

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance  
Shore Hill Community Room  
Monday, January 26, 2009 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 43

Greg Ahl  
Ruth Berg  
Allen Bortnick  
Robert Buonvino  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Tom Colasuonno  
Judith Collins  
Timothy Cross  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
George Fontas  
Barbara Germack  
Ron Gross  
Steve Harrison  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Stella Kokolis  
Dino Lamia  
Nick Leonardos  
Jeannie May  
Rhea McCone  
Heather McCown  
Mary Nolan  
Jim O'Dea  
Eleanor Petty  
George Prezioso  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Dean Rasinya  
Husam Rimawi  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Helen Sokoloski  
Larry Stelter  
Maureen Stramka  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 4

Michael Festa  
Judith Grimaldi  
Scott Klein  
Mary Nilsen

Board Members Absent: 3

Doris Cruz  
Salvatore Girgenti  
Shiu Kam Leung

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**January 26, 2009, Shore Hill Community Room**  
**MINUTES**

Chair Rasinya called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Before introducing Colonel Stephen Smith, Commanding Officer, Fort Hamilton Army Base, to lead the Honor of the Pledge, Chair Rasinya read a Daily News article dated January 10, 2009, entitled "In Deep Gratitude" written about the Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>. He called for a moment of silence for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice and for all those who have served and continue to serve. Colonel Smith spoke about the importance of community and the strong ties our community has with the families living at Fort Hamilton. He thanked the Board Members for their commitment to the community on behalf of the Fort Hamilton Army Base families.

Chair Rasinya called for Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to adopt by BM Joudeh, second by BM D'Amelio. Agenda adopted.

Chair Rasinya called for Adoption of the Minutes from the December 15, 2008 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Lamia, second by BM McCone. Minutes adopted as written.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Allen Bortnick spoke about the safety of our drinking water, which is being jeopardized by planned drilling for natural gas in our upstate watershed area. He briefly explained the drilling process which would release chemicals and toxins as a bi-product that would end up in our drinking water. He distributed a flyer explaining the situation and announced that an e-mail petition to stop the drilling is being circulated. The website is: <http://www.PetitionOnline.com/NoDrill/>. Chair Rasinya committed this issue to the Environmental Committee for discussion. He stated that New York City spends tens of millions of dollars to protect our watershed. He continued to explain that currently our drinking water is unfiltered there are chemicals and chlorine added to make our water safe. To build water treatment plants to filter the water is extremely costly. He stated that about 17 years ago the city began to purchase any land they could surrounding the watershed, so that development near the watershed would be minimized. The city pays farmers not to use land near the watershed so that chemicals from fertilizer or feces from grazing animals would not run off into our water supply. Chair Rasinya feels this is a very serious issue, and we in the city should be very concerned. BM Berg asked where the location of the drilling would be, since her home is within the Catskill watershed area. BM Cassara explained that the farmers living upstate are in support of the drilling, since they stand to make a lot of money and will retire early. It is we, the downstate population, who should be against the drilling, and he stated that he supports BM Allen Bortnick for bringing this forward.

Bob Muldoon announced that a "Greening our Neighborhood Forum" will take place on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 at Xaverian High School. The forum will discuss energy programs for apartment buildings, homes and small businesses, recycling programs, and a green business owner will be speaking.

BM Berg spoke about Greenlight Brooklyn's plans for a "Women Minding Their Own Business Seminar" being planned for late April at the Green Spa Wellness Center at 8804 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. She announced that corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. More information will follow. She also announced for the ladies who are meeting at Lai Yuen on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> should bring their Chris Kringle, since they were not able to do it in December.

