

Community Board Ten Board Member Attendance
May 15, 2023 – Fort Hamilton Senior Center 9941 Fort Hamilton Parkway

Board Members Present: 43

Salah Altayeb
Jonathan Bova
Teri Brennan
Tracie Britton
Barbara Buchalter-Pollack
Jaynemie Capetanankis
Leodan Castillo
Christopher Cesarani
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Richard Day
Carmelo DiBartolo
Elizabeth Edmonds
Chris Elisson
Carmen Feliciano
Michael Festa
Senja Frangipani
Barbara Germack
Stephen Harrison
Daniel Hetteix
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Nikolaos Leonardos
Pierre Lehu
Daniel Loud
Elizabeth Lovejoy
Stephanie Simone-Mahaney
Anthony Marino
Essa Masoud
Nicholas Massab
Ruth Greenfield-Masyr
Marie Mirville-Shahazada
Danielle Mowery
Dean Rasinya
Husam Rimawi
Lawrence Stelter
Henry Stewart
Jana Taoube
Julie Thum
Sandy Vallas
Barbara Vellucci
Lori Willis

Board Members Excused: 4

Ann Falutico
Dianne Gounardes
Joseph Sokoloski
Jack Zhang

Board Members Absent: 3

Ibrahim Anse
Justin Hyatt
Stella Kokolis

Community Board 10 General Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023, 7:00pm, Fort Hamilton Senior Center – 9941 Fort Hamilton Parkway
You Tube 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 Hetteix, seconded by BM Rasinya.

All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Chair Capetanakis called for the Adoption of the Minutes from April 17, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion by BM Britton, seconded by BM Collins.

All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Chair Capetanakis welcomed newly appointed Board Members including Christopher Cesarani, Elizabeth Edmonds, Pierre Lehu, Marie Mirville-Shahazada, Danielle Mowery.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ling Xia Ye representing Congressman Dan Goldman:

- Shared that their office is receiving many requests for passport assistance as we enter summer peak travel season and urged all to check expiration dates and submit renewals in a timely manner
- Congressman Goldman co-sponsored bipartisan legislation in Congress that aims to tackle the regulation of electric batteries due to rise in fires associated with them. She explained that many e-batteries are imported, of inferior quality and not easy to regulate locally. Congressman Goldman is working with the NY delegation and other Congressional members to establish federal oversight to improve safety.

Gabrielle Woods representing Council Member Justin Brannan:

- Announced summer events including Silent Disco, Greenmarket in Walgreens parking lot every Saturday at 8am, Movies Under the Stars in various public parks (next one coming up this Sunday, May 21st at Cannonball Park).
- Encouraged all to reach out if they need assistance by calling their District Office at 718-748-5200 or askjb@council.nyc.gov.

Jessica Kallo representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso:

- Greeted all new Board Members and congratulated all Board Members that were reappointed.
- Invited all to AAPI Heritage Month celebration at Borough Hall – information available on website.
- Survey Cards are available to review and provide input on Brooklyn Comprehensive Plan.

Nancy Lulu representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez:

- April 24th, the Brooklyn DA's office along with AG's office in the NYPD held a successful buyback event – 90 firearms turned in at the event.
- Urged everyone to visit Brooklyn DA's website at brooklynda.org

- Encouraged anyone in need of assistance to reach out to their Action Center at 718-250-2340

Rob Aguilar representing Council Member Alexa Aviles

- Council Member Aviles attended the Rent Guidelines Board's preliminary vote on this year's proposed increase of 16%. Council Member Aviles joined a soft protest against the increase.
 - Rent Guidelines Board voted: For one year-lease on or after Oct 1st, 2023, or before September 30, 2024, proposal of two to five percent increase; two-year lease on or after Oct 1st, 2023, or before September 30, 2024, proposal of a four to seven percent increase
- Announced CM Aviles will be sending a letter of support to Chair Garodnick of the Department of City Planning regarding 6200 8th Avenue.
- Board Member Sandy Vallas asked if CM Aviles supports increases in real estate taxes/water charges for property owners. Mr. Aguilar responded and explained he would bring back these concerns to CM Aviles.

Richie Barsamian, representing Assembly Member Alec Brook-Krasny, wished all in attendance a good evening.

Samia Ajahmi, representing Senator Iwen Chu:

- The district office opened May 1st – 6605 Fort Hamilton Parkway and is open from 10am to 5pm. Staff can accommodate 10 languages.
- Announced passage of a new bill where non-public schools can have access to free menstrual products.

CB Chair recognizes and thanks the 68th Precinct representatives in attendance Police Officers Santini and Ahmed.

Victoria Hofmo spoke about the proposed high school on Ovington Avenue:

- Provided an analysis of schools between 67th to Ovington from 6th Avenue to 3rd Avenue
 - PS 170 has 912 students, IS/PS 30 – 968, Lutheran Elementary – 142 (all on same block as proposed high school)
 - Telecommunications – 1273
 - New public school on 3rd Avenue – 330
 - Bay Ridge Prep – approx. 100 students in the upper grades
 - PS 102, 71st and 3rd - 1298 students
- Stressed that this is not a good site and supports adaptive reuse for senior housing

June Johnson, Community Board 10 Member

- Shared concerns about graffiti on 5th Avenue and throughout community

Steve Pinello, Resident

- Stated he is a member of recreational center Fort Hamilton Senior Center that does not only consist of seniors but also teenagers, children and adults with special needs, etc.
- He is concerned about crossing the street in front of the Fort Hamilton Senior Center. He stated that cars do not yield when pedestrians are crossing the street.
- Requesting a traffic study for this intersection.

DM Beckmann responds that a request in the past has been made, will submit another to DOT

Yvonne Zhao, Bay Ridge Library Branch Manager

- Announced library closure for a couple of weeks, services will still be provided online (e-books, audiobooks, librarian services), librarians will be reassigned to nearby library branches.
- Holds will be shipped to the Fort Hamilton branch
- When re-opened, there will be a brand new Teen Tech Center
- Shared that libraries are facing a significant budget cut and asked that we continue to help the library
- Left some materials to write letters to mayor/elected officials requesting to restore library funding

Joseph Walsh, Member of Fort Hamilton Senior Center

- Represents a group of 700 people that play pickleball at 66th Street/8th Ave. across from old Dustbowl at Leif Ericson Park
- People come from all over New York to play and cannot find the pickleball area
- The late Peter Lovett, Ft. Hamilton Senior Center Manager, helped seniors keep moving, playing pickleball during pandemic by going every day to set up portable pickleball nets at this location
- Suggests the pickleball area should be renamed to “Peter Lovett Pickleball Park”

DM Beckmann shared she would reach out to Mr. Walsh regarding the application to rename this for Peter Lovett.

Habib Joudeh, Board Member

- Schools are needed in neighborhood and in order to handle overcrowding we must build new schools

PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of a review of New York School Construction Authority proposed site selection for a new approximately 676 seat (including District 75 Special Education) high school facility at 441-447 and 425-439 Ovington Avenue.

Board Member Stephanie Simone-Mahaney, Chair Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee rendered the Committee Report and Recommendation.

BM Loud commented that there are more families coming into Bay Ridge and he sees a need for a new high school in Bay Ridge as we have an overcrowding issue.

BM Vellucci, a former teacher and administrator at Fort Hamilton High School (FHHS) commented that the new school will not alleviate anything at FHHS. BM Vellucci shared unrealized promise to relieve overcrowding at FHHS when Sunset Park HS was built.

BM Willis commented on SCA’s flawed site selection process. This site is out of character, impractical and unrealistic. The justification that the site has the right dimensions does not mean it’s a good site (considering other factors). They are not limited to zoning restrictions so they can bulk this up. Getting so many children in and out of school at this location is highly impractical and not realistic.

BM Barbara Germack asks why SCA would build a new high school when children are going to school in an apartment house next door. This is not an ideal location.

