### Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance Knights of Columbus Monday, April 19, 2010 – 7:15 pm

### Board Members Present: 41

Elizabeth Amato Allen Bortnick Kevin Peter Carroll Robert Cassara Thomas Colasuonno

Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Anna DeMetz
Charles Elias

Khader El-Yateem

Siti Eschrich
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
George Fontas
Ronald Gross
Stephen Harrison
Habib Joudeh
Brian Kieran
Scott Klein
Stella Kokolis

Dino Lamia Nikolaos Leonardos

Jeannie May

Rhea McCone

James O'Dea

Eleanor Petty

George Prezioso

Susan Pulaski Mary Quinones

Dean Rasinya

Susan Romero

Jean Ryan

Dilia Schack

Eleanor Schiano

Joanne Seminara

Joseph Sokoloski Lawrence Stelter

Maureen Stramka

Fran Vella-Marrone

Mary Ann Walsh

### Board Members Excused: 7

Greg Ahl Ruth Berg Michael Casale Barbara Germack Judith Grimaldi Mary Nolan Michael Quinones

### Board Members Absent: 2

Salvatore Girgenti Husam Rimawi

# COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING April 19, 2010, Knights of Columbus MINUTES

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and introduced her parents, Joseph F. Seminara, Esq. and Anita Seminara, to lead The Honor of the Pledge.

Motion by BM Festa to adopt the Amended Agenda; second by BM D'Amelio. Agenda adopted as amended.

Motion to adopt the Minutes from the March 15, 2010 Board Meeting by BM Stramka; second by BM Romero. Minutes adopted as written.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Jonathan Yedin from Congressman McMahon's office introduced Melissa Batha, who is his replacement in Congressman McMahon's office. Melissa will be taking over Jonathan's duties for the remainder of the year as he takes on another position with the Congressman.

Susan Tirotta from Assembly Member Janele Hyer-Spencer's office spoke about the MTA's vote to eliminate the B37 bus. Constituents continue to complain about the MTA cuts, and Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer will hold another rally to try to save the B37. The rally has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the B37 bus stop in front of Foodtown, 9105 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. She asked that all help spread the word. Flyers were available at the rear of the room. She asked that people who have not yet signed the petition to stop the oil companies from drilling in the Marcellus shale please do so. BM Bortnick asked if the petition was to stop the drilling or to help it. Susan responded that it is to stop the drilling. Susan then went on to say that Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer introduced two new bills in recognition of Autism Awareness Month in April. The first bill would require the Department of Health to establish a registry for incidents of Autism Spectrum Disorder in the state. The second bill would provide training to school staff, including teachers, bus drivers and custodians. Copies of the Assembly Member's Community Newsletter were available.

Val Henry, the new liaison for Downstate Medical Center, introduced himself and spoke about the operation of a new Urgent Care Center at the Victory Memorial Hospital location. He congratulated and thanked Board Members for their hard work and sacrifice serving on the Board, and stated that he had served as a member of a sister Board for over 10 years. He announced that he met with DM Beckmann and Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Chair Grimaldi to talk about some of the issues surrounding Victory Memorial. He invited people to contact him to give him ideas of what they would like to see there, since they are just beginning and would like to be good neighbors. He can be reached at the hospital at 718-270-1490, or on his cell phone, 917-497-2244. BM Prezioso asked if Mr. Henry would define the difference between urgent care and emergency room, and what was at Victory Memorial. Mr. Henry responded that at this point it is just an emergency room and there are no inpatient services.

Resident Katherine Khatari spoke about a major problem on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street concerning the selling of drugs and drug use. She also mentioned the selling of tobacco to minors at the shisha (hookah) place in the back where it is dark and no one can spot them. She requested that attention be focused to resolve the problem.

Imam Mohammad Elbar asked BM El-Yateem to translate for him and spoke about the problem of the illegal use of drugs and the sale of cigarettes to minors on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He feels that one of the major problems is kids who are underage staying out on the streets late at night. He stated that parents have lost control of their children because of their behavior and the drugs they are taking. The kids are trying to get money in legal and illegal ways to purchase these drugs. He looks forward to working with the Board to explore options in which we can overcome this problem in our community, and he thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Council and has become part of our Zoning. He congratulated and thanked Community Board Ten who was one of the few Boards that did extensive work and research on this. The Councilman went on to say that he has an agreement with the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Chief Fox to address the issue of aggressive behavior at local bars along 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Crime statistics are down in the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, so it is good that we are being proactive. There will be additional police personnel assigned on the weekends, not only around the bars but also around the areas of the bars particularly around closing time so the residents and their property can be better protected. There will be more enforcement on underage drinking and more participation by bar owners. This is a joint partnership between the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, the Community Board, Chief Fox, and himself.

Council man Gentile announced that the complete street survey is kicking off today. The New York City Council is partnering with the DOT and AARP to survey high risk intersections citywide. He invited anyone who wants to sign up to take surveys of those areas they think are dangerous intersections to go to his office or to the Community Board to pick up a packet. The Councilman then said that BM Cruz would be giving her T&T Committee report later regarding traffic problems at 78<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway, but wanted to mention that he has spoken with DOT Commissioner Palmieri who stated he will have a plan by next week that he will sit down and discuss with him and the District Office. The Councilman hopes to see the plan next week with the changes for that intersection. In the interim, Deputy Inspector Rodriguez is trying to get traffic control officers at that location in the afternoons to try to keep traffic flowing.

Michelle Harrison, a long time volunteer with BRAVO Ambulance and recording secretary, spoke about the upcoming fundraiser, Keep BRAVO Running 5K Race. The race will be held on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am on the Shore Road Bike Path at 101<sup>st</sup> Street. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sign up forms were left in the rear of the room, and information is available on BRAVO's website, bravoambulance.org.

Howard Dunn spoke on behalf of the Kings County American Legion Wounded Warriors to announce a fund raising dinner to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-11:00 pm, at the Bay Ridge Manor. Tickets are \$100.00 for a cocktail hour, open bar and sit down dinner. Booster tickets are available at \$10.00 each. There are several prizes, including a seven day vacation to anywhere Jet Blue flies in the United States. He encouraged participation in this event to help wounded warriors and veterans who have sacrificed for their country.

Tresstine Conti spoke about her opposition to the closing of the Sunset Terrace Family Health Center OASIS Program for chemical dependency. She said that clients are very passionate about this program, however very few people are comfortable to come out and openly admit they are addicts. She then read a letter that she wrote about the program closure, stating her belief that this would have a devastating affect on the community. She gave heartfelt comments about how this program has benefited herself and others.

Joan McMillan also spoke about her opposition to the closing of the Sunset Terrace Chemical Dependency Center OASIS Program. She reiterated the importance of the program and how it has benefited her. She feels that this is a financial decision and that if addicts get caught using or selling drugs, they could go to jail and she questioned what that would cost the City. She credits this program with saving lives.

Rita Meade from the Brooklyn Public Library thanked Councilman Gentile for his hard work putting together the Library Day Rally at City Hall on Wednesday, which was very successful. She reminded everyone that they can go to any library branch to sign the petition protesting budget cuts to the libraries. Also, Councilman Gentile has an online petition in his blog. Rita informed the group that there will be a poetry reading at the Bay Ridge branch on Wednesday at 3:30 pm; all ages are welcome.