Councilman Gentile announced that he is presenting a Parking Ticket Forum on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Bay Ridge Library, Ridge Blvd. and 73<sup>rd</sup> Street. He mentioned there are cuts in all areas in the Mayor's budget, except for parking enforcement agents, where there are 253 new hires included in the budget. When pressed, the response is that the reason for additional agents is for revenue collection. There will be an expert at the forum who will speak about how to fight unfair tickets and how to have a fine reduced. Councilman Gentile talked about the Gotcha Bill he is cosponsoring with Council Members Simcha Felder and Jimmy Vacca. This bill relates to traffic agents standing near a meter, waiting for it to expire. The very second the meter expires they scan your registration sticker and issue a ticket. This bill would institute a 5 minute grace period allowing the driver to put more money in the meter or move his vehicle. The Councilman invited all to attend the Ticket Forum. BM May asked if the ticket agents get bonuses for the amount of tickets they issue. Councilman Gentile stated that they are evaluated based on the quality of their work. BM Ahl stated that there are not enough traffic agents controlling traffic, more agents are issuing tickets. Councilman Gentile will speak to Chief Scagnelli about that. The Councilman stated that the new Alternate Side of the Street Parking Calendars for 2009 are available. BM Ryan told the Councilman that she could not make it to the Ticket Forum on Tuesday, but would like the issues of cars blocking pedestrian ramps, limiting handicap access and cars blocking the sidewalk to be addressed. She stated that cars continually block the sidewalk at the former car wash on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 89<sup>th</sup> Street, placed there by the valet parkers for the restaurants. Councilman Gentile advised BM Ryan to give this specific complaint to Dena Libner of his staff for follow up.

Councilman Gentile stated that he will testify at the MTA Public Hearing on Wednesday evening at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott and will present over 1,500 petition signatures he has collected protesting cuts to our MTA service, including the B37 and our weekend express bus service.

In regard to the renovation of the Fort Hamilton Library, during construction Councilman Gentile stated that significant termite damage was uncovered. Concrete slabs and a sub floor will need to be installed in order to avoid future additional termite damage. The contract now needs to be re-negotiated to include this work.

Councilman Gentile stated that we will hear a little later, the School Construction Authority's plan to turn the former site of the Green Church into a school. He stated that he is in support of turning the former place of worship into a place of learning, and he feels this is an appropriate site for a school.

Councilman Gentile is cosponsoring Intro 138, the gates bill which requires that commercial premises use gates that permit visibility from the outside. This is a safety issue that allows fire fighters and police officers to see inside the building. Open gates would also deter graffiti in the neighborhood. The hearing for this bill will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Councilman thanked BM Ahl for his work on this issue.

Councilman Gentile is cosponsoring the Bioheat bill with Councilman Yassky that would require that by 2030, we replace 20% of the city's heating oil with biofuel. It's a green thing to do, and there would be a homeowner's tax break for those using biofuel.

There will be a bill considered tomorrow to allow the family of the DEP worker recently killed at the Owls Head Pollution Plant to continue to receive health benefits at least until the children graduate from college. The Montello family is in a real tight financial situation, and currently there are not health care benefits for city workers killed on the job other than police and fire fighters. In recognition of the service that Gennaro Montello gave to the city all the years that he worked for DEP, the Councilman hopes that the bill will be passed tomorrow and signed into law by the Mayor shortly afterward.

Councilman Gentile announced that the \$400 property tax rebate checks have been mailed. If anyone has not received their expected check, they should contact his office to let his staff know. Incidentally, the Councilman explained that the \$400 property tax rebate was not related to the property tax increase. He voted against the property tax increase, especially since the Mayor has \$2.6 billion sitting in a reserve fund that he refuses to use at this time.

Chair Rasinya introduced Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes and spoke of public safety programs available through the DA's office that help to keep our crime rate down. The District Attorney spoke about the Red Hook Community Court, and how well the program works. He invited all to attend and see first hand how justice is given out. He spoke of the extensive domestic violence program available at his office at 350 Jay Street. He urged anyone who is a victim of domestic violence or anyone who knows someone who may be a victim to spread the word to go to the Family Justice Center at 350 Jay Street, where they will receive immediate assistance. No one has to tolerate being a victim of domestic violence for another moment. He spoke about a program for the 4,000 offenders that are released and come back to Brooklyn every year. Formerly, 6 out of 10 went back to prison within 3 years. He explained a program started 8 years ago to interact and connect with former prisoners to reduce the recidivism rate. Now, 8 years later, according to a Harvard study, 2 out of 10 go back to prison – not 6 out of 10. He

invited all to see this program any Friday at 1:30 and promised that those who attend will be very impressed.