BM Brennan was originally leaning in favor of this site but was shocked by DOE's inability to answer basic questions, particularly when they came to second meeting. A major fundamental question is why they allow Fort Hamilton High School to be so overcrowded. BM Brennan cannot imagine a business model that does not look into all of these issues, the need, the space and the consumer. Rather SCA starts with a site, and then builds a site and then discusses what type of programs they will put in a school. This does not work for high school as a high school needs computer rooms and has other programming needs. SCA does not plan correctly. They are spending millions of dollars and not planning.

Chair Capetanakis added that the annex next to PS/IS 30 is a leased apartment building. One of the areas they turned down for the high school was 362 Ovington Avenue (next to PS/IS 30). This is not a correct size for a high school but could have been an additional space for PS/IS 30. The SCA said no to this site.

BM Danielle Mowery asked who owns the property and if they considered if it was a good fit for a high school, or perhaps first two grades of Telecommunications.

BM Greenfield-Masyr suggested other sites such as 6200 8th Ave and other locations.

DM Beckmann answered that the CEC did submit other locations to SCA in the northern part of district. The other site was the Santander site (with 3 street frontages). This is a comparable site, 31,000 square feet. At that time SCA said there was no need for a high school.

BM Vallas shared in 2012 FHHS was at 5,100 students and 4 shifts. Now we are at 4,100 students. He noted very little decrease in students at Fort Hamilton HS, as it is still at double capacity. The modules in front of the school became permanent because more seats were needed. The construction of Sunset Park HS was expected to relieve overcrowding. Back in the day, Telecommunications didn't accept zoned schools. Students come from afar from other boroughs to attend schools in District 20 and the DOE should address overcrowding.

Chair Capetanakis explained the new high school admissions process was instituted in 2021. As part of this new process, students have a choice to apply to any school, as long as they are a NYC resident and an 8th grader. When alleviating overcrowding in a zoned area, it is not necessarily due to the admissions policy. This is beyond Community Board 10's purview to change.

BM Thum was disturbed after lack of honesty from SCA representative Steve Gonzalez in his response to BM Cruz asking about a Shore Road site being considered as an alternative location that was explored for a high school when it had already been purchased by Bay Ridge Prep. We never received an answer for site on 5th Avenue/88th Street that would be a good site (R7 zone) as it is 31,000 sf. This is a better site for high school since it has three street frontages. She disagrees with it being on Ovington Avenue, since as a high school it makes no sense. She suggested the site be considered for an elementary or junior high school.

BM Joudeh commented that a lot of kids from Bay Ridge are going outside the district for high school. He sees a need for a high school. He states that the Nathan's site has one frontage. BM Simone-Mahaney responded the Nathan's site is a middle school and has two street frontages.

BM Rasinya followed up on the comment above. The committee recommended that the SCA look at Santander bank site for a high school, but so far, the SCA has refused to consider this site.

BM Willis stated that DM Beckmann distributed the information on the task at hand to vote on the matter of the site selection of this location. BM Willis asked to call the question.

A public member comments that there could be a high school if something can be done about narrowness on block and congestion. Suggested no parking on the block for 2-3 hours during middle of day. Everyone on the block has a parking spot except those in the apartment building.

BM Hetteix commented that there has not been a new high school built in past 80 years because it is difficult to find space. Personally, he adds the site is not great and doesn't think any site would be great. He thinks it's not about Fort Hamilton overcrowding rather about how the community is willing to make it work and help all students in the entire borough and city, not just Bay Ridge. He concluded by stating that if you are not going to vote for the site that is fine, but do not be opposed to the site because it's not going to solve the problem at Fort Hamilton HS, as he feels so many students need help.

BM Mirville-Shahazada who works at Fort Hamilton High School, agreed there is overcrowding but it has improved. She states there is also a shortage of teachers. She knows the community needs high schools. However, it is an injustice to all surrounding schools to add another school to a very congested location. She believes the site is not a good site. She added that the DOE chose not to give data/figures so easily. BM Mirville-Shahazada has a problem with any agency that does not provide us with the facts. CEC has provided alternate sites.

BM Mahaney explained the vote: if voting in favor of motion, you are voting to reject the site.

Motion: Community Board 10 rejects the New York City School Construction Authority proposal for a High School facility at the site of 441-447 and 425-439 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn.

While recognizing that there is a need for District 20 and District 75 seats, Community Board 10 does not believe that the proposed site is appropriate for a new high school facility based on the following significant impacts and concerns:

1. Saturation of schools in the immediate area surrounding the proposed site

There is a Kindergarten to 2nd Grade Annex with nearly 300 students immediately adjacent to the site and a private Nursery to 8th grade school with over 142 students directly across the street.

There are over 4500 students who attend school in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site:

- a. IS/PS 30 -968 students**
- b. Lutheran Elementary School-142 students**
- c. High School of Telecommunication Arts & Technology-1273 students**
- d. PS 170 -912 students**
- e. P.S. 102 – 1298 students**
- f. 6740 3rd Avenue (still under construction) - 330 students**

The proposed facility's addition of 676 students, in conjunction with the opening of the school at 6740 3rd Avenue, will result in approximately 5600 students converging on this small area of Bay Ridge, all utilizing the same local streets.

2. Proposed site is located on a densely populated, narrow, 30 ft wide, one-way residential street and provides only one street frontage for a high school facility

The proposed facility will be limited because it will have only one street frontage. This will potentially hamper entry, dismissal, routine safety drills, and emergency responses or evacuations.

The addition of 676 Students High School complex on a one-way residential block with 2 existing schools on a narrow 30-foot-wide street will impede emergency vehicles and exacerbate traffic and overcrowding on Ovington Avenue as well as on the adjacent streets, sidewalks, and on mass transit, specifically at the Bay Ridge Avenue subway station.

- 3. The proposed site will add significant impacts on police, student safety, traffic, and transit.**

The two remarkably dedicated NYPD crossing guards assigned to the Ovington Avenue and 4th Avenue intersection are already challenged by dangerous traffic conditions, excessive congestion, and aggressive drivers in their efforts to keep hundreds of school children, their families and caregivers, and pedestrians safe.

The Bay Ridge Avenue station is already congested with High School/Middle School/Private School students at dismissal.

Parents expressed safety concerns of two high schools in very close proximity and problems that could arise – fighting, bullying, etc.

- 4. Many community members (residents, parents, representatives from the Community Education Council) do not support a new high school in an already highly saturated area. Many expressed a need to explore alternative sites with SCA with greater identified need.**

The proposed site would force elementary and middle school students to utilize the same areas as the high school students

- 5. Public Input for siting and land use is limited to this 45-day review process.**

The School Construction Authority can build a school facility that is outside current zoning regulations. Public schools are exempt from the ULURP process. Therefore, environmental reviews, height, bulk, and density changes require only Mayoral Approval via City Planning Commission and do not require a public review process. Therefore, this is our only opportunity to provide advisory recommendations regarding this site.

- 6. The proposed site will not address the overcrowding that has been identified in District 20, specifically at Fort Hamilton High School because high school seats are open to applicants from throughout New York City.**

Neither the SCA nor the DOE could provide information as to whether the students would come from outside or within District 20. Nor could they confirm whether the school would be restricted to zoned students, become a Specialized High School, an Annex, or a Charter School as questioned at the Citywide Council of High School Meeting.

The SCA proposed this high school as a class size reduction project to alleviate overcrowding at nearby high schools, but it is not able to quantify the number of students that would come from

Fort Hamilton High School or the High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology to attend the new school.

The proposed high school facility in Bay Ridge does not address the seat need that exists in the broader District 20 area.

33 in Favor; 7 Opposed - BM Day, BM Loud, BM Hetteix, BM Massab, BM Joudeh, BM Bova, BM Stewart; 1 Abstention - BM Mowery; and 1 Recusal BM Capetanakis

- Request to add that SCA revisit the Santander site for high school.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

DM Beckmann responded to BM Johnson's earlier discussion on graffiti – graffiti complaints rise in the spring because there are certain temperatures where graffiti cannot be removed. She encouraged everyone to report locations to 311, NYC has a graffiti-free program, and the 5th Avenue BID also removes graffiti.

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Chair Anthony Marino rendered the T&T Committee Report and Recommendation. See attached.