Larry McReynolds, Executive Director of Lutheran Family Health Centers, gave an update on some of their programs. They are expanding to meet the primary care needs of the community. They opened a new building on 56<sup>th</sup> Street that will double the capacity of serving the needs of women and children. Lutheran Medical Center will also be expanding with eight inpatient detox beds. Mr. McReynolds thanked Tresstine Conti and Joan McMillan for their comments and concerns about the closing of the Sunset Terrace OASIS Program. Detox issues are very serious and the program is going to be upgrading services to have licensed clinical social workers who will be addressing patients who have a mentally ill, chemically addicted disorder. Their strictly detox patients are going to be partnered with non community based organizations that are right here in the community that have the availability so that they can insure that every patient who needs assistance can get it.

Tomas Cruz, the Administrative Director of Sunset Terrace Family Health Center, thanked the women who spoke openly about the OASIS Program and reiterated what Mr. McReynolds said. They are actually expanding the Sunset Terrace Family Health Center by extending the services they will provide to people who have both a mental illness and a chemical dependency. Additionally, the expansion will include a full Article 28 clinic, which is a primary medical clinic, to provide services to the Sunset Park community. Letters and a list of providers they are partnering with were available in the rear of the room. They will continue to work with the staff to make sure there is a smooth transition. Chair Seminara stated that this matter will be referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

James Dedousis announced that just picked organically grown vegetables will be available in Bay Ridge from local upstate farmers during the 23-week harvest season, which begins on June 10<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to 8-10 vegetables, they will also have fruits. More information is available on their website, <u>yellowhookcsa.org</u>. He announced that there will be a "meet the farmers" event this Thursday at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Pre-School at 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Flyers were available in the rear of the room.

Zachary Gold announced the Eagle Scout Troop 310 Electronics Recycling Project and explained about e-waste, which is consumer and business electronic equipment that is near or at the end of its usefulness. Recycling electronics conserves our natural resources, reduces air pollution and greenhouse gases. They are asking responsible citizens to reduce waste. More information can be found on the websites <u>earth911.com</u>, <u>freecycle.org</u>, and <u>tinyurl.com/nycrecycle</u>, or by calling 657-464-4437. The project will run from April 14<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. Flyers which provide more information and list drop off locations were available at the rear of the room.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In the matter of an application for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café for 19 tables and 39 seats and petition to modify consent for The 8801 Corp., Cebu, 8801 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, DCA License #1139335, Sub-Committee Chair Gross rendered the Committee Report and Recommendation. See Attached. Sub-Committee Chair Gross noted that after discussion, the Sub Committee voted to approve the application. Since the Zoning Committee has not met, a motion from the floor is required. Motion from floor by BM Vella-Marrone; second BM Klein. Discussion followed. BM Harrison stated that last week he observed that the establishment has potted plants outside up against the building which protrude onto the sidewalk, pushing the tables out. Sub-Committee Chair Gross stated that the pots specifically were not addressed because once the sidewalk is regraded and barriers are put up, it seemed to be a moot point. He asked BM Harrison if the pots were there overnight, and the response was that they were. Sub-Committee Chair Gross said that if we amend or add anything, it would be included in our response. Vice Chair Kieran inquired about the minimum amount of sidewalk space required to be left open. The response was eight feet, or half of a narrow sidewalk depending on the width of the sidewalk. Vice Chair Kieran stated that when he last walked past, there was barely any room to get by. BM May stated that as she recently walked past the location all the tables were outside and she noticed a drift on the sidewalk. Sub-Committee Chair Gross clarified that this is the sloping sidewalk at the building line that will be regraded so they can move things closer to the building. BM Rasinya stated his recommendation that if we approve this, it should be done subject to them being in compliance now. He noted that they are currently non compliant and they are only allowed to take so much footage. Since we know this is a problem already, he requested to amend the motion to state that they need to become compliant with the law as it currently operates. Chair Seminara restated the motion as follows: That we approve this application subject to immediate compliance with all requirements of law or regulation with regard to the conduct of this café.

Motion: To approve the application for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café for 19 tables and 39 seats and petition to modify consent for The 8801 Corp., Cebu, 8801 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, subject to immediate compliance with all requirements of law and regulation with regard to the conduct of this café.

38 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 recusals – BM Falutico (friend of architect), BM Colasuonno (friend of owner), BM Harrison (prior business dealings). Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT - See Attached

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached** 

TREASURER'S REPORT - See Attached

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

### SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING AND HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

In the absence of Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi, Committee Member Romero rendered the Informational Report. See Attached. Discussion followed. Committee Member Romero stated that the food drive has already started and will be ongoing as long as there are schools that are willing to continue collecting. The group homes cannot be looked at yet as there is still work to be done. The other project the Committee is focusing on currently is Time Banking, and we will be hearing more about that in the next few weeks.

### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Prior to rendering the Committee Report, T&T Chair Cruz first thanked the Committee Members for all their hard work with regard to recent very intense meetings, the first on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge toll removal project, and the second on the Fort Hamilton Parkway/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/78<sup>th</sup> Street exit. She thanked Dorothy Garuccio for taking copious notes at the DOT Public Meeting, as it is difficult to chair the meeting and listen to people with intense arguments and comments. Committee Chair Cruz then rendered the T&T Committee Report on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge toll plaza project. See Attached.

Discussion followed. BM Bortnick voiced his concern about the toll plaza. He stated that they are widening the open end of the funnel but are doing nothing about the bottom end, which will cause major traffic backups causing a parking lot condition with the construction MTA is planning. He feels there is no practical discussion about putting any additional traffic along the Gowanus or doing anything to put in an additional entry from Brooklyn into New York where most traffic is headed. BM Vella-Marrone commented that the MTA does not need to check California to study electronic tolling, since Port Authority has had it on the bridges going to Staten Island for a few years. Committee Chair Cruz said that they did tell this to the MTA.

T&T Committee Chair Cruz rendered the T&T Committee Report on the Fort Hamilton Parkway exit/78<sup>th</sup> Street-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection. See Attached.

T&T Committee Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Committee Report regarding a request by the Buscaino family to change the location of the street name sign approved at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 77<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 76<sup>th</sup> Street. She added that there is also a request for a correction of the street name. The street name sign should read "Dr. Giacomo J. Buscaino Place". Motion from the floor made by BM Vella-Marrone; second BM Grimaldi.

Motion: To approve the change of the location of the street name sign originally approved at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 77<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 76<sup>th</sup> Street, and to correct the wording of the street name to "Dr. Giacomo J. Buscaino Place". All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

T&T Committee Chair Cruz continued to render the T&T Committee Report regarding a request for a moratorium on installation of new traffic signals in the Dyker Heights area until the DOT Traffic Study of Dyker Heights has been completed. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Vella-Marrone stated that she asked for this moratorium as President of the Dyker Heights Civic Association. They pushed for this study and, with the help of Community Board Ten and Councilman Gentile, DOT agreed to conduct a study. Dyker Civic does not want anything to happen while the study is in progress. They would like the study to be a true study of what is there now. It is BM Vella-Marrone's belief that the study should be completed by mid-June. Motion from the floor by BM Schiano; second BM Cassara.

Motion: To request that DOT place a moratorium on the installation of new traffic signals within the Dyker Heights area until the Dyker Heights traffic study is complete. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

T&T Committee Chair encouraged everyone to work with the City Council and participate in the street survey project, as it is very important to our community. She also suggested to Councilman Gentile and the entire City Council that the survey project be put on-line to make it more convenient for the public to participate. Lastly T&T Chair Cruz inquired as to the date of the Five Borough Bike Tour, which is

normally held in early May. DM Beckmann responded that we have not received any information as yet, and as soon as the District Office receives word, the information will be shared with Board Members.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

In the absence of Environmental Committee Chair Ahl, Chair Seminara asked if anyone who attended the Environmental Committee Meeting would be able to share some basic information about the DEP Siphon Project. BM Stelter explained that DEP will replace existing siphons within parts of Community Board Ten DEP is building a new siphon to replace the two existing siphons that cross under the Narrows from Bay Ridge to Staten Island. DEP plans to dig a new tunnel near 79<sup>th</sup> Street to replace the old one. Part of Shore Road Park will be closed off for some time. There will be a large manhole allowing access into the tunnel. The water mains that feed into the existing two siphons will be replaced with tunneling underneath the walkway along Shore Road Park. There will be security at all times patrolling the site. Chair Seminara added that the Environmental Chair Ahl's Report on this topic will be distributed at a later date.