District Attorney Hynes issued the Oath of Office and swore in the Community Board 10 officers for calendar year 2009. He congratulated the officers and wished them well in carrying out their duties.

Chair Rasinya spoke about how blessed we are to have a District Attorney who is leading the charge nationwide in programs that prevent people from committing crimes and helping rehabilitate people after they have been released from prison. Chair Rasinya read from an article about the District Attorney's accomplishments and successful programs that prevented crime during 2008.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

In the matter of a proposed site, Block 5891 Lot 48 (portion) at the southwest corner of Ovington Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the development of a new 680 seat primary school facility within Community District 20, proposed by the School Construction Authority;

Chuck Otey stated that he lives a block and a half away from the site of the former Green Church, and it would be a nightmare for anything other than a public facility to be placed there. He and most of his neighbors are in support of a school at the site. The Bay Ridge United Methodist Church was a very important place in all of our lives and we all felt badly when it was demolished. He made the point that we cannot risk making the cause of development a political cause in Bay Ridge. A couple of years ago there was a task force convened by Congressman Fossella to study surplus properties. It was determined that there was so much surplus property in Bay Ridge, that if it ever began to be sold, the community would change overnight. It looks like it is not going to happen that fast. He asked that all our elected officials keep in mind that development is a key project, should be kept non political here in front of skilled people such as yourselves and Dean Rasinya.

Dr. Peter Guagliano, whose practice is at 355 Ovington Avenue and who is part of the condo association, raised concern about the traffic flow on Ovington Avenue and its effect on the patients coming to the facility. He stated that many patients require ambulatory service, emphasizing the need for open access to his facility. Chair Rasinya answered that these concerns will be addressed during SCA's presentation.

Antoine Khaled, building manager at 379 Ovinginton Avenue, and resident since 1981 spoke in opposition to the site. He is opposed to the site of the former Green Church for a school because of the high rate of pedestrian traffic, with residents going to and from the subway on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Additionally, Mr. Khaled stated that there are 4 lanes of vehicular traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As a long

time resident, he feels there is already bumper to bumper traffic heading toward Manhattan on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue each day, and double parked cars from parents dropping their children off at IS 30 and Lutheran Elementary add to the congestion. There are three additional public schools for a total of 5 schools within a three block radius. Mr. Khaled stated that he has called both PS 102 and PS 170 and found that these schools are not overcrowded, as the SCA presented at the January 15<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. His feeling is that due to the state of the economy, the population of this area will decrease and there will not be a dramatic need for additional school seats now or in the future. He feels that the SCA has funds available in their budget until June 30, 2009 for the five year plan. He feels the SCA would rather use these funds than lose them, even if the area doesn't need or can't handle an additional school. He asks that the Community Board look at the disruption of quality of life that the area will endure for the 4 years of construction. The area is already at its max for capacity in traffic, pedestrians, and schools, and he asks that the Board not support the proposed site.

BM Cassara noted that the former crypt of the Bay Ridge United Methodist Church contained the remains of 211 Bay Ridge and New Utrecht residents. The Church was on the National Register of Historic Places. He is sure that government funds will be used to build a school. Section 106 of the National Preservation Act of 1966 actually prevents that. What they should have done was discuss their plan before hand with the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, which they did not. Also, there was anticipatory demolition of this site, by the developer or the Church, probably with the Church. They knew what was going on. He feels we should not be extending funds for a building that destroyed something that was very near and dear to many people in this community. BM Cassara went on to say is that we might be spending \$50 million for a new building. Do we really need this? There are probably two parochial schools coming up – OLA and OLPH – which could be used for a school. In light of the fact that our city, state and country is in a crisis right now, BM Cassara feels we should not be spending this money right now. It's coming out of our pockets and if the demand is not there for a new building, why are we doing it? This will support increased taxes and support destruction of a landmark.