In the matter of a review of an Open Streets for Schools application submitted to the New York City Department of Transportation by PS 185 for a full street closure on Ridge Blvd between 86th and 87th Streets – Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 2:00pm from September 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024, Committee discussion began.

BM Vallas requested clarification on “full street closure.” BM Marino clarified that Ridge Blvd. between 86th and 87th Street, both ways, will be closed.

BM Masyr asked for clarification on the number of students using the street for recess, as it seems four hours is a long time.

Principal of PS 185, Rena Goudelias, clarified lunch period starts at 11:00 am. They want to give a little time for students to enter which will likely be closer to 11:00am. Children will go out from 11am to 1pm. Lunch period ends at 1:10.

BM Marino clarified the application is for one year.

BM Barbara Germack states it's a bad idea as traffic is very bad at this location. BM Marino clarified there will be four teachers and/or volunteers out on each side as well as additional staff to supervise the students.

Principal Goudelias clarified it will be four parents on each side plus the barricades and school aides as well as administrators to supervise students on the street. She explained it does get hectic at 8:30 am and again at 2:25 pm (dismissal), but it is not as busy in the afternoon.

BM Marino clarified this application is temporary in response to construction due to scaffolding and construction at the site and it is a temporary fix.

BM Hetteix shared there are no driveways on that block. BM Marino commented that 87th Street was suggested, but it would be more intrusive as it is a longer block with many driveways. Ridge Blvd. has no driveways, so it's easier to manage.

BM Simone-Mahaney said they voted against another school for the same reasons or similar reasons, but street concerns are still the same and she understands that the bike lanes would be closed. She added that with the other school there were concerns with cyclists using the sidewalk like delivery drivers with motorized vehicles (except cars).

BM Marino responded that they know it's a concern and the faculty will make a request for all deliveries to use the side street entrance.

BM Edmonds thinks it is a great idea and positive for students to be able to use outdoor space for play.

BM Mowery supported the idea and wished her child had this opportunity when his school was impacted by construction in school yard.

BM Brennan commented that they put up with the closing of Ridge Boulevard by Bay Ridge Prep for no necessary reason. This application makes sense, and she supports it.

BM Willis asked if there have been any direct comments or emails from residents to DM Beckmann. DM Beckmann responded that the Board did a full public notice to all the streets surrounding as well as posting in the apartment building, and the only comments received were favorable.

BM Marino called the question for street closure for PS 185

Motion: To send a letter of support to the New York City Department of Transportation in favor of an Open Street application for P.S. 185, a full street closure on Ridge Blvd. from 86th to 87th Street, Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm from September 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

All in favor 39; Opposed 2 - BM Simone-Mahaney and BM Germack; Recusals 2 - BM Loud and BM Capetanakis. Motion carries.

Next, in the matter of an Open Streets application for 3rd Avenue Merchants Summer Stroll on July 21, 2023 and August 4, 2023 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm along Third Avenue from 68th Street to 83rd Street; and July 28, 2023 and August 11, 2023 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Third Avenue from 83rd Street to Marine Avenue. BM Marino rendered the report and recommendation. Discussion followed.

BM Harrison asked about businesses that serve alcohol and requirements of selling outside during the event.

DM Beckmann clarified that businesses that serve alcohol and participate in the Open Restaurant Program and filed an alteration permit with the State Liquor Authority have the ability to serve beyond their licensed premises (outside). Those businesses that do not participate in the Open Restaurants program can participate in the Summer Stroll or Festival if they file for a New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) permit for the event. DOT rules do not allow the sale of alcohol for the Open Streets events, but SAPO (Street Activity Permit Office) rules require a temporary permit to sell outside during the special event.

Motion: To send a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation in support of the Open Streets application submitted by the Third Avenue Merchants for the 3rd Avenue Summer Stroll on July 21, 2023 and August 4, 2023 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm along Third Avenue from 68th Street to 83rd Street; and July 28, 2023 and August 11, 2023 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Third Avenue from 83rd Street to Marine Avenue with the following stipulations:

- 1. All SLA Licensed premises who plan to serve alcoholic beverages and are not part of the Open Restaurant Program will require an outdoor alteration permit added to their SLA license and are required to provide a 30-day advance notice to Community Board Ten.**
- 2. Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Third Avenue Summer Stroll Organizers and all applicants MUST adhere to NYC Noise Code regulations and NYPD rules relating to sound permits. A list of locations will be provided to Community Board 10 in advance of the event.**
- 3. All amplified sound permits issued by NYPD must end at 10pm.**
- 4. The Third Avenue Merchants, as sponsor, will attend an interagency meeting organized by Community Board 10 with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SAPO and DOT no less than one month prior to the first Summer Stroll Event.**

All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Third item on the agenda – the NYS Department of Transportation plan for upcoming refurbishment of the I-278 Fort Hamilton Parkway Overpass in area of 81st-82nd Street

BM Marino rendered the Traffic and Transportation Committee report and recommendation. See Attached.

Motion: To submit comments of the Board to the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the upcoming refurbishment of the Fort Hamilton Parkway overpass including daylighting concerns, prompt notification of changes in timing or updates to the construction schedule be made to the District Office including advance notice of staging locations.

All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

JOINT SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE/ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEES

BM Taoube rendered the informational report regarding the Borough President's Comprehensive Plan to address health disparities in Brooklyn. See attached.

SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

BM Taoube rendered the informational report regarding the new Maimonides Emergency facility located at 92nd Street at 7th Avenue. See attached.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BM Rasinya rendered the Nominating Committee Report and presented the recommended Slate of Officers for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as follows:

Jaynemie Capetanakis, Chair
Sandy Vallas, Vice Chair
Shirley Chin, Secretary
Jana Taoube, Treasurer

Chair Capetanakis opened the floor to nominations for each officer position, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. No nominations received from the floor.

Motion to close nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
All in Favor: unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

BM Cruz is happy to hear of Council Member Aviles' support for CB 10's position on 6200 8th Avenue. We voted on this last month. She would like to find a way to reach DCP or work with press for this issue and wants an answer to the Board's letter sent to DCP three weeks ago.

BM Vallas stressed that DCP is required to respond.

DM Beckmann requested a response in a letter sent via certified mail that included questions pertaining to the decision that was made to not require a special permit based on evidence that CB 10 submitted. She is happy that Council Member Aviles is following up. We believe Community Board 10 deserves a response to our motion.

BM Stelter indicated the meeting date is incorrect and DM Beckmann states meeting was changed due to the Juneteenth holiday. Rescheduled meeting date is Thursday, June 15 at Knights of Columbus, 7 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

BM Bova wonders if it's possible to ask planners for the Five Borough Bike Tour if they can start in Staten Island as opposed to ending in Staten Island due to traffic in Bay Ridge.

DM Beckmann responded tht they could ask what the process is and if CB 10 could provide input.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by BM Harrison, seconded by BM DiBartolo. Chair Capetanakis adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Committee Report for Joint YSEL and ZALUC Meetings
May 4, 2023 Public Hearing
May 9, 2023 Meeting

The Youth Services, Education, and Libraries Committee and the Zoning and Land Use Committee met on May 4, 2023 for a Public Hearing at IS/PS 30 on 4th Ave and Ovington Ave. Both Committees convened again for a meeting on May 9, 2023 on Zoom. The Committees met in quorum at both meetings.

Representatives from the NYC School Construction Authority attended the May 4 Public Hearing but no one from the Department of Education was present although Community Board 10 invited the DOE. Steve Gonzalez and Ophelia Rivas, from the School Construction Authority (SCA), were present to introduce a proposed new site selection at 441-447 and 425-439 Ovington Avenue for the construction of an approximately 676 seat High School facility, which would also include District 75 Special Education seats. The proposed site is approximately 35,470 square feet. It is privately owned and contains a pair of vacant garage buildings, a 2 story unoccupied residential building and a vacant five story building, which was formerly a senior care center known as Saint Nicholas Home. The SCA provided a slide presentation that included maps of the proposed new site, a list of alternate sites that were considered, and the reasons as to why these alternate sites were not selected.