BM Bortnick stated that there was another issue that came up at the Environmental Committee meeting regarding gas drilling. BM Bortnick and BM Cassara attended an environmental meeting at Cooper Union where they discussed what was going on with the gas drilling. This was done exclusively from an environmental point of view. BM Bortnick indicated that last year we were advised of problems we would face, however it is getting progressively worse in the sense that the gas drilling companies are moving forward as slowly as they can, which will mean the poisoning of the water for 12 million people in New York. He has spoken with Senator Schumer who indicated there was going to be a bill in Congress. BM Bortnick requested that everyone send an e-mail or letter to Senator Schumer to alert him of the importance of doing something about the fracking technique, and at the same time pester Albany to prevent the hydrofracking method from being used. If they use it, it is impossible to save the water supply for New York City. BM Cassara added that if only five gallons of toxic waste gets into the New York City watershed, it's polluted, and if 3% of the well they are drilling goes south, our watershed is destroyed. He noted that gas companies were exempted from EPA regulations since 2005. BM Cruz stated that gas companies have now approached the state saying they have a way to help close the budget gap by digging for gas in their parks to solve the financial crisis. BM Rasinya thought that there had been a previous discussion about sending a letter asking gas companies to comply with the Safe Water Act. Chair Seminara responded that this has already been done.

### YOUTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Youth Services, Education, and Libraries Committee Chair Collins rendered the Committee Report. See Attached.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to endorse the actions that the Committee recommended unanimously. Motion from the floor by BM Carroll; second by BM Kokolis.

Motion: To endorse the Youth Services, Education, and Libraries Committee resolution that we support access to the gifted and talented program being opened up to school children on Fort Hamilton Army Base; that we oppose cuts that threaten services of the NIA as well as oppose cuts to our libraries. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski rendered the Committee Report regarding a new SLA application for 8015 Tavern Ltd, 8015 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. See Attached. Discussion followed.

BM McCone questioned the applicant's request to be open until 4:00 am. Committee Chair Pulaski noted that applicants usually apply for the maximum amount of time because if they shorten it and then want to stay open later, they cannot go in that direction. BM McCone feels the 4:00 am closing time is an issue because it leads to the need to have greater police presence when the bars close. BM El-Yateem asked how we are considering and being sensitive to the comments of people who came to the Committee Meeting and are opposing this application. Chair Seminara replied that the Committee listened to everything people have to say, and since this is a new establishment, the Committee felt they should give the owner a chance given what they are expressing.

BM Harrison asked if smoking is allowed in the backyard and was told that it is. BM Harrison expressed his feeling that a stipulation should be made that smoking should not be allowed in the backyard. He feels this encourages people to go in the backyard and this is disruptive to the residents above. BM Gross stated that if smoking were prohibited in the backyard, people would stand out front to smoke. BM Prezioso asked if the new owner has a history from her previous establishment. The response was that the new owner stated that she had no SLA violations during her ownership. BM Prezioso felt that this is what the new owner stated, however an objective investigation with the SLA should be conducted. Chair Seminara stated that the applicant, Ms. Dermody, was present and would address the issue herself. BM Cassara said that he felt we have to respect the residents in the area of the bar, as they have to live with this on a daily basis. He added that Ms. Dermody once had another bar, and after she sold it, it went downhill. He suggested that the same thing could not happen here, and the neighbors will have to live with it. BM Rasinya questioned if there had been any discussion about closed circuit TV. Committee Chair Pulaski replied that they had requested security, but not closed circuit TV. BM Rasinya feels that we should stipulate closed circuit TV within and without the establishment for every application we receive, which is a terrific record if something happens. Chair Seminara asked the applicant to come up to speak about what her plans are. The applicant stated that the establishment will have full security and closed circuit television to monitor everything. She went on to state that she has no intention of selling the establishment in three years; that she is 45 years old and has no plans to have any more children. She had sold her last establishment to raise her children. Ms. Dermody stated that she had no SLA violations while she owned her former establishment, Harbor Tavern. She said Harbor Tavern had been run down and had a lot of similar problems when she took it over, and she turned it into a beautiful place that was well respected in the community. It was very successful, and a nice place for people to come to. She stated she is not remotely interested in running an establishment that will be selling drugs or serving minors. BM Rasinva suggested we stipulate that an owner must be present between 10:00 pm and closing because when owners are not there, things happen.

Chair Seminara and Committee Chair Pulaski reviewed the stipulations as follows:

- 1. licensed security from Thursday through Sunday, with cameras
- 2. no promoters
- 3. no smoking in the rear vard
- 4. no live music and no music in back yard
- 5. soundproofing throughout the establishment be installed during renovation
- 6. back yard closes at midnight
- 7. owner present on premises between 10:00 pm to closing

BM Amato commented that when there is a DJ, there is dancing. BM Cruz commented that if there is a DJ and dancing, the applicant will come back to us and want a cabaret license for an existing situation. She recommended that we curb that right away. BM McCone does not feel that a stipulation requiring the owner to be present from 10 pm to closing is feasible. Motion from the floor by BM Vella-Marrone; second BM Carroll to conditionally approve the issuance of an SLA license subject to the stipulations that were discussed.

## Motion: To deny the issuance of an SLA liquor license for 8015 Tavern unless the following stipulations met:

- 1. licensed security from Thursday through Sunday, with cameras
- 2. no promoters
- 3. no smoking in the rear yard
- 4. no live music and no music in back yard
- 5. sound proofing throughout the establishment be installed during renovation
- 6. back yard closes at midnight
- 7. no dancing
- 8. owner present or easily accessible between the hours of 10:00 pm and closing

### 39 in favor; 2 opposed - BM Cassara, BM Joudeh; motion carried.

Committee Chair Pulaski continued to render the Police and Public Safety Committee Report regarding a request for an SLA license for Cranberrys Restaurant and Café Corp., 9013 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. See attached. BM May questioned how the hookah component, which is smoking fruit flavored tobacco, fits into an establishment where there is no smoking allowed. District Manager Beckmann replied that she had posed this question to the Department of Health, and their reply was that there are no city ordinances or state regulations that relate to this. DOH feels there is no damaging effect from second hand smoke, because there is no tar in what is used. She added that we have received complaints about other establishments about odors and DOH's response is that there are no regulations. A motion from the floor was made by BM Prezioso, second by BM Klein, to approve the new SLA application for Cranberrys Restaurant and Café Corp., 9013 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Discussion followed.

BM Joudeh commented that hookah is more dangerous than cigarettes. The problem is that the hookah gets loaded with marijuana and hashish and other substances. When you pass these hookah establishments, the people are sitting outside smoking the hookah, and you feel the smoke. The 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct is doing a lot of work trying to stop this, but unfortunately the state is not. He feels this matter should be looked into further, as it is beyond smoking cigarettes and much more damaging. When questioned about what is supposed to be in the hookah, BM Joudeh replied that it is fruit and tobacco that has not been processed. BM Schack said it was brought to her attention that this is attracting young kids 15-17 years old, and not only does it bring a lot of problems like noise and crowds, but this is something that should not be given to kids. BM Ryan said she can hardly believe this is not damaging to people who have respiratory problems like asthma, and people can also be allergic to tobacco. BM Vella-Marrone suggested one condition to the application be that there should not be a hookah component.