#### Presentation by School Construction Authority

Steve Gonzalez, Project Support Manager for SCA, Brooklyn and Staten Island began the presentation. He introduced Fred Maley, Director of External Communications, Stanley Dahir, Director of Architecture and Design and a Bay Ridge Resident, and Tami Rachelson, Deputy Director, Real Estate Division. Mr. Gonzalez thanked Councilman Gentile for his support of this site. He also thanked the Joint ZALUC and Education Committees who gave their approval for this site at the Committee meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the proposal is for a new public school to be constructed at the former Bay Ridge United Methodist Church site with a capacity of 680 students.

Tami Rachelson described the public review process for this proposed site which began on January 14, 2009. The community portion is a 45 day period. Notices were sent to the

Community Board requesting a public hearing be held within 30 days, and within the total 45 day period written comments from the Community Board are requested. Notices were also sent to the City Planning Commission and they will be submitting comments on the proposed site selection as well. Any comments that the public may wish to make must be submitted to the School Construction authority by February 27<sup>th</sup>. During this period, an environmental review has been started in terms of how the proposed school would affect traffic patterns in the area, and other local services. That is ongoing now, and the findings will be issued in an environmental document, which will be provided to the Community Board. There will be comment periods at that time also. The final step in the public review process is the City Council. They would hold a series of public hearings as well. The Land Use Subcommittee as well as the Land Use Committee would hold public hearings, and then there is a full Council hearing.

Stan Dahir, Director of Architecture described the proposal. He stated that the project is about 93,000 square feet, and the building consists of a cellar with 4 stories above it. The building would top out at approximately 65-75 feet. SCA would probably want to front it on the Ovington Avenue side, which is about 177 feet long. Mr. Dahir understands that a portion of the lot would be retained by the church therefore approximately 5,000 square feet would be taken out of the site. He explained that typically design takes about a year. The consultant selection process would solicit proposals from 4 or 5 different consultants. As part of the project an existing building which was formerly used as a pre-school would be demolished. A project of this size would take roughly 3 years for construction. A new school is typically opened in September of the school year, so we are looking at September of 2013 for the target school opening. Mr. Dahir stated that all new buildings are green certified – which gauges how environmentally friendly the building is. SCA takes pride in taking the lead and working under the green guidelines program, which is being adopted by other states across the country. It uses high efficiency lighting, low flow fixtures, CO2 sensors, and other components that make it green friendly.

The joint Zoning and Land Use Committee and Education Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by ZALUC Chair Seminara. See attached.

The recommendation by the joint committees is to approve the site, second by BM Stramka. Discussion began. BM Bortnick stated that at this point in time everything is very vague – no plan, no idea. He asked if the majority of the community is against this, would it stop the action, or would this be a repeat of the MTA, as BM Bortnick described “we do what we want, tough.” Fred Maley of SCA explained that the reason there is no design is because we do not have approval for the site to become a school yet. That is the reason for this public hearing. The next step is the City Council vote. If the Community Board voted against this school, the SCA would turn to our Council Member who has already expressed support for it. If he would go against the will of the Community Board, then in fact it could be passed by the City Council and then approved by the Mayor and go forward. As you know, we have had many a heated hearing on other sites, and Mr. Maley thinks our Council Member always considers the concerns of the community when he votes before the City Council. We have lost a site or two in the process. Mr.

Maley addressed Mr. Kahled's comment about the need. School District 20 is one of the neediest school districts for additional seats. It is one of the best school districts in the City of New York; therefore, everyone wants to raise their families here. There is not enough available space for a school. We have funding for 2,000 new school seats in this capital plan. Up until tonight, we didn't know if we would be able to site those 2,000 seats before June 30<sup>th</sup>, when the funding is no longer there. If we site this school now, it moves forward to delivering those 2,000 new seats to one of the neediest school districts. Up until now we have been adding seats with new additions: New Utrecht and Telecommunications High Schools, PS 229 on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Benson Avenue, and PS 163. Until now, we haven't come up with any sites in the heart of Bay Ridge until recently when the Board supported the PS 69 Annex and the 89<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue site.

Regarding the traffic study, Mr. Maley addressed Dr. Guagliano's concern. He stated that he drives up Ovington Avenue every day to drop his son at school. He doesn't deny that there is traffic in the area, but the appropriate traffic studies will be done. Additionally, Mr. Maley suggests that traffic would be at its peak at drop off and dismissal time, and the rest of the school day should not be so terrible.

