# Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance Shore Hill Community Room Monday, June 19, 2017 – 7:15 pm

### Board Members Present: 30

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

Shirley Chin Judith Collins Doris Cruz Ida D'Amelio Richard Day

Khader El-Yateem Ann Falutico Carmen Feliciano Dianne Gounardes Stephen Harrison

Brian Kaszuba Brian Kieran Stella Kokolis

Nikolaos Leonardos Stephanie Mahaney Ryan Mahoney

Ruth Greenfield Masyr

Rhea McCone Iris Mulé Sandy Myers Nick Nikolopou

Nick Nikolopoulos Susan Pulaski

Dean Rasinya Joseph Sokoloski Lawrence Stelter Henry Stewart

Sandy Vallas Barbara Vellucci Lori Willis Board Members Excused: 13

Jessica-Wind Abolafia Elizabeth Amato Jumana Bishara Allen Bortnick Donna Mae DePola Michael Festa Barbara Germack June Johnson

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Habib Joudeh
Ramsey Joudeh
Husam Rimawi
Joanne Seminara
Brian Walsh

Board Members Absent: 7

Kevin Peter Carroll

Paul Cassone

Christopher Castaldi-Moller

Steve Griffith Judith Grimaldi

Victoria Hervas-Castaneda

Jonathan Yedin

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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# COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING JUNE 19, 2017 – SHORE HILL COMMUNITY ROOM MINUTES

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and invited Ray Aalbue, Chairman of the 150<sup>th</sup> Kings County Memorial Day Parade, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Cruz asked for a motion to adopt tonight's agenda. Motion by BM D'Amelio, seconded by BM McCone.

Chair Cruz asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the May 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion by BM El-Yateem, seconded by BM Sokoloski.

Council Member Vincent Gentile congratulated the seven new Community Board Ten Board Members, saying that we now have 50 Board Members as all slots have been filled.

The Councilman announced that City Council has passed the budget and noted that he allocated \$5,000 to Community Board Ten, and \$4,000 to a virtual senior center for the homebound. The Councilman gave funding for improvements to the following schools: IS 201, PS 229, PS 231K, PS 53K, PS 176 Ovington, PS 104, and PS 112. He also gave funding to Bath Beach Park and Calvert Vaux Park for upgrades and renovations, as well as \$285,000 for three new Department of Sanitation trucks – one for regular garbage and two that help with snow removal. Councilman Gentile gave \$300,000 in funding to repave and resurface streets and roadways all across Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach and Bensonhurst.

Finally, Councilman Gentile announced that he will be having a Multi-Agency Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at St. Anselm's Meletia Hall.

Captain Joseph Hayward from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated that the Precinct has received numerous complaints regarding recent phone scams. He stated that the IRS and Police Department will not call asking you for money. Another scam is the ATM scam. He advised people to get into the habit of blocking your PIN number when using the ATM machines. They did visit local banks and they are checking the machines two or three times a day to make sure there is nothing suspicious. There are ways that you can call your bank and if a transaction is made to take \$100 out of your account you can get an automatic notification on your cell phone.

Captain Hayward announced that they will have police officers assigned to address local parks conditions at Owl's Head Park for the summer starting on Monday. They will be there every day until Labor Day. He also stated that the cops check the ferry several times during the day and noted that they have had no complaints.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Lisa Ferrara from the Fort Hamilton branch of the Library announced that their summer reading campaign has begun. Some of the programs include a magic show and the Children's Museum of Manhattan. Their library will be hosting CPR classes sponsored by Forum for Life on August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Each participant will receive a certificate. Please call the library to register. Starting August 25<sup>th</sup> the library will be hosting a four-week watercolor class with teaching artist Nan Carey, made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of Mary Rose Dallal. For more information, visit their website at <a href="https://www.bklynlibrary.org">www.bklynlibrary.org</a>.

Carmen Feliciano spoke about the importance of CPR training. She contacted Roman Matthews after he spoke at one of our Board Meetings and they arranged a class at her church.

Anna Shats from ThriveNYC of the Community Affairs unit of the Mayor's Office announced NYC Well, which is a hotline available from the City for anyone who has mental health questions or concerns or needs

counseling. It is a free 24/7 confidential line you can use to call, text or chat online. This is the 311 for mental health. They also will have mental health first aid training and will try to organize as many as possible in Community Board Ten. It is a one day course that is free from the City of New York and is available five days a week at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Victoria DiSalvo from Senator Golden's office announced that the free Yoga in the Park sessions have started. The next session is taking place Wednesday at 7:00 PM at 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Shore Road. Next Tuesday the Summer Concerts begin on 79<sup>th</sup> and Shore Road with Head Over Heels. Concerts start at 7:00 PM and she invited everyone to attend.