The owner of the establishment was present and was called upon to speak. Ms. Chin stated that the establishment has been operating since November 2009, they have passed two Department of Health inspections, and they check everyone's ID to verify that patrons are 18 years old and over. She stated that the hookah is made of fruit. BM Rasinya asked about the hours of operation. Committee Chair Pulaski stated that the hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 3:00 pm to 2:00 am; Friday and Saturday, 2:00

pm to 3:00 am; Sunday, 2:00 pm to 1:00 am; and the kitchen would be open the entire time. Lunch, dinner and after dinner fare is served. The application is for a full liquor license. BM Falutico asked if the hookah is currently a component of the restaurant. Ms. Chin replied that hookah is currently a component, and they are now adding a full liquor license. BM McCone asked where the hookah is used within the establishment, and Ms. Chin replied that it is used everywhere within the establishment. BM Lamia suggested a stipulation be added that the application be denied subject to the non use of the hookah component.

Motion: To approve the SLA application for Cranberrys Restaurant and Café Corp., 9013 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with no change in operation or stipulations. A roll call vote was taken: 27 in favor; 13 opposed. See Attached. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Pulaski continued to render the Police and Public Safety Committee Report regarding the matter of a new SLA application for Beebo Corp., 8518-8520 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Motion from the floor by BM Amato; second by BM Quinones. To approve of a full liquor license at Beebo Corp., 8518-8520 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Discussion followed.

BM Harrison questioned who lives above the restaurant and was told that the consultant's relatives live on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, and the business partner's brother owns the pharmacy next door. BM Harrison noted that the applicant stated that there was no previous history at the site however the previous establishment, the Silver Rail, had a big history. BM Fontas asked for clarification regarding the applicant's intention to have music in multiple spaces with different music played in different locations of the establishment. It was explained by Committee Chair Pulaski that this is a huge space and they would have moveable walls to section off various areas, where they could have private parties. BM Rasinya asked if the bar would be for restaurant patrons only or if people would be able to walk in just to have a drink. Ihab, one of the owners who was present, responded that the bar would be for restaurant guests, and occasionally for guests who want to dine at the bar. He also noted that there are seven seats at the bar. BM Cruz asked about the number of tables and occupancy rate, and Ihab stated that there are 90 seats per store and there are two stores, for a total of 180 occupants. There are currently tables with 137 seats. The occupancy rate does not include the enclosed backyard. BM Ryan inquired as to whether or not the establishment is wheelchair accessible. Ihab replied that there are two steps to the back area, however, the bathroom is fully accessible, as well as the inside of the rest of the establishment. BM Falutico asked whether the rear atrium is an existing structure and was told that it is. It was also determined that the atrium backs up to the backyards of the residents on 85th and 86th Streets, but there is still 8' of clear space to the rear fence, and the plans are to install plants and a waterfall in that 8 feet. BM Fontas asked if there would be live music and/or DJs. The response was that there would just be background music, no live music or DJs. When asked, Ihab responded that there would also be background music in the atrium area. BM Harrison again asked about the relatives who live in the building. His son lives on the first floor and he is certain there are no relatives living there, and he understands that the people on the second floor are cab drivers and limo drivers who are constantly changing. He asked where the people live who are related. Ihab replied that the landlord is the brother of his advisor and the contractor's relatives live on the second floor of 8518 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. When asked by BM Rasinya for the hours of operation, Ihab stated that the hours would be Monday to Thursday, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 12:00 am; Sunday, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, which are the same as the hours on the SLA Application.

Motion: To approve of a full liquor license at Beebo Corp., 8518-8520 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. 38 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Joudeh, BM Schack; 1 recusal – BM Harrison (son lives in building). Motion carried.

Committee Chair Pulaski continued to render the Police and Public Safety Committee report regarding the SLA application for 93 Lounge at 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street known as Roxbury Lounge, and the SLA application for Jasper Entertainment Inc., at 9310 Fourth Avenue. See Attached.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Seminara noted that CB 10 received a request from our Public Advocate to discuss and possibly endorse a resolution that he made regarding charter revision. The Public Advocate would like us to pass a resolution that says he hopes that the Charter Revision Commission will use the opportunity to meaningfully engage New Yorkers in discussions about how to make government more responsive to their needs including frequent open public forums in every corner of the city to encourage New Yorkers to make recommendations about their visions for New York and to observe in deliberative process. He asks the Commission to do adequate outreach to New Yorkers about Charter Revision using all available modes of communication – social networking, the civic community, religious organizations, web casting, video teleconferencing, etc. He wants this to be promulgated very widely. It will include very clear and concise questions and extensive public education about what voters can expect to see on a ballot. He is asking for more openness in the Charter Revision Process and is asking us to endorse that recommendation. Motion from the floor to endorse the Public Advocate's resolution regarding an open and meaningful process during charter revision by BM Leonardos; second BM Rasinya.

Motion: To endorse the Public Advocate's resolution regarding an open and meaningful process during charter revision. 37 in favor; 4 opposed – BM Fontas, BM Cruz, BM Prezioso, BM Schack. Motion carried.

BM Schiano announced that the Guild for Exceptional Children in collaboration with Xavarian High School is having a Brother Jim Reunion to honor Brother Jim for his almost 30 years of hosting Ryken dances for the Guild consumers. She invited everyone to participate in the event, which will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2010 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at the Bay Ridge Manor. Tickets are \$50 per person for a buffet dinner. She also took the opportunity to thank District Manager Beckmann and Dorothy Garuccio for their help in getting DEP assistance within one hour to repair a dangerous condition around a fire hydrant at the southwest corner of  $92^{nd}$  Street and  $3^{rd}$  Avenue.

BM Fontas inquired, in the spirit of openness and more public participation, whether the Communications Committee was considering setting up a Facebook page for Community Board Ten to use social networking to invite more people to our Committee Meetings and our Board Meetings. Chair Seminara stated that she will take this under consideration.

BM Bortnick requested an update from DEP Assistant Commissioner Vincent Sapienza on the Owls Head Pollution Plant at our next Board Meeting.

BM Stelter noted that the Bay Ridge Historical Society will have their next meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 pm, at the Shore Hill Community Room. The topic will be the History of the Boy Scouts, and the speaker will be Judge Schack.

BM Collins made a motion to send a letter protesting cuts at Lutheran Medical Center Sunset Park OASIS Clinic that was discussed during Public Session. Chair Seminara stated that she will have the Committee look at this.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

BM Prezioso inquired as to whether or not the Century 21 parking lot is currently being utilized by valet parking attendants. The response was that it is not currently being utilized and BM Harrison is working on a plan to accomplish this.

BM Cassara spoke about fracking and had with him a publication from the Urban Design Lab at Columbia University, 2009. More detailed information on the dangers and hazards of hydrofracking can be found on the website <u>endocrinedisruption.org</u>. BM Bortnick reminded everyone to sign Congressman McMahon's petition and to write Senator Schumer about getting a law through the Senate to prohibit hydrofracking.

