word should be used and suggested. The word “discussing” was suggested and it was changed.

Would sensors that detect overweight trucks still be considered? There are sensors able to detect overweight trucks and there is a delay due to international codes not being comparable with American standards. There is lots of red tape and there is no precedent in the country and codes need to be updated. The NYPD is still targeting trucks and there is hope the sensors will be able to be used.

There was a suggestion that there must be a way to funnel trucks onto the BQE faster and keeping them off the local streets. Truck reduction is something that is being suggested and using other forms of transportation including maritime transport. There was a suggestion for the freight mobility unit to come to CB10 to give us updates on that.

There was a question about City and State collaboration and funding? – City DOT is in regular communication with State DOT, and there is hope they might come on board in a meaningful way. Regardless of NYS, NYC will do everything they can to improve everything they have control over, both short and long term.

Another question is why is there a city and state portion? The portion of the city BQE was built before there were federal highway standards. There wasn't a real concrete answer.

Has NYC DOT identified any areas in Bay Ridge or CB10 that could benefit from the resiliency plan? There is a multi-agency look into certain areas that might benefit from resiliency upgrades. If we have specific areas we can provide DOT with recommendations/suggestions.

How has the response been to the workshops and outreach? There has been a lot of interest. Many people attending virtually. Partner programs reaching out, and lots of engaged people. Lots of existing interest in the BQE Central updates.

That concluded this informational meeting.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Marino" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Marino, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY-NEW APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

Name/Address	Received at CB10	Status
M & K Bar Entertainment Corp. Status Q 8218-8220 3 rd Avenue	03/13/2023	*New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Dyker Park Hot Bagels Inc. 713 86 th Street	03/15/2023	Renewal Beer & Cider
Artichoke Bay Ridge LLC 9102 4 th Avenue	03/23/2023	Renewal Beer & Cider
Campania Brick Oven Pizza LTD 9824 4 th Avenue	03/23/2023	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Lil Frankie's of Bay Ridge 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
Encore 10005-09 4 th Avenue	03/27/2023	**Corporate Change Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

*Will be invited to present the application at the Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting in April 2023.

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