Ruth Masyr announced that the Bay Ridge Jewish Center is paying tribute to the Pride movement this whole weekend, and Friday night is Pride Shabbat from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. She also announced that Rabbi Dina Rosenberg, who has been their rabbi for the past six years, is leaving to go to a congregation in Maryland. The new Rabbi, Robert Judd from Tampa, Florida, will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alexander Larkin from Assembly Member Pamela Harris' office announced that last week legislation passed the Assembly to increase supervision of vocational schools. Under this bill any amount over \$2.5 Million shall be transferred to the proprietary vocational school supervision account. There was a State Comptroller Audit a few years back that indicated these vocational schools were not property audited by the State.

Eugene Kanevsky from the Dyker Heights office of New York Investor's Bank located on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 74<sup>th</sup> Street, noted that he and his associates grew up in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst, and are passionate about being part of the community and giving back by working with small business owners and not-for-profits.

Roman Titov, who has an urban planning bachelor degree from Rutger's University, is currently contracting for the public sector of DOT, DEP, and DDC. He spoke about getting a mural by the ferry on the underpass that leads up to the Pier. He thinks it is a great opportunity and very reasonable. DM Beckmann stated that a few months ago the Parks Department had a Parks Without Borders presentation and one of the recommendations was a mural in that same space.

Jessica Kallo, Community Board Ten's Liaison for the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, congratulated the new Board Members and welcomed back the returning Board Members. If anyone is interested in what is going on at Borough Hall, she suggested going to their website: www.brooklyn-usa-org.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cruz stated there has been a sanitation issue that has been consistent the past few months since we have gone to the split trucks for organics and regular garbage and separate bulk collections. Sanitation has been a horrible issue in our community and we are going to continue to work on it. She asked everyone call the District Office if you see bulk out.

Chair Cruz noted that at the last Borough Board meeting there was discussion about the Zoning Text Amendment about self-storage. Her concern was that almost every Board Member there said they knew nothing about it. She said that we had a report on this at our May meeting, and it highlighted to her the importance of the communication we have from our District Office. They received the information about the Zoning Text Amendment and immediately sent it to the Zoning Committee and for further discussion by the full Board. She thought our Board knew about, and everyone there should have known about it. We have the best District Office in the Borough.

Finally, Chair Cruz noted that June is a sad and a happy month because sometimes we say goodbyc to old Board Members and hello to new Board Members. Some longstanding Board Members did not re-apply and we will miss them. They brought a lot to our Board. We look forward to working with our new Board Members. She thinks the integration of new people into the Board brings vitality to it. We will be making Committee assignments over the summer and she asked new Board Members to let the District Office know what their areas of interest are, and old Board Members to please let us know if you would like your assignments changed.

# DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT - See Attached

BM El-Yateem asked if is it possible to invite the MTA to come to our meeting to report the progress on the Bay Ridge Avenue station. DM Beckmann replied that would be fine and they could come to Committee.

# TREASURER'S REPORT - See Attached

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chair Rasinya stated that the slate of officers being put forward by the Nominating

Chair:

Doris Cruz

Vice Chair:

Lori Willis

Secretary:

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

Treasurer:

Sandy Vallas

As the slate is unopposed, he asked the Secretary to cast one vote for the slate. So done. On behalf of the other officers, Chair Cruz thanked them for their support.

# POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Motion: CB 10 to approve the new SLA Wine/Beer/Cider application for Sakana Yang Inc., 8121 5th Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to Baia Lounge, Committee Chair Willis noted that the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to the SLA advising them of the licensee's continuing non-compliance of their stipulations and lack of cooperation in remedying the quality of life issues. Discussion followed.

BM Harrison asked what the effect would be of our letter. Committee Chair Willis replied that we would advise the SLA that they are violating their stipulations by operating beyond the stipulated hours and keeping the doors open. They could potentially get violations from the SLA. Also to advise the SLA the condition in which they are running their business, noisy patrons outside, parking cars on the sidewalk. If the SLA goes by to enforce, they will be given violations. DM Beckmann noted that the State Liquor Authority has been sending enforcement out at our request, which has been an effective tool. We try to work it out first.

BM El-Yateem asked how many residents complained. Committee Chair Willis replied that there have been numerous 311 complaints and there were seven or eight residents at one of the Committee meetings. They are showing up regularly. BM Rasinya asked if summons have been issued and she believes not.

A resident asked if anyone has gone to check the sound and was told that they had agreed to hire a sound engineer to get his recommendations as to how they could lessen the noise. There were still noise complaints, so if steps were taken they have not told us, but it does not seem to have abated it in any event. We have been back and forth about four times but we have not heard anything from them. BM Kieran commented that the

manager or owner said they are not sure how the equipment works, they were learning how to use it, and other people use it. Committee Chair Willis replied that the manager said they were having problems with the new sound system and how to regulate the base. The manager said that since they got the new sound system things were shaking off their shelves.

Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to the State Liquor Authority regarding JAX Holdings Corp., d/b/a Baia, 8402 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, advising of the licensee's continuing non-compliance with its Stipulations and lack of cooperation in remedying the aforestated quality of life issues. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to approve the new SLA Wine/Beer/Cider application for Taquitos Mexico Restaurant Corp., 6720 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Kaszuba rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed regarding The Bay Ridge Parkway 400 Block Association's application to the NYC Landmarks Commission.

BM Kokolis who lives on that block does not agree with approving this application as she feels they will lose their privacy, and this block which is doctor's row will become very hectic with increased traffic of tourists and buses coming to the block. Committee Chair Kaszuba replied that landmark status does not keep you from making changes to your house. You contact the Landmark Preservation Commission with what you wish to do and they will work with you on certain things. As far as tourists go, he does not see that as an issue in other districts. When historic districts or individual landmarks are done it does not necessarily have to be by approval of all the owners on the block. Often you are not going to get full support but if we as a Community Board want to preserve our community, it is a way to do that. The Landmark Commission would do extensive outreach to owners on the block explaining what the landmarks process means, what they will be able to do if they want to make changes, and how they could go about doing it.

BM Harrison believes the motion is to support the process going forward during which all these things will be played out and there will be time for people to voice their opposition. We are not supporting landmarking, we are supporting the application going forward. BM Kokolis disagrees on making the block a landmark. BM Willis asked how many owners support the application and Committee Chair Kaszuba replied that he did not have an exact number, but at least 10-15 people attended the meetings who are in favor, and this is a block of about 50 owners.

BM Masyr said she lived on Bay Ridge Parkway for 25 years. Every professional had a plaque. As the years went by people were putting up large signs. People on the block asked them to please remove the signs. The people on the block have kept it nice. Bay Ridge Parkway is a very noisy block; there is a bus, double parking, there is no question about that. We do have an opportunity here to preserve the block and keep it classy. There is only one driveway on that block which is unusual in Bay Ridge. Landmarking is to preserve the facade. You can do whatever you want inside your house, or in the back yard. She is very much in favor. Committee Chair Kaszuba noted that whatever you have presently gets grandfathered in. BM Kokolis said they are penalizing professionals.

Chair Cruz stated that we are not voting on landmarking tonight. We are voting on beginning the process to make an application for landmarking. She has worked on landmarking in our community and it is a very extensive process and if it is considered by the Preservation Committee there will be full and thorough hearings. A request was made from the floor to repeat the motion. Committee Chair Kaszuba stated the motion is to issue a letter of support of the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to begin the landmarking status of Bay Ridge Parkway. What would happen is that we would submit the application, Landmarks would receive the application and decide whether to start it. It is a full process of not only doing public hearings within our

community, there would be a hearing simply to decide the calendar process, then another public hearing, and another public hearing when they are doing the vote. It is an extensive process where community residents will have plenty of opportunities to speak on this, debate this issue, and discuss what they want to do before it ever gets to a vote. This is just the beginning. It is an association that has been very involved and it is something they want to do, they have the support of HDC, and he thinks we should support them in their endeavor. BM Willis asked if that block is residential and was told it is all residential. Committee Chair Kaszuba noted that we are not talking about interior. If you want to change inside or the backyard, that is not affected by the landmarking process; it is the façade and outside. BM Falutico thinks the only disadvantage of this motion is that it does not have the miraculous power to turn the clock back 25 years and have numerous other blocks able to be landmarked. Committee Chair Kaszuba agrees and he personally feels this should be the beginning and that it will set off other blocks that are worthy. This is a great community and he thinks we should preserve the character of our buildings. BM Nikolopoulos asked who originated this process. Committee Chair Kaszuba asked the residents who were at the meeting tonight to stand up and he introduced them. Linda Assini said they are very passionate about conserving the beauty and the architectural integrity of their block and our community. One day someone could decide they do not like the limestone, rip it off and put aluminum siding, and they could do that right now. That is what they are talking about. This is what is happening around the city. To allow it to happen when we have the opportunity to be different and keep it together, she does not even see it as a question.

Committee Chair Kaszuba called the question, noting there is a motion on the floor to write to the Landmarks Commission asking them to accept the application by the 400 Block Association Bay Ridge Parkway between  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  Avenues to begin the landmarking.

Motion: CB 10 to issue a letter of support to the Landmarks Preservation Commission in favor of granting landmark status to Bay Ridge Parkway between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. 28 in favor. 1 opposed – BM Kokolis. 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.

Motion: CB 10 to fully support the Self Storage Text Amendment as presented by the Department of City Planning. 29 in favor. 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.

# TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Capetanakis rendered the Committee report. See attached. Discussion followed.