BM May brought up the fact that cars are still parking on the sidewalk on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 94<sup>th</sup> Street. This continues to occur at the BMW and Volkswagen dealerships, with cars also being parked on the street all the time. She went on to say that the valet parking attendants at Fushimi Restaurant and their valet parkers are now parking cars on the sidewalk as well. DM Beckmann will refer this complaint to 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

Date: April 19, 2010, 7:15 pm

### Subject: Board Meeting; Knights of Columbus

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### ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

### Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2010

### Community Board 10 Offices - 7pm

The ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés me	et on A	pril 6, 2010	. A quorum
A NEW   RENEWAL application for an	ENCLOSED	UNENCLOS	ED sidewalk café
was discussed for 19 tables and 39 seats 8801 3rd Avenue . The Consumer The applicant WAS WAS WAS NOT present.		Number is 11393	35 located at
The Board has received no complaints rega	arding this esta	ıblishment.	
There were no proposed changes	Previous 1	2 Table / 25	Seats to be
X This is an amended application	expanded a	long 3rd Aver	ue (in front
of the former Mambo Italiano, which	n now belon	gs to Cebu).	The new
numer of tables / chairs is 19 tab	les and 39	chairs.	
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After discussion, the committee voted  RECOMMEND DENY approval of thereby so moves.  After discussion, the committee's recommandal approval of the application for this café from the floor is required.  Respectfully submitted,	endation is to	for this café permit  SUPPORT    Jorum was not met  2 in favor  1 recusal (A	DENY t, a motion
Ronald Gross Chair, ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Café	es		CONTINUED

### ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés Meeting Minutes

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The owners indicated that the new tables and chairs were to be placed in front
of the new section of the restaurant. They indicated that they are about to
replace and regrade the entire sidewalk along the entire 3rd Avenue frontage.
This should solve the past problems of tables, chairs, customers and wait staff
creeping into the public sidewalk space.
When asked about barriers, they replied that it was always their intention to
use them. However, they had not been able to fit them with the sloping sidewalk.
The barriers will be part of the new plan. They were reminded that all fixtures
must be brought in every night.
Valet parking issues were addressed. The owners indicated that they are unhappy
with the entire valet situation and would be open to suggestions. ZALUC's
intention to have the valet services use the new Century 21 parking garage
was mentioned. Cebu's response was extremely enthusiastic. They were told
that CB-10 will provide a contact person at Century 21 shortly.
It was then brought to this sub-committee's attention that the same valet company
services virtually all of the businesses in that immediate vicinity and that
perhaps a "valet station" could be set up and be useful to mitigate some of the

obvious problems.

### Chair's Report April 19, 2010

Good evening Board Members, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Delightfully Spring has sprung even as an erupting volcano as severely curtailed international travel. This is my favorite time of year in our lovely neighborhood as a result of the beautiful flowering trees and sunshine not to mention the warmth. I am grateful for the ongoing work of our committees and our recent efforts to reach out to the larger community.

About 10 days ago I testified before the Zoning subcommittee of the City Council in support of the citywide Streetscape Preservation Text Amendment to the Zoning Resolution. It passed the committee unanimously and the passed the council, apparently with some opposition. It is now law. I am proud that our efforts led to the generation and formulation of some of the text of this new law which will protect our special streetscape, front yards, access to parking and continue to enhance the Spring here for years to come as it enhances and protects our green spaces. More room for flowers. There was a good deal of discussion at the City Council committee level of the need for DOB enforcement regarding curb cuts and this is something we need to continue to make a priority.

Two of our committees met for the first time in 2010. Judie Collins ran a successful meeting with much community input from Ft. Hamilton and educational professionals and our Senior Issues/Health and Welfare/Housing Committee met, who we will hear from later. Notably, we held a very well attended special Traffic & Transportation public meeting attended by more than 100 community residents who are concerned about the 7th Avenue at the exit to the highway, ably chaired by T & T Chair Doris Cruz.

Our office is very busy with walk-in inquires and visits. The volume of work is continuing to increase; there are more inquiries and more complaints to resolve and field. Many days, I know it is difficult to "catch a break" in our office and I am grateful for the steadfast service of our staff and their "can-do" professionalism. I also appreciate the way Jo, Dorothy and JoAnn continuously confer with me about many decisions and topics of concern.

Tomorrow, Brian Kieran and I and several Board members will attend the first Brooklyn meeting of the newly formed NYC Charter Revision Commission. We will join other Board leaders to make our voices heard concerning the irreplaceable, essential and cost effective services that CBs provide throughout the City of New York. In many ways we make the job of City agencies easier and more effective and our city more livable. If you can, please join us at St. Francis College at 4pm to add your voice to plans to change the New York City Charter, the law that establishes community boards and defines our powers and limitations. We take seriously our role of speaking for and with the larger community, providing information and facilitating the delivery of services on a very local level.

As an example of our effectiveness please consider how our Board worked with the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct in the past 2 months on a pattern of drug arrests. As a direct result of the reports made by one of our Board members there were a number of arrests in connection with drug sales. For security reasons I will not name the Board member who made these reports- you know who you are and I thank you. This kind of reporting is invaluable.

Once again, thank you all for your dedication, service and support.

Best wishes,

Joanne Inunara / dz Joanne Seminara, Chair

### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 19, 2010

Dear Board Members,

The District Office has received several calls from residents concerned about the McKinley Park restrooms. There has been a break in the sewer main outside of the park that requires it to be dug up and repaired. A repair for this break is at the top of the list for Citywide Parks Unit to make repairs. I have reached out to our Parks Manager Art DeCesario and while I do not have a time line as to when repairs will be made, I have urged NYC Parks to make the necessary repairs as residents with young children who utilize the playground are frustrated by the closure. I will continue to keep you apprised.

Since our last meeting, I met with National Grid who has been conducting investigation and remediation of 2 Manufactured Gas Plant Sites within the Community Board Ten area. Manufactured Gas Plants or MGPs operated from about the mid 1800s to the 1950s. They produced gas from coal and petroleum that was used for lighting cooking and heating. Decades later it was determined that this process could have left behind byproducts, primarily coal tar. Most of the byproduct material is under the ground surface and does not pose an immediate health risk to the public. The NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation has developed an aggressive remediation program for former MGP sites. There are 23 sites in Brooklyn; 2 Holder Stations are within CB10. Holder Station A is between 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and 64<sup>th</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues; Holder Station B is located between 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Streets between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. National Grid will be performing ground water and field sampling should be completed by next week and National Grid will report its findings to the Community Board Environmental Committee within several months.

The District Office is transitioning to using a new computerized Street Activity Permit application. Block Party and Street Festival Applications can be made on line. The City is still accepting applications by mail. We are working with our Block Associations to make sure that Community Board Ten guidelines continue to be met.. most importantly that we receive petitions from more than 50 percent of residents living on requesting block.

Community Board 10 is once again putting together a team for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life which takes place at the Fort Hamilton HS Athletic Field on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Green forms to sign up for the CB10 Team were mailed with your Minutes. The cost is \$10 which includes a t-shirt. Team members' payments and forms are due at the District Office no later than Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have these forms here tonight if anyone is interested. Luminaria forms are also available and at a cost of \$5.00 per candle, they are a wonderful way to honor or remember a friend or a loved one. These are due by Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in order for the revenue to be added to Community Board Ten's fundraising effort. Track signs are also being sold at a cost of \$150 each. Track sign forms are due at CB 10 by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Announcements**

The Brooklyn Road Runners Benefit Run will take place on Sunday, April 25 beginning at 10:00 am. The run begins on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and continues on the Shore Road Bike Path to the Verrazano Bridge.

Street Naming for Rosemarie O'Keefe will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 11:00 am at the corner of Bay Ridge Parkway and  $5^{th}$  Avenue.

Howie Dunn ask that I announce that the Kings County American Legion will be hosting a benefit for the Wounded Warriors and our local veterans at the VA Hospital. The fundraiser will take place at the Bay Ridge Manor on Thursday, May  $6^{th}$  from 6-9 pm.