As far as government money being used for demolition of the Church, he clarified that SCA does not own the site, they are negotiating with the developer. SCA has not used government funds to demolish the Church. BM Bortnick inquired into the 3 year period required for construction. Chair Rasinya addressed the question. He stated that it would take three years to construct a new school building, and it is taking Community Board 10 three years to move from one office to another. It is a process.

Councilman Gentile explained his support for this project. District 20 is the most overcrowded district in Brooklyn and the third most overcrowded district in the City of New York. Councilman Gentile has visited the schools that would benefit from this project. PS 170 is overflowing to the point where they no longer have a gymnasium, they no longer have a library, and they have students sitting on the entranceway to the side door in the hallway. They have nowhere else to turn. They have advocated for putting modules on top of the lower roof, so that they could add extra space. Modules were placed in the schoolyard which has reduced the play area for the students. There is no other space to put the growing number of students. PS 170 is bursting at the seams. He cannot speak so much about PS 102. Councilman Gentile spoke with the developer of the property, Abe Betesh, who cannot guarantee that he can put up a project at that site at this point given the economic conditions that we have. We might be faced with the prospect of having a vacant lot at that corner for 2 – 3 years until the economic situation turns around. That is a real concern. Also, had he or should he build something at that site, it would probably be a 7 story structure that would house numerous families. There would be constant traffic day and night. Here in the school situation, you have a limited amount of time where there is crowding and congestion. Given the need that we have for school seats, particularly at PS 170, and given the fact that we don't always have this kind of square footage available in Bay Ridge, 37,000-38,000

square feet, Councilman Gentile feels this is a good match to build a school at this site. He asked the Board Members to keep these facts in minds as they vote.

BM Joudeh clarified that the cost of the school would be \$50 million, not \$50 billion. BM Germack stated that this seems like a win/win for the community. The school is needed. It is better to have a school that is nicely designed, rather than a commercial building that is just slapped together. She feels this is a good thing for our community.

BM Quinones stated that with OLPH and OLA being slated to close, those seats would be even more desperately needed. BM Kokolis stated the school is like a Church and she doesn't understand why we are even discussing this. We need schools.

BM Sokoloski asked if the 89<sup>th</sup> Street site would be scrubbed if this site is approved. The response was no, the 89<sup>th</sup> Street site is still on the table. She stated that she was on the Education Committee on Board 7. They fought for 30 years to get a high school that will finally be opened in September. Bay Ridge deserves new schools.

BM Fontas stated that a school at this site is vitally important. Better schools increase property values in a community. Young couples starting out need places to live that they can afford and where there are good schools for their children. If the Board would vote against a new school, when there are kids sitting in hallways and in stairwells to learn, we should be ashamed of ourselves for not giving our children the futures they deserve.

BM O'Dea stated that OLA's slated closing will impact more of our students. He suggested negotiating to convert the available private school buildings into public school space. Chair Rasinya responded that this is very difficult to do. If sites are available, he is sure that SCA would look at them whenever possible.

Antoine Khaled reiterated his earlier comments that PS 170 is not overcrowded, per his conversation with a lady at the school. He has no problem if there is a need, but that does not seem to be the case. It seems that because funding is available, they want to use the money at this time. He stated that OLA is a larger space and they are probably ready to negotiate. He stated that on Tuesdays and Thursdays when it is Sanitation pickup day on Ovington Avenue, the traffic is backed up terribly. He asked all to imagine the traffic from the additional 30-40 cars and school buses that will be transporting students. Chair Rasinya suggested Mr. Khaled go to the Department of Education website as another source of information, and look at any school he is interested in to look at percentage of utilization.

BM Joudeh made a motion to call the question. All in favor; 1 recusal-BM Stelter.