A resident thinks if we reach out to young people to remind them about the speed limit would help. Committee Chair Capetanakis believes that the intention is if you are doing something illegal we do not have to remind them not to do something illegal. She thinks the particular instance here is that they would like more camera enforcement and that was the suggestion the Committee brought forth to improve it. She thinks that driving recklessly is something everyone should realize is inappropriate especially in residential neighborhoods, which is what we have. Chair Cruz commented that the speed limit is 25 mph; you do not get a ticket from a speed camera unless you are going 36 mph. Any meeting she attends about Vision Zero people always ask for more speed cameras. BM Kieran noted that the Department of Transportation representative said that for people who receive summons from speed cameras, the amount of second tickets was minimal. It has in effect educated people to let them know they are speeding and cannot speed with abandon. The amount of cameras they are talking about are a handful and the Committee thought it was a good idea. Committee Chair Capetanakis noted that statistics show that 80% of the people who get one ticket for speeding do not get a second one so that is a deterrent as well. BM Rasinya said it is not only young people, it is everyone. He also said that elected officials respond to the people who elect them. He suggested people call them or get a petition and bring them the petition. Committee Chair Capetanakis reiterated the motion and called for a vote.

Motion: CB 10 to write a letter to our state representatives asking them to increase the number of speed cameras to be used in high speed/high crash locations, to appropriate levels to enforce the intent of Vision Zero to reduce accidents and fatalities within the City of New York. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to the Dyker Heights holiday lights, BM Vellucci stated that last Christmas Eve there was gridlock traffic. It took her 45 minutes to get from the Verrazano Bridge to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 77<sup>th</sup> Street. Every street had bumper-to-bumper traffic from 8PM until midnight. Committee Chair Capetanakis replied that the feeling is that by making it an event it will make it a mandatory police presence for that event as opposed to an "as needed" response. Prior to this we have not been able to get police coverage or traffic detail. DM Beckmann stated that she was at Dyker Lights almost every night and she could not believe what she saw there. Traffic was absolutely stopped from Bay Ridge Parkway between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues any given night. People on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue were calling pleading for help. The most we had in any detail was four police officers assigned typically on 84<sup>th</sup> Street and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, and on 86<sup>th</sup> Street to deal with the tour buses. With this permit we will be able to get outside City resources because it will be a City-wide event. The hope is to get many more resources beyond our local precinct as well as traffic control and Christmas Eve will be one of the big nights.

BM Gounardes asked how this will affect parking restrictions. Last year there was a lot of discussion about the tour buses having special parking areas on 86<sup>th</sup> Street. DM Beckmann replied that it will be the same as last year. There will be tour bus designated areas on 86<sup>th</sup> Street at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She thinks it is space for three buses. Those buses will discharge passengers and park around the corner or down further. The hope for this year is to not only have the parking for tour buses but also the vans. The Police Department has all the tour bus companies; they call them in advance. We are working on those lists now and there will be several meetings over the summer so it will be a lot more organized this year.

Motion: CB 10 to support a formal application for a street event at the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Display. All in favor. Motion carried.

### PARKS COMMITTEE

In the absence of Parks Committee Chair Johnson, DM Beckmann rendered the Committee report.

Patrick O'Rourke Playground is located on 81<sup>st</sup> Street to 80<sup>th</sup> Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues. There is a small toddler park that was recently refurbished and the neighborhood lovingly refer to it as Bear Park, which is only part of Patrick O'Rourke. The remaining portion is primarily utilized as a school yard which is adjacent to the playground. The toddler playground has been locked for dozens of years by a group of neighbors on the block who make sure the park is locked at night to prevent vandalism, since there have been terrible acts of vandalism in the past. Unfortunately, last year the school yard portion of the park had a terrible summer with young people involved in drug activity, terrible vandalism, a knife fight, a fire that did some destruction in the playground, and large groups of fighting that required many 911 calls. There is a friends group that would like to form and work together, both at Patrick O'Rourke Playground and the school yard to lock the park at night. They are organizing and did an extensive mailing and outreach. Probably 30 residents have signed on this effort and agreed to do this once the construction at the school is done. There will be a gate that will be installed on 80<sup>th</sup> Street. Their goal is to keep everyone safe as there were also several overdoses at the school yard last summer. In anticipation of that the neighbors got together and are going to be working with the Partnership for Parks, Parks Enforcement Patrol, and the local precinct to form a friends group.

McKinley Park also has a group of residents who are interested in adopting a new field which has not been completed yet and is expected to be completed in 2018. They will be having further meetings with the Parks Foundation and the local Parks manager who was in attendance at this meeting.

DM Beckmann noted that we do have summertime issues in the parks which Capt. Hayward had addressed earlier in the meeting from vandalism to disorderly groups at night. There is tremendous outreach that is done each year by our local police department and Parks Enforcement Patrol on park rules and hours.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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Chair Cruz thanked BM Mulé who has agreed to represent Community Board Ten on the City-Wide Mental Health Committee. BM Mulé noted that they are working with Community Boards. She said that there is a licensed physical therapist and certified Pilates teacher on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 85<sup>th</sup> Street who is working with the MS society. They are funding free Pilates classes for people who are diagnosed with MS.