General Site Requirements/Preferences

- At least 20,000 square feet of land /property for new schools. Larger sites that allow for adequate space for at grade play are strongly preferred.
- At least 2 street frontages, however, additional street frontages are preferred.
- SCA considers approximately 100,000 square foot condominium units with available outdoor play space, contiguous to the school space, in mixed use developments
- SCA requires column-free classrooms
- SCA requires double-heightened ceilings and column free space in the gymnasium
- All classrooms require natural light and ventilation

Of the three alternate sites analyzed, the SCA determined that two could not accommodate a new public school facility with sufficient capacity and DOE program needs. The third was determined to be infeasible due to design and construction concerns. The Joint Committee questioned why these were offered as alternate sites when one site is already owned by Bay Ridge Prep and another site has less than half the preferred/required minimum square footage of 20,000 square feet. There were concerns from some Committee members that not all criteria for site selection are transparent to the public and that traffic and noise pollution are not considered among the criteria.

With regard to the proposed site, Steve Gonzalez emphasized that the SCA is always challenged and always looking for sites but this was the only one available that can accommodate a high school.

The proposed location is on a narrow, 30 foot wide, one-way street adjacent to the IS/PS 30 Annex for **295** K-2 students. The site is directly across the street, on Ovington Avenue, from Lutheran Elementary School which has **142** students. A few hundred feet away, located at the intersection of Ovington Avenue and 4th Avenue, is the main facility for IS/PS 30 with **673** students. The High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology sits three blocks away from the proposed site at the corner of 4th Avenue and Senator Street with **1273** students. Expanding the radius three blocks east to 6th Avenue between 71st and 72nd Streets, is P.S. 170 with **912** students and four blocks west to 3rd Avenue and 67th street is a new elementary school, still under construction, that is expected to hold **330** students. Also four blocks west of the proposed site, on Ridge Blvd between 71st and 72nd Street, is P.S. 102 with **1298** students.

In its presentation, the SCA provided projected student population numbers for 2027-28. According to the data, there is a projected decrease of approximately **15,421** students from the current enrollment of all existing Brooklyn high schools. When questioned about the need for a new high school in light of this significant decrease, Steve Gonzalez /SCA stated that the projected numbers do not apply to South Brooklyn. However, he could not give us any data for South Brooklyn--nor for District 20 specifically-- regarding seat need, overcrowding, or student population in 2027-28.

He indicated that the SCA looked at the demographics in the high schools in this district and decided that a high school was needed.

This is a reversal of the SCA's position in November 2022 when the YSEL Committee was told, unequivocally, that the SCA did not see a seat need for high schools in Brooklyn because NYC students are not restricted to their districts and are able to apply to any high school in the city. In fact, a few months ago, this site was proposed for a K-5 school.

The Joint Committee asked why the SCA changed course. The response from Steve Gonzalez at the public hearing, and from the Department of Education representatives at a May 9 meeting, was that this school project is the result of input and requests from parents, the Community Education Council (CEC), the Citywide Council on High Schools and the Council Member that represents the area. The proposed school is intended to reduce overcrowding in District 20, specifically at Fort Hamilton High School and the High School for Telecommunication Arts and Technology where the utilization rates are at 155% and 96%, respectively.

Stephen Stowe, President of the Community Education Council (CEC) for District 20, was present and clarified the position of the CEC. He acknowledged there is a definite seat need in District 20, especially for District 75 seats which, for many families, are only available in Manhattan. The overall D20 need will be exacerbated by the new Class size law which requires high school class size to decrease to 25 seats. However, he emphasized that the proposed site is not the best place for a school, "a terrible location for District 20" (FB page); that Bay Ridge is heavily saturated with schools;

that there is greater need in other areas of District 20, specifically along 8th Avenue; and that the CEC has tried to collaborate with the SCA to find more appropriate sites. (The SCA said that it met with the CEC to explain why certain sites were not feasible.)

Similar comments were repeatedly made by the Joint Committee and by the public. They recognized that there is overcrowding in District 20 and that the high schools are at, or significantly over, capacity but that this site is not an appropriate location for a new high school. Bay Ridge, particularly in the area of the proposed site, is oversaturated with schools. There were several recommendations to the SCA to look more broadly and holistically at District 20 so that new schools can be sited in areas other than Bay Ridge; to address the need for D75 seats and the need for more seats in other parts of District 20; to assess existing underutilized high schools for additional seats; to reconsider the proposed site for a new IS/PS 30 Annex which is currently located in a leased, converted apartment building with no library, gym, or proper schoolyard; to consider the Santander Bank site at 8808 5th Avenue for a high school; and, because Brooklyn/NYC students are not restricted by the zone in which they live, to consider building elsewhere in the district or borough (e.g. industrial area) to reduce crowding. There was also a request to consider the proposed location for its former use as a site for Senior Housing.

During the public hearing, in addition to issues regarding seat shortages, overcrowding, and saturation, the Joint Committee and public commentary focused on:

1. Traffic, Transportation and Safety:

- There is a great deal of concern about the anticipated increase and concentration of traffic and congestion, both pedestrian and vehicular, in the narrow radius of the proposed site ; the safety of so many students in one small area; the impact of more students on public transit, particularly at the Bay Ridge Avenue station which has narrow platforms; the safety and quality of life of the residents on Ovington Avenue; the impact on the schools in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site; the noise pollution; damage to private property; the impact on the flow of traffic on 4th and 5th avenues.

2. Student Behavior and Age Disparity

- Several members of the public raised concerns about having a high school in such close proximity to two elementary and middle schools. High school students are adults and are not accustomed to dealing with younger students; younger students will be exposed to negative behavior such as smoking, inappropriate language, and altercations; there is potential for rivalry and fighting between students of different high schools

3. Enrollment and Utilization

- Understanding the enrollment and utilization process for the proposed new school is integral to the Joint Committee's ability to provide valuable feedback and an informed recommendation. However, the majority of the questions and issues that were raised, particularly those dealing with enrollment and utilization, could not be addressed by the SCA. Steve Gonzalez stated that he could only answer questions that pertain specifically to the site. The Joint Committee was frequently referred to the Department of Education for answers but no representatives were in attendance.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:30 PM. The Joint Committee did not formulate a Motion.

On May 9 at 7:00 PM over Zoom, there was a second joint meeting of the Youth Services, Education, & Libraries Committee and the Zoning and Land Use Committee to garner more information, to direct questions and concerns to the Department of Education, as per the SCA recommendation, and to make a Motion.

At the outset of the discussion, District Manager Beckmann provided some comments from a follow-up email with Steve Gonzalez. Among these comments was the SCA explanation that: "It is correct that we do not have seat need for new capacity for Brooklyn high schools. This project is planned to be funded through our class size reduction program to alleviate overcrowding at several area high schools."

Although the SCA was not present at this meeting, two representatives from the Department of Education were in attendance. John Banks, Executive Director of School Support and Operations, Office of Superintendent Pravor and Shahrak Tasnim. John Banks made it clear that, although his superintendency includes District 20, it does not cover Fort Hamilton High School nor Telecommunications High School.

Because this new high school is intended as a means to alleviate overcrowding in the local high schools, there were many questions and concerns regarding how this would be achieved. Understanding that high schools in NYC are open to students from all over the city, the Joint Committee expressed concerns about the possibility of having a greater number of students commuting into Bay Ridge to fill the new seats when the local high schools cannot adequately serve the students it already has.

For some context: Fort Hamilton High School has an enrollment of **4580** students. (This is data from 2021 and is found online.) According to 2022 data from www.myschools.nyc, only **500** of these students are in the Zoned Program which is a comprehensive academic program guaranteed to students who live in the zoned area. The High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology does not have a Zoned Program but gives priority to Brooklyn students or residents.