**Motion:** In the matter of a proposed site, Block 5891 Lot 48 (portion of) at the southwest corner of Ovington Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the development of a new 680 seat primary school facility within Community District 20, proposed by School Construction Authority, the motion is to support the site plan provided that the design of the school show a sensitivity to the former use and aesthetic importance of the site to the community and provided that the SCA allow Community Board 10 to provide early stage input with regard to the design, configuration of the building, traffic congestion and parking concerns and other matters of future concern to the community. 41 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Cassara; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.

**Chairman's Report – See Attached**

**District Manager's Report – See Attached**

Jonathan Yedin, Brooklyn Director for Congressman McMahan announced that the Congressman's office is located 8505 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the phone number is 718-630-5277, fax number 718-630-5388. The Congressman's committees are the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which was his first choice since he wanted to deal with the bridge and President Obama's new initiative for reinvesting in America's infrastructure. He is also on the Foreign Affairs Committee. Jonathan gave a brief update of what is going on in Washington, DC. The House just passed the S-chip bill expansion. There are 402,000 kids in New York with several thousand in the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that will be directly affected. S-chip was expanded from 7 million nationwide to 11 million. This will be signed sometime around President's Day. In regard to the bailout, the House passed a law adding oversight to see how the bailout money is used. Oversight was not included in the original bill passed under the former administration. The stimulus plan directly affects us with \$3.4 billion for New York City alone, of that \$1.6 billion directly for education and \$1.6 billion for budget aid including Medicaid costs. Finally, the Congressman will not be able to attend the MTA public hearing on Wednesday, but Jonathan will present testimony to ensure that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bus line stays in place, as well as trying to maintain as much service as possible on our other bus lines and express lines. With regard to the M train, there are 17,000 local people who take that train every day, and the Congressman's office will do all they can to prevent the proposed cut. BM Bortnick asked what happened to the funding that former Congressman Fossella had committed in the 2012 budget for the 86<sup>th</sup> Street subway station repairs. He asked that the new administration follow up and see that the money comes. Secondly, BM Bortnick spoke of the southwest waste transfer station, and asked if Congressman McMahan is committed to helping to prevent that from happening. Jonathan stated that the Congressman is still committed. BM May suggested that oversight be added for the MTA also. Jonathan stated that he will include that in his testimony. BM Ryan asked if the Congressman's office is handicapped accessible. Jonathan answered that there is a ramp. BM Ryan asked why the ramp is not out all the time and she would like to see a sign or an indication that a ramp is

available. Jonathan will address that. Chair Rasinya thanked Jonathan and stated that in regard to the \$4 million, that money is very close to being released and improvements are in the works. The issue will be discussed at our February 11<sup>th</sup> T&T Meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Traffic and Transportation Committee Report was rendered by T&T Chair Kieran. See Attached.

In regard to the MTA proposal to utilize the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 86<sup>th</sup> Street for B64 and Staten Island buses to pickup and discharge passengers, a motion from the floor was made by BM Cassara, second by BM Bortnick to endorse a letter to the MTA and our elected officials to investigate the use of the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 86<sup>th</sup> Street for these buses. BM Stelter commented that the S79 originally stopped on the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Motion: To endorse a letter to the MTA and our elected officials to investigate the use of the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 86<sup>th</sup> Street for B64 and Staten Island buses to pickup and discharge passengers. All in favor; motion carried.**

With regard to Go21's campaign to increase investment in the infrastructure of intermodal freight railroads, the T&T Committee voted to support a request to have the entire Board endorse communicating with our federal elected officials in support of the campaign. Motion by BM Stelter, second by BM May.

**Motion: To send a letter to our federal elected officials in support of Go21's campaign to increase investment in the infrastructure of intermodal freight railroads. All in favor; motion carried.**

T&T Chair Kieran reminded all that the MTA Public Hearing on proposed service cuts will be held on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott. He urged all to attend if possible to let the MTA know the proposed cuts will not be tolerated.

### **Senior Issues Committee**

The Senior Issues Committee Informational Report was rendered by Senior Issues Chair Quinones. See Attached.