A Special CEC Meeting will take place on May 10, 2010 at 415 89<sup>th</sup> Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 7:00 PM.. There will be a presentation by the Department of Education Budget Office regarding the proposed budget allocation formula and how this affects your school and child.

The Norwegian Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. It begins on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 81<sup>st</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Street and proceeds north on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Leif Ericson Park. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed to traffic beginning at Noon.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm right here at the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Beckmann District Manager

### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN \*\* 2 TREASURER'S REPORT

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Budget Appropriation for FY 10

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Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

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### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN REPORT SENIOR ISSUES, HOUSING AND HEALTH AND WELFARE April 19, 2010

The committee met on **March 16, 2010.** The meeting was conducted by Chairperson, Judie Grimaldi. Attendance included: Anna DeMetz, Jeannie May. James O'Dea, Eleanor Petty, Susan Romero, Joseph Sokoloski. Maureen Stramka.

Excused: Kevin Peter Carroll, Mary Quinones

Absent: Michael Casale, Ida D'Amelio, Salvatore Girgenti, Stella Koklois

The committee addressed the following issues:

- 1. The continuation of the food drive for community food pantries
- 2. CB 10's process for evaluating group homes when presented to committee
- 3. Community service projects options... health education, diabetes and obesity awareness and the introduction of Time Banking to Bay Ridge.

#### **FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM:**

The committee agreed to continue to collect food donations for the neighboring food banks; and identified locations which have accepted donations last year. Board members who were present volunteered to take leadership and organize these assigned sites as listed below. Committee members who were not in attendance will be assigned to these sites to assist with the collection and programming.

The following process was successfully used to collect the food in the past and will be repeated.

- 1. Each committee member will contact their assigned food bank to learn of the site's needs and the site's capacity to receive food donations
- 2. Each committee member will identify a local school or charitable group who will undertake the collection of food for the assigned food bank. The Board will provide a collection flyer for the school's use to publicize the food collection.
- 3. Each committee member will arrange for delivery of the collected food to the food pantry.
- 4. The Board will provide a special thank you for the student leaders who participated in the food pantry collection. This is to be determined.

The selected food bank locations are

Food Bank	Committee Coordinator
Narrows Senior Center (Catholic Charities site)	open
St Andrews	Eleanor Petty
Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church	Susan Romero & A. De Metz
OLA Human Services Food pantry	Eleanor Petty & M.Quinones
Bay Ridge Center - Bethlehem Lutheran Church	J Grimaldi & J May
St Patrick's	Joseph Sokoloski

Other sites which must be confirmed include: Reaching Out food pantry and Salaam Lutheran Church. The goal of our committee is to investigate each site's interest in receiving donations and to learn what types of food are needed such as special diets and other needs.

The committee members will also be matching school volunteers and will identify the proper individual at each school who will coordinate the food drive and secure the approval of principal. CB10 will prepare a flyer for the school's food collection and be available to coordinate the announcements to the student body if welcomed.

To date Eleanor Petty has made contact with OLA and St Andrews and Leif Ericson Day School will be collecting. Susan Romero has contacted the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church and the pastor welcomes donations.

#### **Group Home Selection Process**

The committee agreed to table this topic until a later date and took materials provided by Josephine for future review

Community service projects options... health education, diabetes and obesity awareness and the introduction of Time Banking to Bay Ridge.

The following project areas were discussed and reserved for various reasons including:

- Community education targeting older persons on the use of prescription drugs using local drug stores for outreach. The Goal was to make drugs more affordable and institute discount programs. The committee agreed this was a need but believed it was duplication of many existing efforts and beyond the scope of our committee.
- 2. Community Education on the Census. It was determined that although very important our efforts would be too late to be effective.
- 3. Smoking and Obesity projects this was tabled as a future project as we elected to focus on the food pantry now. The committee agreed that when the Lighten Up Brooklyn Project is announced in the next cycle we will participate on behalf of CB 10 to promote this effort in our community.
- 4. Senior Transportation Needs: Again this was an important need for the older population especially in light of the transportation cuts to be implemented. The Board will investigate options and make this information more widely available.
- 5. Introduction of Time Banking to Bay Ridge: The program and materials on Time Banking was distributed to the committee members in attendance. The committee selected this community project to further develop. TimeBank is a community outreach program sponsored by Visiting Nurse Service. It is currently in operation in Sunset Park, Chinatown and Washington Heights. Bay Ridge has been selected as the next site to open and VNS/Time Bank is looking for a show of interest before developing a program here. Jeanne May made the suggestion that they come to Bay Ridge. TimeBanking is an innovative exchange of services among community participants based on a "pay it forward" or barter model of exchange of services. Services are traded among members through this organized system. For every hour of service, a member receives one hour of credit to be redeemed for services or activities they need. It works inter generationally, can provide support to family caregivers. Some of the most popular bartered exchanges have included tutoring and teaching language skills, dog walking, hand crafts, clothing repairs, snow removal, computer assistance, cooking, shopping, errands, hair care, household repairs, lessons, telephone assistance and phone visits. District Manager Josephine Beckmann will advise on the proper method of the Board supporting the introduction of TimeBanking into our community. The Committee would like to invite the director Mashi Blech to present TimeBanking to the Community Board. Materials were distributed to all committee members.

Respectfully Submitted.

**√**udith D. Grimaldi,

Chair, Senior Issues, Housing, Health & Welfare Committee

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Traffic and Transportation Committee Report for April 19, 2010

### Informational Report on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Toll Plaza Improvement Project

The Traffic & Transportation committee met in quorum on the evening of March 18, 2010 at the district office. Representatives of the MTA, the TBTA, NYS DOT, Representative Nadler, McMahon, State Senator Marty Goldn, Assemblymembers Hyer-Spencer, Brook Krasny and Councilmember Gentile were in attendance.

In January, a contract was awarded to remove the unused Brooklyn bound toll booths.

#### Phase A

Removal to the first 8 toll booths was scheduled to begin in April 2010 and be completed by early 2011. While the MTA is removing the toll booths, NY State DOT will be making improvements on the Staten Island Expressway.

The Fingerboard Road bridge/overpass will be widened. This project will be concurrent with the removal of the toll booths. Widening will allow for <u>new</u> and relocated ramps which the MTA says will improve traffic flow to the bridge. It will reduce the slowdown of traffic as it approaches the bridge.

### Phase B Brooklyn bound

During this phase, the remaining three Brooklyn bound toll booths will be removed and the Staten Island Expressway to the upper level of the bridge will be realigned. A new Brooklyn bound connector ramp to the lower level will be constructed. Entrance and exit ramps will be reconstructed. There will be realignment of the Lily Pond On Ramp and the Father Capodanno 2 lane ramp.

All of this will increase lanes flowing to the bridge.

#### Phase B Staten Island bound

Reconstruction of entrance and exit ramps, increased lanes to improve traffic flow.

The design of Phase B is expected to be completed in Fall 2010 with the contract to be awarded in early 2011. Construction should start in Mid 2011 and be completed in 2015. The Brooklyn bound improvements are scheduled to be completed in 2014.

#### **NY State DOT**

The NY State DOT will be making improvements on the Staten Island Expressway to improve the bottle neck at the Slossen Avenue exit. They will make design improvements and lane changes (additions???)

to reduce and hopefully eliminate the slowdown in this area that causes backups to the New Jersey bridges.

There will be no lane closures at peak hours. The MTA was reminded that summertime weekends are peak hours for the bridge.

While the contract was scheduled to begin this month, the contractors schedule was not available.

There is an incentive/disincentive clause in the contract.

All in attendance supported the changes that are intended to reduce bottlenecks in Staten Island. All were adamant in their concerns that no work be done during peak hours.