Members of the Joint Committee asked similarly themed questions:

- What percentage of seats would be provided for zoned students? What percentage would be provided for commuter students?
- How many students are currently commuters? How many come from outside of District 20?
- How will the DOE ensure the reduction in overcrowding at FHHS and Telecommunications?
- Is there a cap on the number of students who attend local area high schools?
- Will the overflow students from FHHS be directed to the seats at the new proposed school or will zoned students be given priority?
- Will the seats be open to students outside the area or outside District 20?
- Why is there overcrowding if there are underutilized schools elsewhere?
- Can the SCA look a little harder, search a little wider for another site?
- Many students travel to Bay Ridge from a distance in order to attend school. Is it possible to find a site in another part of the district so that students do not have to travel so far?
- How do the DOE, City Planning, and mayors office coordinate to prioritize the simultaneous and overwhelming need for school seats and also affordable housing against the reality of limited building sites in a low density area?

The responses from the DOE were consistent. Mr. Banks and Ms. Tasnim assured the Committee that all of their questions were valid and had merit but they did not have answers for them. According to Mr. Banks, many of these questions do come up but they are not necessarily answered at the very incipient stage because they each have different components. The decision-making process about siting, the construction process, DOT issues, Precinct issues, enrollment issues are details that “drill down from a larger perspective”. Some of these questions can be answered in the short term and some questions will probably take up until the day of an opening of any school. Even maybe after the first or third year just because of the way that process unfolds. However, the DOE will move forward with the community in a collaborative conversation to come up with a plan during the school design process to make the best use of the building. He encouraged the Committee to continue asking and sending questions and emphasized that he would direct these to the appropriate people. Questions will be addressed when the DOE is at the appropriate stage of the project.

Mr. Banks also stated that SCA, the Enrollment department, the Council Member, CEC and CCHS all need to have a seat at the table, at the same time.

It was noted by a Committee member that this process for Community Board feedback is poorly structured. Community Boards are restricted to commenting within 45 days of the SCA's Notice of

Filing and only on the proposed site with very limited information. To provide valuable feedback the Community Board needs answers to its questions.

Final meeting comments from the public and from Chair Capetanakis focused on the need to continue advocating for the District 75 children and for D75 seats. Many of the D75 students have attended small elementary or middle schools. A smaller high school, for many students, may be what some families are looking for.

After discussion, the Joint Committee made a motion and voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Simone-Mahaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Simone-Mahaney

Chair, Youth Services, Education, Libraries Committee

Attachment: YSEL-ZALUC Motion

Community Board 10 rejects the New York City School Construction Authority proposal for a High School facility at the site of 441-447 and 425-439 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn.

While recognizing that there is a need for District 20 and District 75 seats, Community Board 10 does not believe that the proposed site is appropriate for a new high school facility based on the following significant impacts and concerns:

1. Saturation of schools in the immediate area surrounding the proposed site

There is a Kindergarten to 2nd Grade Annex with nearly 300 students immediately adjacent to the site and a private school Nursery to 8th grade school with over 142 students directly across the street.

There are over 4500 students who attend school in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site:

- a. IS/PS 30 -968 students
- b. Lutheran Elementary School-142 students
- c. High School of Telecommunication Arts & Technology-1273 students
- d. PS 170 -912 students
- e. P.S. 102 – 1298 students
- f. 6740 3rd Avenue (still under construction) - 330 students

The proposed facility's addition of 676 students, in conjunction with the opening of the school at 6740 3rd Avenue, will result in approximately 5600 students converging on this small area of Bay Ridge, all utilizing the same local streets.

2. Proposed site is located on a densely populated, narrow, 30 ft wide, one-way residential street and provides only one street frontage for a high school facility

The proposed facility will be limited because it will have only one street frontage. This will potentially hamper entry, dismissal, routine safety drills, and emergency responses or evacuations.

The addition of 676 Students High School complex on a one-way residential block with 2 existing schools on a narrow 30-foot-wide street will impede emergency vehicles and exacerbate traffic and overcrowding on Ovington Avenue as well as on the adjacent streets, sidewalks, and on mass transit, specifically at the Bay Ridge Avenue subway station.

3. The proposed site will add significant impacts on police, student safety, traffic, and transit.

The two, remarkably dedicated NYPD crossing guards assigned to the Ovington Avenue and 4th Avenue intersection are already challenged by dangerous traffic conditions, excessive congestion, and aggressive drivers in their efforts to keep hundreds of school children, their families and caregivers, and pedestrians safe.

The Bay Ridge Avenue station is already congested with High School/Middle School/Private School students at dismissal.

Parents expressed safety concerns of two high schools in close proximity and problems that could arise – fighting, bullying, etc.

- 4. Many community members (residents, parents, representatives from the Community Education Council) do not support a new high school in an already highly saturated area. Many expressed a need to explore alternative sites with SCA with greater identified need.**

The proposed site would force elementary and middle school students to utilize the same areas as the high school students

- 5. Public Input for siting and land use is limited to this 45-day review process.**

The School Construction Authority can build a school facility that is outside current zoning regulations. Public schools are exempt from the ULURP process. Therefore, environmental reviews, height, bulk, and density changes require only Mayoral Approval via City Planning Commission and does not require a public review process. Therefore, this is our only opportunity to provide advisory recommendations regarding this site.

- 6. The proposed site will not address the overcrowding that has been identified in District 20, specifically at Fort Hamilton High School because high school seats are open to applicants from all over New York City.**

Neither the SCA nor the DOE could provide information as to whether the students would come from outside or within District 20. Nor could they confirm whether the school would be restricted to zoned students, a Specialized High School, an Annex, or a Charter School as questioned at the Citywide Council of High School Meeting.

The SCA proposed this high school as a class size reduction project to alleviate overcrowding at nearby high schools but it is not able to quantify the number of students that would come from Fort Hamilton High School or the High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology to attend the new school.

The proposed high school facility in Bay Ridge does not address the seat need that exists in the broader District 20 area.

Good evening and welcome to our May 2023 Community Board 10 meeting.

Of course, yesterday was Mother's Day and we would like to extend a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, godmothers and grandmothers on our board.

May is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! This is a time to celebrate the culture, history, and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in New York City and across the country. The recognition of AAPI Heritage began in 1978, when President Jimmy Carter signed a resolution into law, which established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to take place in early May. The dates were chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, in recognition of the Chinese immigrants who made up a majority of laborers completing the work on the project. In 1990, a new law was passed to expand the observance to the month of May.

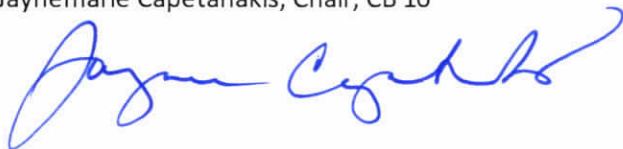
The communities celebrated during AAPI Heritage Month represent the many countries that the Asia-Pacific region encompasses, which includes the entirety of the Asian continent, as well as the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. This includes a total of 75 countries, including China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Samoa, Thailand, and Vietnam; and in South Asia, including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan. Over 100 languages are spoken in all of these countries. Coming from such a wide geographical area, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community has a rich and varied history and culture. Sadly, more than 11,000 acts of hate against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been reported to Stop AAPI Hate since March 2020 and the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Discrimination negatively affects mental health and well-being yet few who experienced even what they believed to be a civil rights violation have reported it. Learning AAPI history is an important part of stopping racial discrimination and creating a more respectful and accepting future.

While visiting one of these countries would be a wonderful way to learn about their cultures, we need only travel locally to sample delicious cuisine, visit a library to learn more, walk along 8th Avenue to shop, or just stop and talk to your neighbors of AAPI heritage. Our friendships are a simple way we can all open conversation and appreciate the rich and diverse history of our own Asian American and Pacific Islander community right here in CB 10.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaynemie Capetanakis, Chair, CB 10



DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

May 15, 2023

Board Members,

I would like to also welcome our new Board Members!

Next week CB10's Zoning and Land Use Committee will be meeting on May 24th at 7pm to begin its review on the first City of Yes Citywide Text Amendment – Zoning for Carbon Neutrality. A representative from the New York City Department of City Planning will provide a presentation. The Text Amendment seeks to remove zoning impediments to generating clean energy, retrofitting buildings, supporting electric vehicle adoption and growing composting and rainwater collection efforts. According to the Department of City Planning, these are all steps that will lead to the city reducing its carbon footprint.