BM Joudeh clarified that his remarks at the committee meeting might have been misinterpreted by HealthPlus regarding the former insurance policies for senior citizens where they would change their medication list every 25 days. He did not want HealthPlus to make the same mistakes. The issue was not against HealthPlus, he only brought up the issue because he sees first hand at his pharmacy practice the problems caused in the past by changes to the medication list. Chair Rasinya thanked BM Joudeh for his contribution to the Board as a professional on the Health and Welfare Committee. Chair Rasinya stated that BM Joudeh brings a prospective to the Committee that we did not have.

### **Environmental Committee**

The Environmental Committee Informational Report was rendered by Environmental Chair Ahl. See Attached. BM Bortnick requested that in the future when representatives are invited to attend Committee meetings, that it be someone at a higher level than what we've been receiving. He commented that Assistant Commissioner Sapienza has missed 3 out of 5 of our last Board Meetings. We can discount one because he attended the Committee meeting, rather than the Board Meeting. He feels that City Agencies should no longer send us smiling faces with a statement and come prepared to answer questions that we have, because we do seem to have some serious questions and BM Bortnick feels we are not hearing answers to them. Chair Rasinya stated that we normally do get answers to our questions, but if anyone feels that a question has not been answered they should let us know and we will share the answer if we have it, or we will get the answer from the appropriate agency.

### **Police and Public Safety Committee**

The Police and Public Safety Committee Informational Report was rendered by Police and Public Safety Chair Pulaski. See Attached. Chair Rasinya commented that it is disgraceful the way Peggy O'Neill's is operated. He stated that we will have to work with SLA to get them to cooperate. John Imbriale agreed to turn over a new leaf, but as far as Chair Rasinya is concerned, the new leaf is just as soiled as the old leaf.

### **Health and Welfare Committee**

The Health and Welfare Committee Informational Report was rendered by H&W Chair May. See Attached.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

Chair Rasinya adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**January 26, 2009**

Good evening fellow Board Members and Guests.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. During 2008 Community Board 10 addressed various community issues. While we shall continue to do this during 2009, the continuing economic turmoil will, I am sure, have a direct impact upon our local area. Reduced budgets may result in a reduction in personnel in many city and state agencies. One of the most important areas of concern is Police and Public Safety. As we continue to see the number of officers assigned to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct diminish from a few years ago, we must become more diligent in observing and reporting any action we see which is police related and is detrimental to our community and our quality of life. Please call Community Board 10 in addition to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct with any such observations. This will allow us to work hand in hand with the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct in addressing quality of life issues.

Many of us may have noticed numerous empty stores in our community. While there are many reasons for this occurring, I want to urge everyone to shop locally whenever possible. By supporting our local merchants we can do our part in maintaining a viable business community.

As the harsh reality of this economic downturn strikes our community, it becomes even more taxing upon our local food pantries. Whenever possible, please support our local food pantries by donating food and toiletry items.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Bloomberg for his foresight and proactive approach to the current budget crisis. The Mayor and our City Council Members, through diligent economic planning and making hard budget decisions, have managed to thus far keep New York City out of the abyss which many other cities have fallen into due to these difficult and extraordinarily hard economic times. Our elected officials representing us in Albany and Washington, DC have done an outstanding job in ensuring New York City gets its fair share of the federal and state budget expenditures.

In closing, I want to thank each and every Board Member for their hard work and dedication. Your individual efforts have collectively helped maintain the high quality of life we have in our community and ensure that the problems which come before us are addressed to the best of our ability.

Lastly, I want to thank our District Manager, Josephine Beckmann and Dorothy Garuccio, our Community Associate for the extraordinary effort they make in support of everything this Board does.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Rasinya  
Chair

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## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**January 26, 2009**

Good Evening Board Members:

On behalf of the District Office staff, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to our Chairperson Dean Rasinya and Officers and look forward to another exciting and productive year at CB 10. On behalf of Dorothy and myself, I would like to offer heartfelt congratulations to our new Secretary Ron Gross who is sitting up front for the first time and publicly thank him for helping me set up a computer template for our Community Board Ten transitional stationery.

On January 13, 2009, I attended the Borough President's monthly Borough Cabinet meeting. I listened to a presentation regarding the upcoming Census 2010 which is already underway. Officials from Census 2010 informed us that they are required to open an office in each Congressional District. They are looking now for spaces and by October 2009 they will be announcing their locations. They provided us with brochures and pamphlets – anyone interested can contact the District Office for information.