Chair Cruz stated that once the Public Session is completed the Board discussion should be confined to Board Members. Sometimes we open it up and sometimes she feels that she unfairly cut people off. But we really do value all the input of the general public.

DM Beckmann stated that the District Office received two notices today for City Bench requests that must be replied to by July 27<sup>th</sup>. The first location is at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 86th Street by Mocha Mocha. On any given day that sidewalk is full. We have two options: one is to vote on this tonight and the second is to ask for a postponement until September. BM Sokoloski asked who requested this bench and DM Beckmann replied that we just received this today and we do not know who requested it. Motion by BM El-Yateem to deny this request, seconded by BM Sokoloski.

Motion: CB 10 to deny the proposed CityBench location at 8602 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

DM Beckmann noted that the second CityBench location is in front of Key Food located at 7424 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. She went there today and noted there is already one bench at that location. We do not know who requested this since the District Office received it today. BM Sokoloski noted that they also have fruit stands there which take up more room. Motion by BM El-Yateem to deny this request, seconded by BM Sokoloski.

Motion: CB 10 to deny the proposed CityBench location at 7424 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion from the floor to adjourn. With no further business, Chair Cruz adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

# DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT June 19, 2017

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the District Office, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Board Members to Community Board Ten!

This has been a busy month for the District Office staff. We prepared an extensive public outreach notice for an event co-sponsored with Bay Ridge Center as part of the Bay Ridge Age Friendly initiative. As you know, CB10 Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee chaired by BM Sandy Vallas sits on the Age Friendly project is working to identify initiatives to help seniors age in place here at home. Senior Tech which will be held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12pm to 5pm at Our Lady of Angels 337 74<sup>th</sup> Street will provide vendors to assist seniors on how technology can improve their quality of life and help with everyday tasks.

The District Office has also received many complaints from local residents complaining about loss of parking spaces associated with Water Main Replacement work in Dyker Heights. The contractor posted No Parking Signs on several Dyker Heights block when work had not yet commenced. Our office assisted many residents who received summonses in error and continue to work with the Community Consultant of the project on issues of concern to area neighbors.

**Trench Restoration** – As you know last year - \$60 million citywide funding approved for trench restoration in this year's preliminary budget. The identification of trench restoration projects in the city's capital plan formerly fell under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection. Trench restoration capital repairs to the street bed are necessary when the wooden sheeting surrounding city sewer pipes installed decades ago decays causing the street surface to settle – creating a distinctive pattern of street depression and/or recurring street depressions.

DEP had previously budgeted approximately \$5 million per year specifically for trench restoration contracts in Brooklyn and Queens. DEP ceased funding trench restoration capital projects in 2012. This issue has been a topic raised at the Brooklyn Borough Service Cabinet and by local elected officials including at a recent interagency meeting with DOT, DEP and DDC which was organized by Council Member Vincent Gentile. We recently followed up with DOT and a list has not yet been distributed on the locations that were surveyed and approved.

# UPDATE ON 86th STREET ELEVATOR

I reported last month that DOT would perform a test run onsite. Last Wednesday, June 14, 2017 DOT officials including representatives from Bus Planning were onsite for a meeting in response to our letter with Commissioner Trottenberg. It was a great day to be on site to see the day to day conditions and traffic volumes were high that day. All were able to view how congested with buses and I was able to express our concerns. Unfortunately, the proposed area for the bus was not marked out so it was not a "test run". I explained that we still have not received a

written response from MTA following our Resolution and DOT's bus planning unit was simply asked if the bus could make the turn is not enough. I reviewed all Elevator location s in Brooklyn and could not find one location of an elevator that was placed on the street. After speaking to our Chair Doris Cruz, a formal request for a meeting with Community Board Ten, DOT Commissioner Trottenberg and MTA President Veronique Hakim with our local elected officials will be requested.

# CONSTRUCTION IN CD10

I joined neighbors of 72<sup>nd</sup> Street through 74<sup>th</sup> Street from Ridge Blvd to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue called regarding street work performed by National Grid where final restoration work was left unkempt. National Grid responded and final restoration work should be completed this week.

# ONGOING BULK GARBAGE COMPLAINTS

In our May 3<sup>rd</sup> letter to Commissioner Garcia from the Department of Sanitation we addressed several service reductions resulting from District Wide Organics in CB 10. We were not made aware that district-wide organics expansion required changes to BK10's collection fleet which immediately impacted the following services:

1. <u>Bulk Collection</u> – The transition of the BK10 collection fleet to all dual bin loader trucks required an additional bulk collection truck for items larger than 3 feet by 4 feet as these items do not fit in the hopper of a dual bin truck. Despite efforts to educate the public on placing bulk out on the evening prior to their second collection date, many complain that bulk can be out for well over one week on the sidewalk.