I attended a briefing meeting hosted by MTA Bridges regarding the Verrazano Narrows Bridge upcoming Belt Parkway Eastbound Widening and Merge Improvements. The Project Goals is to enhance traffic operations and traffic safety on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and Belt Parkway, improve safety, reduce congestion and traffic collisions on the VNB and Belt Parkway, ease local street spillover congestion in the neighboring communities, improved local pedestrian access to park and increase useable park area where possible.

Some vehicles use the 92nd Street Exit and enter the Belt Parkway from Bay 8th Street to avoid congestion on the Belt Parkway. The scope of the project includes a fourth auxiliary lane from the Eastbound VNB merge to Bay 8th Street Exit, Reconstruct the Bay 8th Street Exit Interchange with new ramps and roundabout and improve the Westbound approach of the VNB. The planting of 550 new trees and 2000 shrubs on 10 acres of park will also be included.

I want to provide an update on the BSA application for 9000 Shore Road. The BSA will host a continued hearing on either May 22nd or May 23rd to review 9000 Shore Road. The Board received some updates from the attorney for the applicant. Also, local residents have organized to hire an engineering firm to review the parking analysis. The CB10 District Office completed an outreach effort this past month to property owners and residents in the immediate area of this proposal following complaints of sewage backups. In response to the 90 residents responded to our survey. Council Member Brannan is working with the Department of Environmental Protection to review concerns about the sewage conveyance system.

Local Law 21 of 2021 requires Campaign Finance Board to provide educational materials regarding ranked choice voting and distribute such materials to each agency designated as a participating voter registration agency including Community Boards. We have brought these materials which can be found on sign in table. Last two years, CB10 tabled outside the District Office – handing out a full carton of Voter Registration forms. distributing and Ahead of the June 27 Primary Election, **The last date to register to vote for the June 27th Primary is June 17th.**

This upcoming Saturday, May 20th – CB10 has partnered with Bay Ridge Environmental Group for and Its My Park Day Community Clean Up! BREG's President is our very own Board Member Daniel Loud.. His group has partnered with local community organizations for the last several weeks.. doing a wonderful job!

The area we selected for the Community Clean Up is the Old Glory Lookout at Shore Road and 81st Street. The Old Glory Lookout was erected by the citizens and school children of Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton in 1899 in honor of Admiral George Dewey USA. This area of Shore Road Park needs some TLC. During our on-site visit we noticed that one of the memorial plaques in front of a tree was missing. We asked our Parks Manager Christopher Clay to see if it could be replaced. The NYC Parks Archives Unit did not have a record of the memorial. We did some research..as NYC Parks archives believed it to be 1979.. Dorothy found the year and we went to our Bay Ridge Community Council Archives Annual Books and found a Brooklyn Spectator article

and we learned the memorial dedication occurred nearly 50 years ago to the day – Sunday, May 6, 1973 - and the story of local men missing in action in Vietnam, who had trees dedicated to them in Bay Ridge. They include Major Donald Cook, S/Sgt John Allen Payne, Civilian Richard Cocheo, Geologist and Captain Vincent Chiarello – whose plaque is missing. Captain Chiarello's remains were identified in 1988.

The Freedom Trees and plaques were paid for by personal donations from members of Community Planning Board #10 – 1973 before Community Boards were formed. The Committee was led by Board Chairman Henry Vogt, Walter Weider, Past Commander of Rankin-Healy Post VFW; Arthur W. Knight, Jr. Past Commander of Bay Ridge Post American Legion, Robert Hutchinson, President of the Block Association Council and Mrs. Betty Spinner Chair of the Tree Planting Committee of the Bay Ridge Community Council.

We would like to replace the missing plaque...The plaques read The Freedom Tree With the Vision of Universal Freedom for all of Mankind this tree is dedicated to Captain Vincent Chiarello and All Prisoners of War and Missing in Action 1973 and will convene a committee to get started on this effort.

If you have not already RSVPd for the Park Clean Up please do so. We have over 100 local high school students signed up what promises to be a great day. We will need help with Board Members to supervise volunteers with a number of tasks including painting of benches, weeding and cleaning. We will be distributing assignments at a table on 79th Street and Shore Road. The main area will be the flagpole at 81st Street.

Tomorrow is the beginning of milling and resurfacing season in CB10. There are many proposed locations that were sent out via our E-news letter last week. . The process includes milling – grinding off top layer of asphalt of the roadway. NYC DOT notifies utility companies of roadway milling and paving schedules in advance to allow them to make any scheduled repairs or routine infrastructure upgrades that require excavation.

This week Narrows Avenue between Bay Ridge Parkway and 83rd Street will be completed and 87th Street from Shore Road to 5th Avenue.

National Grid is scheduled to begin work on a mandated gas Pipeline Inspection project at Colonial Road and 77th Street at Wakeman Place and Bergen Place. The project should take approximately four weeks to complete and preliminary work has already started. Inspection will start on May 31st and last approximately f This Sunday is the Norwegian Day Parade - - It will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 1:30pm – parade kick-off will be at 80th Street and 3rd Avenue turns right onto Bay Ridge Parkway to 5th Avenue – left until 67th Street. The reviewing stand will be on 67th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue. Information will be e-blasted and posted to our newsletter.

The Memorial Day Parade is set for Monday, May 29, 2023. Parade steps off at 11am on 3rd Avenue at 78th Street. The parade route is along 3rd Avenue to Marine up to 4th Avenue and over to 101st Street for a memorial service at John Paul Jones Park. Information is available on our website.

Fun on Fifth Avenue Festival will take place on Sunday, June 4th from 10am to 6pm.

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

| | 7/31/22 | 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 |
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| DISTRICT MANAGER | \$0,878.86 | \$9,878.86 | \$14,818.29 | \$10,076.43 | \$10,274.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$15,411.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$10,274.00 | \$111,433.44 |
| COMMUNITY COORDINATOR | \$6,090.53 | \$6,082.28 | \$9,123.42 | \$6,218.26 | \$6,329.49 | \$6,327.74 | \$6,321.24 | \$6,329.49 | \$9,490.11 | \$9,229.50 | \$9,229.50 | \$9,229.50 | \$71,652.06 |
| COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY ASSISTANT | \$1,742.76 | | | | | \$1,322.38 | \$1,338.46 | \$1,407.26 | \$1,953.20 | \$1,914.49 | | | \$9,678.55 |
| COLLEGE AIDE | | | | | | \$263.50 | \$232.50 | \$379.96 | \$372.00 | \$360.38 | | | |
| Total Personal Services | \$17,712.15 | \$15,961.14 | \$23,941.71 | \$16,294.69 | \$16,603.49 | \$18,197.62 | \$18,166.20 | \$18,390.71 | \$27,226.31 | \$21,878.37 | | | \$194,372.39 |

| Expense Code | Description | 7/31/22 | 8/31/22 | 9/30/22 | 10/31/22 | 11/30/22 | 12/31/22 | 1/31/23 | 2/28/2023 | 3/31/23 | 4/30/23 | 5/31/23 | 6/30/23 | 6/9/23 |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 10B | Telephone | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | 79.99 | |
| 10X | Intra-City Supplies | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40B | Intra-City Telephone | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 100 | Supplies & Materials | | | | 176.37 | | | | | 368.19 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | 120.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| 332 | Data Process Equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 337 | Books | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 402 | Tel. Communications | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 412 | Rental/Misc. Equip | | 325.78 | 119.61 | 206.17 | 207.73 | 162.89 | 118.05 | 207.73 | 118.05 | 162.89 | | | |
| 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 | 51.42 | 51.42 | | | |
| 613 | Office Equip. Maint. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 613 | Data Process. Equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 615 | Printing Supplies | | | 82.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 622 | Temp. Services-Contractual | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 624 | Cleaning Services | | 200.00 | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | | | | | |
| 686 | Professional/Computer Services | | | | 200.00 | | | | 200.00 | | | | | |
| 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 | \$659.14 | \$737.65 | \$994.30 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,137.70 |
| TOTAL PS AND OTHER 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 | 27,963.96 | 22,872.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,510.09 | |
| TOTAL UNCOMMITTED BUDGET BALANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$67,080.91 | |

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Chin, Treasurer

Traffic and Transportation Committee Report May 15, 2023

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met over Zoom on Monday May 8th. The meeting was well attended, and there were two items on the agenda for the evening.