As you know the District Office continues to receive phone calls regarding the installation of cell towers in the District. We received notification about more antennae to be installed at 8801 Shore Road. Last week, I received a letter from Queens Community Board Eleven regarding their plight with proliferation of cell towers and antennae. In their district they have over 800 antennae and almost 100 tower structures.

They have also met in Committee and in a letter dated January 9, 2009 they have asked Amanda Burden, Director of Dept of City Planning to review its current zoning regulation and develop a new text amendment that would strengthen rules and regulations for the placement of telecommunication towers and poles especially within residential districts.

They also provided us with copies of a recent (December 2008) United States Court of Appeals decision made in response to a petition made by Sprint vs. the County of San Diego California. The County of San Diego enacted an ordinance establishing guidelines for the placement, design and processing of wireless antennae – certain set back requirement, camouflage, maintenance, and requiring a visual impact analysis. Sprint took action because they believed this ordinance violated the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Court ruled in favor of the municipality stating that local governments have the ability to create and enforce reasonable zoning ordinances that might affect where and how a cellular tower is located, but that will not effectively prohibit cellular telephone service.

Queens Community Board 11 is asking us to review their suggestions. I have forwarded this to our Chair and ZALUC Chair and they will be reviewing these issues shortly.

We have also received many calls curious about the work being performed alongside the Belt Parkway near Fort Hamilton Army base. For those of you who do not know this is a sewer replacement contract known as the Avenue V Force Main Replacement Contract – It replaces sewer pipe from Avenue V Pumping Station to Owls Head. They have been working alongside the Belt Parkway and are now in our District. If you have any questions, we have a liaison who provides our office with weekly updates and we would be happy to share information with you.

We have received the following Agency announcements.

Time Warner Cable will be upgrading cable system and will be excavating along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 79<sup>th</sup> Street to 80<sup>th</sup> Street. Work will begin on January 16, 2009 and should be completed by Thursday, February 26, 2009.

NYC Parks Department – is recruiting lifeguards – men and women 16 years of age – full time seasonal work at city beaches and pools. If you know anyone that is interested please call 311.

The Borough President will be hosting his Fifth Annual Valentine's Day Champagne Reception for Brooklyn Sweethearts married 50 or more years. It will take place on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the New York Marriott at Brooklyn Bridge, 333 Adams Street.

I have saved the best for last, in my hand I have before you a letter from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services – providing us with the green light to begin our move, at long, long last.. Dorothy and I will be quite busy the next few weeks – All of February's Committee meetings have been scheduled for the current District Office – as it will take us a few weeks to get settled.

Then next General Board Meeting for Community Board Ten will take place on Monday, February 23rd 7:15PM at the Knights of Columbus 1305 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

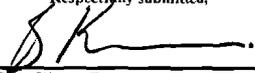
Budget Appropriation for FY 09	\$180,404.00
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	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y-T-D
DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,887.39	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$9,404.19	\$6,269.46							
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$8,475.40	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$7,333.29	\$4,888.86							
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	\$6,370.78	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$5,244.95	\$3,163.30							
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT													
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$25,733.57</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$21,982.43</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>							<b>\$105,002.48</b>

OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES														
ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y-T-D
10B	Telephone	196.82	194.83	186.40	195.58	189.43	185.95							
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials													
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture													
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00							
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	286.75	286.75	175.75	175.75	175.75	346.75							
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00							
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70							
612	Office Equip. Maint													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies													
622	Temporary Services-contractual													
624	Cleaning Services													
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$640.27</b>	<b>\$638.28</b>	<b>\$518.85</b>	<b>\$528.03</b>	<b>\$521.88</b>	<b>\$1,089.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,836.71</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES</b>	<b>26,373.84</b>	<b>14,959.90</b>	<b>14,840.47</b>	<b>14,849.65</b>	<b>22,504.31</b>	<b>15,411.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>108,839.49</b>						
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<b>AL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>														<b>\$71,464.81</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Brian Kieran, Treasurer