The data supports this – nearly 200 calls since October have come into the District Office of CB10 and 930 missed collection complaints have come into 311 since October 2, 2016. Of this number 765 complaints are for missed bulk alone. Also frustrating residents is that 311 operators often refuse to take missed bulk collection reports creating situations where bulk items can be out on sidewalks for 2 complete collection cycles. Bulk that is stored on the public sidewalk for days or weeks attracts additional littering. Additionally, some frustrated residents have resorted to dumping bulk at various locations throughout the district. DSNY said they would take under advisement our suggestion that bulk collection be changed to an appointment pick up system similar to that which is done for the pilot electronics program and refrigerated appliance disposal.

The loss of our MLP Service – Motorized Litter Patrol service has also been responsible for an increase in resident complaints along the 30 streets, overpasses, walkways that were at one time regularly cleaned by DSNY.

At last month's meeting a resident asked about rain barrel distribution. We reached out to DEP and received several rain barrels and distributed to residents who have called our office. We have 7 rain barrels remaining that will be provide to the first 7 residents who contact our office. Please help us spread the word.

This summer we will be joined by several interns and hope to work on several exciting projects including a newsletter, enhanced community email distribution list and a update report on the Streetscape Text Amendment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder to ZALUC Members - next week Tuesday, June 27th is the final meeting of the Zoning and Land Use Committee and will be a presentation on Michael Devigne's research project on Northern Dyker Heights.

This Friday June 23rd will be the first Taste of Fifth Avenue – Weekend Summer Walk on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 73<sup>rd</sup> Street to 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The full listing of Summer Stroll events will also be listed on our website.

Regards to all from the District Office for a wonderful summer!

Next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Shore Hill 9000

Share Road,

Respectfully Submitted, Josephine Beckmann

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN TREASCRER'S REPORT

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# POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY BOARD 10

Date/Time: June 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Called to Order: 7:10 p.m.

Place: District Office, 8119 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209

Quorum: Yes (attendance sheet attached)

# New SLA Wine/Been/Cider application for Sakana Yang Inc.

Premises: 8121 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue 200 Foot/500 Foot Hearing: n/a

This is a new SLA application for a restaurant wine/beer/cider license. This premises was the former bar "Bullshots". The applicant appeared by its representative (accountant), Jesse Li. The Premises are operating as a sushi restaurant without any adverse history, and will continue to operate as such, with no parties or promoted events. The Premises has 12 tables with 40 seats. The premises will not have music. The premises will have the following hours of operation: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 11am - 11:30 p.m. on Friday; noon - 11:30 p.m. on Saturday; and noon - 10:30 p.m. on Sunday. There is no attendant outdoor space. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend granting of the application.

# Follow-up Review regarding Noise Complaints for JAX Holdings Corp. d/b/a Baia Lounge Premises: 8402 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 200 Foot/500 Foot Hearing: n/a

This was an agreed-upon follow up to the May 2017 PPS Meeting, in a string of meetings with the licensee to address resident complaints and stipulation violations. The licensee had been requested to appear at the November 2016 Committee Meeting to address resident complaints of quality of life issues, including but not limited to, noise, cars parking on the sidewalks, and breach of the licensee's stipulations (i.e., keeping doors open, having promoted events), in addition to an unreported change in the licensee's method of operation.

The licensee's Stipulations provide, among other things, that: the doors to the Premises are to remain shut; there will be no promoted events; and that the hours of operation are: 11am – midnight, Sunday to Wednesday; and 11am to 2am, Thursday to Saturday.

The licensee, via its owner, Armand D'Accordo, was requested to and did attend that meeting, and the unreported change in method of operation was remediated. The licensee was further requested to, and did, attend the February and May Committee Meetings to follow-up and address the continuing noise issues and stipulation violations. (The owner had originally agreed to appear at the Committee's June meeting, but was asked to attend the May Meeting due to the large amount of noise complaints already received by that time.) Mr. Robert Marcello, the general manager of the Premises, also appeared at the May meeting. Residents attended all of the aforesaid Committee Meetings to voice their complaints with regard to the continuance of the quality of life issues and stipulation violations. At the May Meeting the residents continued to report quality of life issues including cars parking on the sidewalks, excessive noise from loud

# POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **COMMUNITY BOARD 10**

music, bass, karaoke, and patrons coming from the premises, bass vibrations emanating from the premises and permeating their homes, and the licensee's continued violation of its stipulations by operation beyond its permitted hours and keeping the doors open. At the May Committee Meeting, the owner agreed to provide a sound engineer's report to the District Office before the Committee's scheduled June 13 meeting, and to appear at that meeting to discuss what steps of noise abatement have been implemented and the effect thereof, and to take ameliorative steps in the interim. However, no sound engineer's report was received by the District Office, and the licensee did not appear at the June 13 meeting. Between the May and June Committee Meetings there were 3 additional 311 noise complaints regarding the premises. In addition, a resident appeared at the June 13 Meeting to complain of the continued noise and quality of life issues stemming from the premises. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend sending a letter to the SLA advising of the licensee's continuing non-compliance with its Stipulations and lack of cooperation in remedying the aforestated quality of life issues.