The first item that was discussed PS 185 - application for full street closure on Ridge Blvd. from 86th to 87th Street, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, from 9/4/23 - 6/30/24, however, construction on the building is beginning shortly and the school would like to implement the program as soon as possible.

On hand from PS 185 was the Principal Rena Goudelias and the committee that is working on coordinating this street closure. The building will need scaffolding until 2024.

Ms. Paul is the leader of the committee and she went on to go over the reasons they need the street closures.

70% of the school yard is being taken up by construction and scaffolding. There are also drainage issues that cause the remaining school yard to be unusable after rain. There is no room for the kids to play.

The Open Streets on Ridge Blvd. would allow the children to have more room to play. The street closure would ONLY happen during lunch periods and would not happen during drop off or pick up.

They have spoken to the police as well about the open streets. They would provide the barricades for the program. There are 250 children for the lunch periods. The younger children would be kept in the school yard while the older kids would be allowed to play in the front. There would be about an even split of the kids between the front and the back.

There were concerns about car access, and emergency services. The school was required to come up with a plan to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Some people suggested using 87th street instead of Ridge Blvd. It was discussed and it was decided that it was less intrusive to use Ridge Blvd.

It was also suggested that there be no parking at all on that block till after 2pm, and the DOT said that would be done if needed. The plan is to get the program started before the end of this school year.

There was a motion to approve and it was seconded. It was voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was Merchants of Third Avenue Open Streets applications for 7/21/23 and 8/4/23, from 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm on Third Avenue from 68th - 83rd Street; and 7/28/23 and 8/11/23, from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm on Third Avenue from 83rd Street to Marine Avenue.

Dan Texiera was on hand to represent the merchants. There won't be too many changes, but no more Stages with music. Everything stops at 10pm and everything goes indoors.

They will be skipping the Foodtown block and restarting after that block, as it was too difficult with the cars and parking.

There were some stipulations that were agreed too as follows:

Below are the stipulations agreed to last night for 3rd Avenue Stroll

Third Avenue Summer Stroll Stipulation Agreement with Community Board Ten

1. All SLA licensed premises who plan to serve alcoholic beverages and are not part of the Open Restaurant Program will require an outdoor alteration added to their SLA license and are required to provide 30-day advance notice to Community Board Ten.
2. Amplified sound permits will be issued at the discretion of the Third Avenue Summer Stroll Organizers and all applicants MUST adhere to NYC Noise Code Regulations and NYPD rules relating to Sound Permits. A list of locations will be provided to Community Board Ten in advance of the event.
3. All Amplified Sound Permits issued by NYPD MUST END AT 10PM.
4. The Third Avenue Merchants, as sponsor, will attend an interagency meeting organized by Community Board Ten with the leadership of the NYPD, DSNY, SAPO and DOT no less than prior to the first Summer Stroll Event.

There will be an interagency meeting before the festivals for review.

There was a motion for support, and it was voted in favor.

The meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Marino
Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting – April 20, 2023

The Traffic and Transportation committee met on April 20th, 2023. The meeting was well attended and we did have a quorum. We had only one topic on the table for this meeting and it was the following:

Representatives from NYS DOT presented the plan for upcoming refurbishment of the I-278 Fort Hamilton Parkway overpass (in the area of 82-81 Street).

Delia Garcia was on hand with her team to give us the update and presentation. She introduced Petko Cholakov who is the project manager for this refurbishment. We also had the designer manager there as well.

Delia, gave an overview:

The bridge was built over 60 years ago, and is severely outdated. It does not currently meet today's safety standards. The upgrade will upgrade the safety and operational usage of the bridge.

Stantec Consultants was on hand to discuss design.

Over the years the bridge has received many repairs and band aids, but not a total refurbishment. This bridge will be replaced with a new bridge, that will have the same footprint and width as the current one. Parking will remain, wide sidewalk will remain, and a bike lane will be added. The project also includes a Tom McDonald Triangle and they are coordinating with NYC Parks to include improvements on the parks as well.

Project Needs

Concrete Deck.

Structurally deficient and exceeded its useful life.

Underside of concrete deck exhibits scaling, large spalls and exposed rebar

Superstructure

Girder ends, bearing stiffeners and diaphragms are heavily corroded and in need of repair

Impact damage to span 3 right fascia girders near midspan

Bearings

Heavy rusting and surface corrosion throughout

Substructure

Large spalling, exposed rebar with heavy section losses present throughout the pier columns, cap beams and pedestals

Project Objectives

Rehabilitate the structurally deficient elements including the bridge deck, substructure piers and abutments, and superstructure steel.

Upgrade the substandard bridge railing to meet current NYSDOT bridge standards.

Accommodate bicycle and pedestrian accesses to meet ADA compliance.

Proposed Improvements

- 1 Bridge Deck and Approach Slabs to be removed and replaced.
- 2 Superstructure Steel to be removed and replaced with metalized steel.
- 3 Replace Piers with new wider pier caps, full height pier walls, new pedestals and footings.
- 4 Repair existing Abutments including pedestals, bridge seat and backwall.
- 5 Replace existing Bearings with new elastomeric bearings.
- 6 New link slabs and continuous spans resulting in fewer bridge joints.

- 7 Replace existing bridge railing with new upgraded parapets satisfying latest^{[[1]]} NYSDOT standards.
 - 8 Operational and Safety Improvements
 - Reconfigure travel lanes to add a protected Bicycle Lane while maintaining the existing parking lane.
- Upgrade street and underdeck lighting.

Bridge to be rehabilitated in 2 Major Stages

1 Travel Lane and pedestrian sidewalk to remain open during construction.

Parking lane to be restored when construction is completed.^{[[1]]} Approximate loss of 20-22 parking spaces for approximately 2 years during construction.

B16/B70 BUS STOP on bridge will be closed temporarily. It is one of the stop proposed to be eliminated in the Bus changes.

Project schedule:

90% Plans Fall 2023
PS&E Spring 2024
Letting Date Summer 2024
Construction Start Fall 2024
End Fall 2026

Project Benefits and Highlights

Temporary (During Construction)

Pedestrian Sidewalk to remain open during Construction.

Noise Mitigation Measures to Reduce overall impact of Construction Noise on adjacent areas.

Ft Hamilton Parkway Bridge to remain open during Construction (1 Travel Lane). No detour required.

Permanent

- Proposed Bridge Width will be identical to existing.
- Restoration of Parking Lane Upon Completion of Construction.
- Proposed Bicycle Lane on Bridge will Connect to adjacent Bicycle Lanes on Ft. Hamilton^{[[1]]} Parkway and 7 Avenue.
- Final Sidewalk width will be slightly reduced by 1' (to 9' wide) to accommodate Bicycle Lane.
- Proposed Vehicular Traffic Capacity (2 lanes) will match existing. No loss in vehicular traffic capacity when adding the bicycle lane.

Improvements to adjacent Parks (Tom McDonald Triangle and Coffey Square)

The report was well received.

After the report we opened it up questions:

It was confirmed that the width will be the same and footprint will be the same. It was confirmed that the parking would also remain.

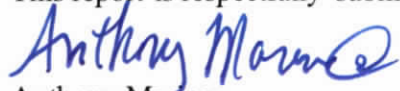
For the most part it was of great concern that the bridge currently has so much damage, and is in need of so much repair. We were reassured that it is evaluated every 2 years, and it poses no immediate danger right now, but does need to get upgraded.

There was concern about the Dyker Lights during construction, and we were told there would be a holiday embargo during that time.

We had a motion to provide comments to the NYS DOT.

The motion was to submit the comments of the Board to NYS DOT regarding upcoming refurbishment of the Fort Hamilton Parkway bridge including daylighting concerns, prompt notification of changes in timing or updates to the construction schedule be made to the District Office including advance notice of staging locations.