Also discussed was electronic tolling

Currently the MTA has no electronic tolling (passive tolling, passive EZ Pass.

There is a pilot project on the Henry Hudson parkway (a passenger car only road) for electronic tolling. The pilot project will assess collection, billing cameras, traffic patterns, etc. The pilot project is scheduled to run for at least one year. After that time, the MTA will select a site for a study of a roadway with commercial traffic.

The MTA stated that removal of the toll booths and other improvements in the Staten Island toll booth removal project will not preclude electronic tolling on the Verrazano Bridge. Electronic tolling would reduce the amount of truck traffic in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Discussion

# Gowanus Expressway Forth Hamilton Parkway Exit and the intersection of 78<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway

This is an informational report only

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on Wedensday, April 14, 2010 at St Ephram's old school hall.

Prior to the meetings, the district office arranged to have flyers distributed in the surrounding area.

### **Background Information**

This is a dangerous highway exit and there are many dangerous intersections in the area. There have been many serious accidents at this location. Last year DOT made changes to the Gowanus exit and to traffic patterns in the area. The changes were implemented without input from the Community Board. At that time, there was concern about timing of the lights and the exit from the Gowanus. In November, the DOT said they were planning to make additional changes as a result of area complaints. The Board requested that the DOT come to the committee prior to making any changes.

It took DOT from November until March to agree to come to the community. They scheduled the meeting and were supposed to have a proposal for the community on April 14<sup>th</sup>. That is why flyers were distributed. On Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, DOT advised District Manager Beckman that they were not ready with a proposal (of a plan that was supposed to be implemented in November).

We agreed to hold the meeting as an opportunity to hear the resident's complaints and some of their suggestions. Residents from 74<sup>th</sup> street to 81<sup>st</sup> street attended. They were angry that it has taken DOT so long to address the problem.

### A quick summary of the complaints

Traffic backs up on the Gowanus exit. Drivers use the grassy area to make an additional lane and they cut across the divider to avoid waiting.

Traffic backs up on side street and drivers go in reverse to get off the various blocks. Drivers make illegal turns, drivers run lights,

There is no traffic enforcement in this area. With the level of complaints, it was surprising that traffic enforcement was not increased in the area. There is ticketing for illegal trucks, cell phones and no seat belts, but no ticketing for running lights, crossing dividers, etc.

Emergency vehicles cannot get through.

It can take 10 minutes to go two blocks.

The lights are not properly timed.

Lanes have been eliminated which causes the heavy congestion. Lanes have been reduced from 5 to 2.

Bike lanes are not necessary and are dangerous on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Lights should be added. Lights should be timed better. Traffic should be reversed on several streets.

The residents made it very clear that this is a dangerous situation.

There were requests for traffic agents and DOT agents for the morning rush and especially the afternoon rush. Children are in danger.

A PS 127 crossing guard said that the majority of the traffic comes from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and from 80<sup>th</sup> street and 86<sup>th</sup> street and merges into one land. She suggested installing a signal at 80<sup>th</sup> or 81<sup>st</sup> street. (There were several suggestions for traffic signals/lights.)

Following the meeting, the District Office asked for stepped up traffic enforcement – ticketing – to begin immediately.

The DOT says it will have a plan in 2 weeks. It will be reviewed by the T&T committee and then brought to the community.

Discussion

Request for a moratorium on traffic signals in the catchment area of the Dyker Heights Traffic Study.

Discussion

Vote

Change to the street naming for Dr. Giacomo J. Buscaino

- 1) The name should be "Dr. Giacomo J. Buscaino Place
- 2) The location should be the SW corner of 76<sup>th</sup> street and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Changed from 77<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion

Vote

### **COMPLETE STREETS WEEKS**

Please take time to survey and intersection this week.

Surveys are available at Councilman Gentile's office (and hopefully here tonight)
I suggest that the surveys be made available on line so people can download them.

Respectfully Submitted

NO.

Doris Cruz

4/19/10

### Community Board 10 Youth Services, Education, and Libraries Committee

The Committee met on April 12 at the CB 10 office. Members present were: Joanne Seminara, Chair; Josephine Beckmann, District Manager; Thomas Colasuonno; Ida D'Amelio; Susan Romero; Dilia Schack; and Eleanor Schiano. The guests who attended were City Councilman Gentile, Colonel Stephen Smith, Lisa Sheehan, liaison from Fort Hamilton to the schools, Cathy Santo-Pietro, Public Relations Representative from the Fort, Rosa Casella, Neighborhood Improvement Association, Sandy Vallas, PTA President from Ft. Hamilton High School, Rita Meade, Brooklyn Public Library Representative, and Stephanie Giovinco, of Councilman Gentile's staff.

The Chairperson gave an update on Education meetings in the Community School District 20 in 2010, as well as on the Education Summit hosted by Public Advocate Bill deBlasio and the Special Education Forum sponsored by State Senator Martin Golden last month.

Citywide issues and local concerns were shared. We will work on a community-friendly approach to help gifted and talented as well as high-need students reach their potential through advocacy and outreach to community leaders.

Lisa Sheehan, Liaison to Local Schools from Fort Hamilton and Colonel Stephen Smith said that they are very pleased with the schools and educational leaders. They noted that due to the time constraints that the military families are under they are sometimes not able to apply for gifted and talented programs in a timely manner. These rules leave some military children underserved. We discussed options and solutions available and pledged our support to this matter.

Rosa Casella from the Neighborhood Improvement Association discussed the important work the afterschool programs in tapping the talents of our youth. She cited creative writing, drama and fashion shows. Youth counseling is another service that goes a long way to prevent ACS involvement and family discord. Right now, New York State and City cuts threaten these vital resources. The Committee resolves to write a letter for the continuation of these programs. NIA also serves military families from Fort Hamilton.

Sandy Vallas, PTA President of Fort Hamilton High School stated that the school is serving its students and the community. This large school offers enriching programs and an invaluable foundation. Recently Congressman McMahon brought Ambassador Susan E. Rice who is our representative to the United Nations to Fort Hamilton High School to speak with the more than 4,200 students who represent 64 plus countries.

Councilman Gentile and Library Spokesperson Rita Meade shared that the New York City Libraries are facing more than \$81 million in funding cuts, which would lead to closure of some library branches and reduced hours at other. Programs for children and job hunters would be cut, and more than 15,000 jobs would be lost. At present, City Councilman Gentile is circulating petitions to protest the cuts and a New York City Library Day celebration and Rally at City Hall is planned for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Colonel Stephen Smith offered Fort Hamilton's Library as a resource for the local community libraries. He stated that Fort Hamilton's Library would be happy to partner with our local libraries and share space and expertise if necessary.

Committee Members concurred that we would send a letter to the City Council and the New York State Senate protesting the cuts in services and personnel.

Judith Collins

Chair, Youth Services, Education and Libraries

Respectfully submitted.

Committee

JC:dg

### Police and Public Safety Committee Report of April 19, 2010

The Police and Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, April 15th at the Community Board Office at 7:00 PM. We met to discuss five new SLA applications for neighborhood establishments. All parties were invited to our meeting to make presentations.

Those in attendance were committee members Judith Collins, Michael Festa, Brian Kieran, Michael Quinones, Mary Ann Walsh, Susan Pulaski, Chair of the Committee, Joanne Seminara, Board Chair and Josephine Beckmann, District Manager. Also in attendance representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct were Community Affairs Police Officers Joe Trischetta and Marco Venezia; owner, Gail Dermody, from 8015 Tavern Ltd at 8015 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Anthony Caraballo of Business Licensing Services, LLC, her consultant and expeditor; owner, Kuan Swee Chin, from Cranberrys Restaurant and Café Corp. at 9013 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and James D. Wanderstock her representative; Ihab Mohamed, President, and his wife, Bernice Bai, of Beebo Corp. at 8518-8520 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and their advisor and business partner, Abe Fallah; Ilene Sacco from the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council; Susan Tirotta from Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer's Office; Tobias Russo from Governor Patterson's Office and about 10 concerned neighborhood residents.