# New SLA Wine/Been/Cider application for Taquitos Mexico Restaurant Corp. Premises: 6720 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue

200 Foot/500 Foot Hearing: n/a

This is a new SLA application for a restaurant wine/beer/cider license. The applicant appeared by its owner, Pedro Velez, and its representative, Mr. Anthony Caraballo. The Premises have been operating as a Mexican restaurant without any adverse history, and will continue to operate as such, with no parties or promoted events. The Premises has 9 tables with 36 seats. The premises will have background music delivered via an ipod dock. The premises will have the following hours of operation: 10 a.m. - midnight, Saturday - Thursday; and 10 am - 1:00 a.m. on Friday. There is no attendant outdoor space. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend granting of the application.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Willis, Chair

### **Introduction**

The ZALUC Committee Meeting met at 7:00 on June 15, 2017 at the CB 10 District Office. The Committee did meet in quorum.

### Topic #1

The Bay Ridge Parkway 400 Block Association returned to the Zoning Committee in seek of a letter of recommendation from the Board in favor of designating Bay Ridge Parkway between 4th and 5th Avenue an Historic District by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. The Committee first discussed this matter at our May Committee meeting, but asked that all property owners on the block be notified and invited to speak at our ZALUC meeting before the committee made any recommendations. Prior to the June meeting, both the Block Association and CB 10 reached out to all property owners inviting them to attend or submit comment. About 10 owners attended our meeting all in favor of landmarking, and no comments were submitted it the Board in favor or against.

At the June meeting, Kelly Carroll, a local Bay Ridge resident and Director of Advocacy and Community Outreach from the Historic Districts Council made a presentation. HDC has been working with the Block Association and is in favor of landmark status. NYC Landmarks Law is the strongest preservation law in the Country, and HDC believes designation is the best way to preserve this full block of limestone rowhouses from changes by future developers. HDC stated that presently Landmarks favors smaller historic districts rather than full community ones. HDC believes that once the 400 Block is granted landmark status, it could serve as a blueprint for other worthy blocks in Bay Ridge to also seek designation.

The residents present discussed that the Block Association is firmly in support and are eager to move the process along. Should Landmarks accept the application, the Commission would hold its own outreach, and public hearings before voting on the designation.

The Committee discussed the request for support and unanimously voted on a motion to issue a letter of support to the Landmarks Preservation Commission in favor of granting landmark status to Bay Ridge Parkway between 4th and 5th Avenue. The vote was done in quorum.

# Topic #2

The Committee reviewed a Citywide Self Storage Text Amendment that has been initiated by the Department of City Planning. The Amendment would introduce a Special

Permit under the jurisdiction of the City Planning Commission for all new self-storage development in designated Manufacturing districts. This would allow for a case by case full public review process including CB input to ensure that the development of self-storage does not diminish future siting opportunities for industrial, more job-intensive businesses.

None of the proposed areas are in CB10, but they are in neighboring CB 7 along the Sunset Park waterfront area. Even though it does not affect CB 10 now, the Brooklyn Borough Board is scheduled to vote on this in July and the Committee believed we should take a position.

The Committee discussed the Text Amendment and felt that instituting a special permit and a public review process was a good thing for self-storage units. We were concerned as to how CB 7 felt about this Amendment and at the time of our meeting we did not have knowledge as to CB 7's position. The Committee unanimously supported a motion to support the Text Amendment subject to an inquiry as to CB 7's position. Should CB7's position differ from ours, we would follow CB7's lead.

Following the meeting the we learned that CB 7 has not yet discussed or taken a close look yet. Thus, the motion as it stands would be to fully support the text amendment as presented by the Department of City Planning.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian J. Kaszuba

Committee Chair Zoning and Land Use Committee

Committee Members Attending: Josephine Beckman, DM Brian Kaszuba, ZALUC Chair Ann Falutico Brian Walsh Steve Harrison

Brian Kieran

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Susan Pulaski

# Traffic and Transportation Report: June 12, 2017

Chair: Jaynemarie Capetanakis

## Committee Members:

- Lizabeth Amato (excused)
- Jumana Bishara (excused)
- Carmen Feliciano(excused)
- Judith Grimaldi (absent)
- Steve Harrison
- Victoria Hervas-Castaneda
- Brian Kaszuba (excused)
- Brian Kieran
- Ryan Mahoney (absent)
- Sandy Myers
- Nick Nikolopoulos
- Dean Rasinya
- Stephanie Simone-Mahaney
- Joseph Sokoloski
- Larry Stelter

The membership of the Traffic and Transportation Committee met on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:30.