This report is respectfully submitted,



Anthony Marino

Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

May 15 2023

Community Board 10
Brooklyn, NY
Joint Meeting
Senior Issues, Housing, Health, and Welfare & Zoning and Land Use Committees

The Zoning and Land Use Committee and Senior Issues, Housing, Health, and Welfare Committee of CB10 met in quorum for a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was also live-streamed on YouTube for those who could not access it via Zoom.

At this meeting, a representative from Borough Hall named John Douglas presented the Borough President's comprehensive plan to address health disparities in Brooklyn. To be clear, it is recommended that every board member watch the stream if interested in the very fine details presented in this meeting, including a review of the several documents mentioned; the following report will summarize the key ideas presented.

The speaker highlights that the comprehensive plan will serve as guidance for community stakeholders, to utilize a variety of means to achieve its goals in a data-driven and community-guided approach. The stakeholders are encouraged to share critical data with all parties to ensure accountability. The comprehensive plan aims to focus on areas including health and housing, incorporating feedback given, land use framework, resilient infrastructure and jobs, economic growth interventions, and community engagement. Overall, the focus on health and housing was very clear, and the rationale behind the chosen topics was discussed in detail. The focus on health and housing is because of the disparities in life expectancy, which is concentrated in the eastern part of the borough, and the focus on the location of housing, how close it is to transit, and how connected it is to job centers are the key determinants of how the physical environment can affect life expectancy and other health conditions. The borough published an existing conditions report, which was a joint effort between the Regional Planning Association and near Academy of Medicine. They also held a town hall meeting and an online portal to get feedback on the existing conditions report is available.

The speaker went on to discuss a number of strategies related to different aspects of community development. One strategy is to improve access to parking by providing information about available parking and utilizing strategies such as reducing minimum parking requirements and implementing residential parking permits. Another strategy is to focus on health and wellness, with a focus on reducing disparities in health outcomes and improving access to healthcare services. Then the speaker highlights the concentration of healthcare and education workers in certain areas and discusses the proposed Interborough Express line (IBX) as a means of improving transit access. The speaker also discusses the importance of creating safe streets and reducing pollution, particularly in areas with high concentrations of pollutants. The speaker also mentioned efforts to develop wind energy and reinvigorate industrial waterfront areas with high-

quality jobs. Finally, the speaker mentions concerns related to the Army Corps project and its impact on certain Superfund sites and creeks.

At the conclusion of the presentation, which our community board can receive upon request, our District Manager Josephine Beckmann highlights the existing needs and conditions of Community Board 10 in Brooklyn, New York. The district is facing issues with its aging infrastructure and increasing load, resulting in sewage backups and problems with the conveyance system. The district also has a deficit in K-5 school seats and is experiencing problems with illegal parking. Additionally, the district has a lot of truck traffic, particularly from central and north Brooklyn to the Verrazano Bridge. The Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Facility is also a concern, as it was built in the 1950s and is responsible for capturing the wastewater from given community districts. The district is also seeing a lot of new development, including market-rate development and proposed affordable units that exceed market-rate value. The lack of a great transportation system is also a challenge for the district. She highlights that the community has also had a survey conducted on 10th Avenue and Shore Road where 100 residents have experienced sewage backups in both heavy rain events and dry weather. She highlights the importance of focusing on existing conditions and infrastructure needs as part of any planning document and highlights the need for growth and instruction to be discussed together. Overall, it was emphasized that we hope that the Borough President and his team can help move the conversation along on the growth and infrastructure needs and we hope that there is a willingness to help on the issue of sewage backups, particularly, on 10th Avenue.

This conversation is the first of, hopefully, many discussions on several topics related to infrastructure, development, and transportation in Brooklyn. There was a discussion on the potential for new development to solve multiple problems, such as sewer infrastructure and housing, while also acknowledging the need to mitigate disruptions to built-out communities. There was also a discussion on the importance of reliable and accessible mass transit, particularly in light of the MTA's plan to redesign buses and reduce access. The impact of the cross-harbor tunnel on local communities was also a concern, particularly the number of trucks using non-truck routes and causing congestion.

We were assured that there will be several more presentations and conversations regarding these topics and the meeting was concluded at about 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Taoube



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

The Senior Issues, Housing, Health, and Welfare Committee of CB10 met in quorum to tour the new Maimonides Emergency Department Facility at 92nd Street and 7th Avenue on Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

As stated clearly on the Maimonides main web page:

“The Maimonides Bay Ridge Emergency Department, located at the intersection of the Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst neighborhoods of Brooklyn, NY, as well as Staten Island and surrounding communities, provides stabilizing treatment for any medical emergency.”

The Maimonides Bay Ridge Emergency Department aims to provide a seamless transfer process to the main campus of Maimonides Medical Center for additional care and treatment. It gives the patient an option to be sent to any hospital of their choosing. They also have pre-arrival registration forms that allow patients to notify the department team to begin preparing for patient arrival.

The center is equipped to deal with conditions such as chest pain, severe burns, uncontrollable bleeding, difficulty breathing, seizures, head injuries, high fevers, and more. The emergency department can provide trauma or wound care, cardiac testing and cardiology services, orthopedic care, pediatric care, psychiatric care, and OB/GYN care.

The emergency department includes many state-of-the-art facilities including:

- 24/7/365 comprehensive care for adults and children
- Pre-arrival registration so patients can be seen as soon as possible
- CT, ultrasound, and X-rays
- Rapid on-site laboratory testing for many conditions like COVID, the flu, and routine blood tests
- On-site ambulance to transport patients to the main hospital if necessary
- Expedited access to their physician network for follow-up appointments

The number of staff on-site might vary as the number of patients projected increases in the facility, but to date, the site is getting ready to have 50 emergency staff including one physician, one physician assistant or nurse practitioner, and three nurses trained in critical care at all times. All physicians on site are emergency medicine board certified and there will be 24/7 medical care and security, as well as a patient service representative to minimize unnecessary waiting in an emergency room.

We are very excited to have this additional healthcare service in our community, and we look forward to utilizing its services when needed.

The tour ended at about 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Taoube

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jana Taoube', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Report of the Nominating Committee – May 15, 2023

The Nominating Committee consisting of Tracie Britton, Judith Collins, Barbara Germack and Ruth Greenfield Masyr and myself met via Zoom on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 10am to compose a letter to be sent to Community Board Members to identify any Member who would like to be considered for an Officer's position on Community Board 10.

The Nominating Committee met via Zoom a second time on May 8, 2023 at 10 am to prepare a slate of Nominees to be considered by the membership.

The following slate of Officers was unanimously recommended:

Treasurer, Jana Taoube
Secretary, Shirley Chin
Vice Chair, Sandy Vallas
Chair, Jaynemie Capetanakis

All Nominees have been contacted and have accepted the nomination. I would like to thank the Committee Members and Dorothy Garuccio, our Community Coordinator, for all the effort put in to formulating this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Rasinya
Chair, Nominating Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY-NEW APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

| Name/Address | Received at CB10 | Status |
|---|------------------|---|
| Molaoi Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Blue Door Souvlakia, 8413 3rd Avenue | 05/05/2023 | *Renewal and change in Method of Operation Wine, beer, cider |
| P J S Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Parkway Restaurant 7504 13 Avenue | 05/10/2023 | Renewal Wine, beer, cider |
| 8406 Third Ave Rest Corp., d/b/a Sofia 8406-8408 Third Avenue | 05/15/2023 | Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| For The Love of Art Corp, d/b/a Pino's Palette, 7518 13 Avenue | 05/15/2023 | Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| El Castillo Restaurant Inc., 6811 4 th Avenue | 05/18/2023 | Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| 7221 Someplace Else, LTD d/b/a Catch 22, 7221 3 rd Avenue | 05/19/2023 | *Corporate Change Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| Maguey Restaurant Corp., 6602 14 th Avenue | 05/25/2023 | *New Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| Steger Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Chadwick's 8822-8824 Third Avenue | 06/09/2023 | Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider |
| Donganite Corporation, Thomas Dongan Council 1251 K of C, 8122 5 th Avenue | 06/09/2023 | Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider |

*Applicant has been invited to present their application at the June 5, 2023 Police and Public Safety Committee meeting.