Item 1: SLA application for 8015 Tavern Ltd. at 8015 Fifth Avenue. This application is for a bar/tavern and Mr. Caraballo and Ms. Dermody explained to us the plans for this place. It will have a full bar with seating for 20, plus tables in the rear. The maximum occupancy will be 74. There will be a limited menu consisting of continental fingerfoods. The kitchen will always be open. The hours of operation will be 10 AM – 4 AM Monday through Saturday and 12 Noon to 4 AM on Sundays. There will be recorded music via a jukebox. In the future there is a possibility of having a DJ at selected times. There will be no dancing. There is a backyard that will seat 8 and be used seasonally. No music will be provided in this area. Ms. Dermody plans on having a quiet, nice upscale bar marketing to a mature crowd 25+. There will be a dress code. She also plans on having fundraisers for her favorite charities. She will not use promoters. She will be a "hands on" owner and will be present during the hours of operation. She will be vigilant in managing her place and unlawful behavior will not be tolerated.

Ms. Dermody, a former resident of Bay Ridge, purchased the former Speakeasy and changed it from a rundown bar to a great one. She was the owner for three years. So, this will be her second venture as an owner of a bar. This new venue, still unnamed, will be similar to the Speakeasy. There were no SLA violations under her ownership. However, when she sold the Speakeasy to raise her three children, the new owner kept the name and ran the establishment differently. This location is now The Panic Room.

Since the location of her new venture is the former Fannings, it has an adverse history that might impact the granting of a liquor license. Two letters addressing this history were received at the Board office and several neighbors came to the meeting and echoed the sentiments of the writers. The complaints listed were of excessive noise until 4:00 AM, rowdiness of the patrons outside the bar, in the backyard and on neighbors' property, the use of drugs, etc. The neighbors do not want to see another bar in this location. Ms. Dermody listened to all the comments and reiterated that she does not condone this behavior and will not tolerate it in her bar. Note: this location comes under the 500' rule of three or more establishments for sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, so there will be an SLA hearing. The committee stated it is always hopeful that whoever takes over ownership of a bar that has an adverse history, that they will open a place that is respectable and we need to give the new owner the opportunity to do so.

There is a new SLA application format. The application comes to the Board as an application of "intent" that is to be reviewed by us and our comments are then submitted to the SLA with the actual application being submitted by the owner within 30 days of our meeting. The committee did not have a quorum, but all present voted and passed the following motion to approve the SLA application for 8015 Tavern Ltd. with the following stipulations: the owner have licensed security from Thursday through Sunday; that the backyard be closed at midnight; that there be no music in the backyard; that soundproofing be put in during the renovation; and the owner always be accessible by phone.

Item 2: SLA Application for Cranberry's Restaurant & Café Corp. at 9013 Fourth Avenue. Mr. Wanderstock and Ms. Chin explained to us that this restaurant has been opened since November 2009. It opened without a liquor license, but the patrons have been requesting alcoholic drinks, so now the owner is applying for a full liquor license. The restaurant has 36 tables with a maximum occupancy of 109. The hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday 3PM – 2AM; Friday and Saturday 2PM – 3AM; and Sunday 2PM – 1AM. The kitchen is always open serving lunch, dinner and after dinner fare. There is a Hookah component. The liquor license will only be used for serving the patrons who are dining; there will be no separate bar. The music played is only background music. The owner has been in this business for 20 years; she is always on the premises. This establishment has received no complaints and there have been no violations from the Health Department.

We did not have a quorum, but all present voted and passed the following motion to approve the SLA application for Cranberry's Restaurant & Café Corporation.

Item 3: SLA Application for Beebo Corp. at 8518-8520 Third Avenue. This application is for a restaurant with a full liquor license. Mr. Mohamned and Mr. Fallah explained to us the plans for this place and gave us a virtual tour on the computer. This will be a lobster restaurant, with lobster being the main dish. It will be an upscale, quiet family restaurant and be known as Beebo. There will be 31 tables for a maximum occupancy of 180. The hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday 11AM-11PM; Friday and Saturday 11AM- Midnight; Sunday 11AM - 10 PM. The kitchen will always be open. There will be a small bar of seven seats that will only serve restaurant patrons. The backyard will be an enclosed atrium beautified with umbrellaed tables, plants and a waterfall. It will give the illusion that the area is open to the outdoors. There will be soundproofing throughout. The music installation will only be background music and will be the Boise system that will allow separate types of music to be played in different locations. Separate rooms for private parties can be created with moveable walls. The basement will be used for additional bathrooms, offices, storage, etc. It will be handicap accessible. A principal of the restaurant will always be on the premises during hours of operation. Mr. Fallah's brother owns this building as well as the pharmacy on the same block. Mr. Mohamned and Mr. Fallah are long time residents of Bay Ridge and live nearby this location. The building owner's relatives live above the restaurant.

The partners in Beebo have a background in the financial industry and as property owners of several buildings in Bay Ridge. This will be their first venture in the restaurant business. There is no adverse history at this location, since it previously was a medical office. There will be valet parking and Joanne addressed this issue stating the problems that the usual valet services create. She explained the availability of the Century 21 parking garage 2 ½ blocks away.

We did not have a quorum, but all present voted and passed the following motion to approve the SLA application for Beebo Corporation.

Item 4: SLA Application for 93 Lounge at 315 93<sup>rd</sup> Street known as Roxbury Lounge: At our February committee meeting we asked the new applicant for this establishment, Mr. Coury, Sr., to return in March to give a detailed presentation of his plans. Mr. Coury informed us in March that his

attorney, Jerome Sussman, was not available to attend the meeting, so his presentation was postponed until April. Neither Mr. Coury nor Mr. Sussman called the Board or came to this April meeting. Our Board voted at our February meeting to send a letter to the SLA disapproving this new application based on the reaction of the community and police activity taking place with the former Roxbury Lounge. The Roxbury has been closed now for several weeks due to violations. It was decided by the committee that, since the new owner has not taken any action to move forward with his application, the Board would write the SLA stating this fact.

The police officers stated that the police van that was stationed on 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Third Avenue for a week was very well received by residents in the vicinity.

Item 5: SLA Application for Jasper Entertainment Inc. at 9310 Fourth Avenue: This is the location of the former Nox Euro Asia Cafe. The owners didn't attend the meeting and the Board did not receive any response from their attorney requesting a postponement. So, no action was needed.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan J Pulaski

### COMMUNITY BOARD TEN RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

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### STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

Name/Address	Received at CB 10	<b>Status</b>
The Pipers Corp., d/b/a The Wicked Monk, 8415 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4-5-10	Renewal
Café Blue Ginger Inc., 6619 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy.	4-6-10	Renewal
Brooklyn Little Bites Corp., d/b/a Mandato, 72-18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	4-12-10	New Application*
Lucky 77 Salumeria Inc., 8220 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4-14-10	Renewal
Spartan Souvlaki Corp., 6818 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4-19-10	Renewal
Govinda Deli and Grocery Inc., 310 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	4-26-10	New Application
101 Food Corporation, d/b/a Lai Yuen, 10033 4 <sup>th</sup> Aven	nue 5-5-10	Renewal
Frajo Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Chianti, 8530 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	5-7-10	Renewal

<sup>\*</sup>Has been invited to Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> to make a presentation.