# The first item on the agenda was an update on discussion with DOT Vision Zero unit and NYPD Representatives on recent speeding/drag racing complaints at various locations within CD10.

 As part of our ongoing efforts to partner with both the DOT Vision Zero unit and NYPD, we were delighted to welcome representatives to our committee meeting. Leroy Branch, our liaison from the Deputy Commissioner's Office and Juan Martinez from the Vision Zero policy office shared a power point with us. They reviewed that Vision Zero is a priority for Mayor DeBlasio for an integration of efforts to eliminate traffic deaths. They began by outreach to communities with Town Hall Meetings and have used crash data and google maps to develop each borough's plan. It is a concentrated problem with specific areas of concern and Bay Ridge is considered a safe area. One of the outcomes of Vision Zero has been the increase in "Leading Pedestrian Intervals" this refers to the walk sign for pedestrians giving them a 7 to 10 second increase in time to cross before the vehicles get the green light. They also shared that left turns were three times as deadly in traffic fatalities and one of the improvements has been to make a "hardened centerline" such as placing ballasts to make left turns more rigid to slow down cars. Of course, there is also NYPD enforcement and speed camera enforcement, especially in front of schools. The speed limit on streets is now 25 miles per hour. Statistics show that 80% of the people who get one ticket for speeding, do not get a second one. District Manager Josephine Beckmann shared a list she has of streets with young people have been speeding and that we are also asking how to help with enforcement. Traffic Sargent Pabon attended our meeting along with Officer Pollock and they spoke about the efforts of the 68 Precinct. There are speed cameras on Shore Road, but we have reached our maximum number of speed cameras. The importance of traffic is something the Sargent addresses daily at roll call and they will ask teams to check some of the specific "hot spots" that Josephine has listed and reviewed with our precinct. After further discussion, a motion was made to write a letter to our state representatives asking them to increase the number of speed cameras to be used in high speed/high crash locations, to appropriate levels to enforce the intent of Vision Zero to reduce accidents and fatalities within the city of New York. The motion was seconded and the committee unanimously recommended approval. Discussion and vote. The second item is the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Display Permit Update: SAPO Committee Report and Recommendation:

In order to make the improvements the community wants, the Dyker Heights Civic Association and CB 10 have agreed it is necessary to obtain a permit to make the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Display a "Street Event." This would enable the community to get more restricted vending, a greater police presence, an agreement on the timing of the lights, prevent sound permits for DJs, enforce parking restrictions, create designated tour bus drop off sites, and ensure that all fundraising is disclosed. Fran Vella Marrone of the Dyker Heights Civic Association was present and shared with us that the need to make it a street event will help make this safe and fun for everyone. They mailed notices to residents three times, held two meetings, including one in January where about 50 residents attended, and another in March with the Director of the Permit Office, and the mailing had a ballot with a return. Mailings were sent to 530 residents and 127 responded to the mailing indicating their vote. Of the 127 respondents, 125 were in favor of this becoming a Street Event. Street events must come to the Community Board for approval. In this case, we are also the applicant. Just to further inform our board, the area is from 82<sup>nd</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets and from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The timeline would be from December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, with peak times being from December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our motion was to support a formal application for a street event at the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Display. All were in favor. Discussion and vote.

Our last item is an Update on Assembly Bill A3955 which aims to increase distracted driver accountability by providing for field testing for use of mobile telephones and portable electronic devices while driving following an accident or collision.

• This legislation is being sponsored by Assembly Member Felix Ortiz. Now, we have all heard of a breathalyzer, that police can use to test drivers to see if they have been drinking and driving. This new technology is for a "textalyzer" to be able to scan a driver's electronic devices to see if he or she had been texting when an accident took place. We know that distracted driving is a hazard. The National Highway Safety Authority reports that a texting driver is five times more dangerous than a drunk driver. Although texting while driving is against the law, we do not know how many times it may have contributed to a fatal accident. Opponents are concerned about privacy, however, Assembly Member Ortiz believes that this will help save lives. This was an informational report and we will wait to find out more information about this at our September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaynemarie Capetanakis

June 19, 2017

# STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Name/Address	Received at CB 10	<u>Status</u>
Campania Brick Oven Pizza, Ltd., d/b/a Campania Coal Fired Pizza, 9824 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	6/7/17	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Mohim's Indian Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant, 7315 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/8/17	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Coszcal De Allende Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Pancho's Restaurant, 6824 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/9/17	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Petasos Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Emphasis Restaurant Café, 6820 6822 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6/19/17	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Bay Sushi New York Inc., 29 Bay Ridge Avenue	6/26/17	Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider
Steger Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Chadwicks Restaurant, 8822-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6/27/17	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Giacomos Wood Fired Pizza Bay Ridge Inc., 7902 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	7/10/17	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Kalodine Enterprises Ltd., d/b/a Bridgeview Dine 9011 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	r, 7/10/17	Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider