

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Shore Hill Community Room**  
**Monday, June 21, 2010 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 35

Greg Ahl  
Elizabeth Amato  
Allen Bortnick  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
Siti Eschrich  
Ann Falutico  
Michael Festa  
Barbara Germack  
Judith Grimaldi  
Ronald Gross  
Stella Kokolis  
Dino Lamia  
Nikolaos Leonardos  
Luigi Lobuglio  
Jeannie May  
Rita Meade  
Mary Nolan  
Eleanor Petty  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Dean Rasinya  
Susan Romero  
Jean Ryan  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Joseph Sokoloski  
Lawrence Stelter  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 9

Kevin Peter Carroll  
Charles Elias  
Stephen Harrison  
Habib Joudeh  
Scott Klein  
Rhea McCone  
James O'Dea  
Dilia Schack  
Maureen Stramka

Board Members Absent: 6

Ruth Berg  
George Fontas  
Brian Kieran  
George Prezioso  
Michael Quinones  
Husam Rimawi

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
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**MINUTES**

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and introduced Assistant Chief Joseph Fox, Commanding Officer, Patrol Borough, Brooklyn South, to lead The Honor of the Pledge.

Motion by BM Grimaldi to adopt the amended Agenda; second by BM May. Agenda adopted as amended.

Motion to adopt the Minutes from the May 17, 2010 Board Meeting by BM Gross; second by BM Ahl. Minutes adopted as written.

Chair Seminara introduced Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz's representative Luke DePalma, who presented Perfect Attendance Awards for 2009 to the following Board Members: BM Ahl, BM Cassara, BM Collins, BM DeMetz, BM Joudeh, BM Pulaski, BM Schiano, and BM Stelter. Mr. DePalma announced that the Borough President's Office would be hosting a New Board Member Orientation at Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign-in would be at 5:30 PM, with food being served at 6:00 PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Annette Cordina, a resident of Bay Ridge Place, spoke about the ongoing problems that block has been experiencing for the past year. There have been gangs of teenagers who hang out on the block selling drugs, using drugs, sitting on the residents' stoops, and destroying property. A lot of these teens hang out at the hookah bar located around the corner from her residence, which is constantly curtained so you cannot see what is going on inside. Last week she brought a signed petition from all her neighbors to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, the Community Board, Senator Golden's office, and Councilman Gentile's office, and there has been police presence since last Thursday. She wanted to make the Community Board aware of this and to introduce herself as the person who presented it. Assistant Chief Fox invited Ms. Cordina to speak with the members of the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct who were present after the meeting. Chair Seminara informed Ms. Cordina that Community Board Ten has a special committee on hookah bars focusing on these problems.

Teresa Cashman, a resident of Senator Street between Ridge Boulevard and Colonial Road, spoke about several quality of life issues that have been affecting her block. They have had gang activities and a shooting in Owl's Head Park that ended up also as a shooting on Senator Street. There have been drug dealers, robberies, car break-ins, and petty theft on their block. The residents are requesting that the Community Board help them with this issue to seek additional police patrols on that block. The residents are currently putting together a petition so this will be addressed.

Phyllis Bornstein from the Brooklyn Public Library spoke about the upcoming budget cuts to libraries. Things are getting really serious now. In the next few days they are going to be voting on the budget. The Mayor wants to cut the library's budget by over \$20 million, closing 15 branches and laying off over 300 people. She encouraged everyone to help by calling 311 to oppose these budget cuts.

Bob Muldoon, a resident of Bay Ridge, spoke about a bill before the State Senate regarding microstamping. He has worked on gun violence issues for approximately 10 years and was a founding member of New

Senate. Senator Golden holds the key vote on a bill that would require microstamping on guns (Senate Bill 6005a). Microstamping means new semi-automatic weapons would be required to have a unique code on the firing chamber so that it would show up on shell casings and bullets when they are fired. Instead of investing countless hours and often fruitless search for the crime weapon, officers and forensic experts could use cartridge tapings found at the crime scene to pinpoint suspects. California requires this and some other states are looking at. It would be a tremendous aid to law enforcement in solving crimes. Mayor Bloomberg, the New York Police Department, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and District Attorneys across the state endorse the bill. There is a list of law enforcement agencies that endorse the bill on the flyers at the rear of the room. If Senator Golden would support this bill, it could be passed this week. They have worked on this bill for a couple of years and it is now at a crucial point. As leaders of the community, the people have tremendous influence and he urged everyone to call Senator Golden at 518-455-2730 and encourage him to vote for microstamping.

Susan Tirotta, representing Assembly Member Janele Hyer-Spencer, stated that the Assembly is currently in session and they are continuing to work on the budget. Part of the restoration so far is \$13.5 million in Title XX funding to help protect the Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults and other senior programs, including \$25.9 million to nursing homes and \$36.5 million to home health care, and also \$25 million in funding for the student MetroCard program, which the MTA threatened to eliminate. In education, the state Legislature recently passed innovative reforms that will improve New York State's chances to receive some of the "Race To The Top" funding. June is National Safety Month and as a member of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer has introduced two pieces of legislation. One bill would impose harsher penalties for driving under the combined influence of drugs and alcohol, and the other would increase fines for speeding violations when a child is in the car to deter drivers from putting them in danger on the road. Finally, she encouraged parents and students to participate in the Assembly Member's Summer Reading Challenge. Summer Reading Challenge materials are available at the child's school or at the Assembly Member's office. If you have any children in lower grades who read for 40 days during the summer, return the form to the Assembly Member's office and the child will earn a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate. Copies of the update were available in the rear. BM Bortnick asked Ms. Tirotta how far along they are with regard to the gas drilling moratorium bill. Susan stated that she asked Assembly Member Hyer-Spencer and that there has been no movement on the bill yet.

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

Chair Seminara took the opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to Colonel Stephen Smith, Commander of the Fort Hamilton Army Base, who has been transferred from Fort Hamilton to another command.

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

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the Traffic & Transportation Committee Report regarding Black Sea Car Service. See Attached. Motion by BM Rasinya for the District Office to follow up on its original letter and request an investigation of the situation and enforcement of TLC cars parked on street during daytime and overnight hours, motion second by BM Ahl. The question was asked as to why

these vehicles are not being ticketed. T&T Chair Cruz responded that one of the things we have asked for is enforcement of TLC regulations by the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct and an investigation for other violations.

**Motion: CB 10 District Office to follow up on its original letter to the Taxi and Limousine Commission and request an investigation of this situation and enforcement of TLC cars parked on the street during daytime and overnight hours. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

In the matter of a request to name the southeast corner of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ridge Boulevard “Christ Church Lane”, the Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by T&T Chair Cruz. See Attached. Motion from the floor to approve this street naming request by BM Vella-Marrone; second BM El-Yateem.

**Motion: To approve of a street naming request at the southeast corner of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ridge Boulevard “Christ Church Lane.” All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

As an aside, T&T Chair Cruz noted that Rocco Buonopane brought an etching of the Church on its original site to the T&T Committee meeting and promised a copy to the Board for the District Office.

T&T Chair Cruz continued to render the Committee report in regard to MTA cuts. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Stelter stated that last week he boarded a B1 bus at Bay Ridge Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and there was a July 2010 map on the bus. BM Ryan asked about getting to Lutheran Hospital with the new rerouting which would require several transfers and if paying cash could mean a triple fare. T&T Chair Cruz replied that there had been a discussion regarding people who would have normally taken the B37 bus, the new bus route would no longer go past 69<sup>th</sup> Street. If residents wanted to go to either Lutheran Hospital or Maimonides Hospital, the rerouting would make it much more difficult as there could be triple fares if you pay cash, and that is not allowable if you use a MetroCard.

With regard to DOT’s plan to install a northbound bike lane on Shore Road, T&T Chair Cruz rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Motion by BM Sokoloski to not recommend a northbound bike lane on Shore Road from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 68<sup>th</sup> Street, motion second by BM Gross. Discussion followed.

BM Cassara stated that he is against that motion and believes we should be pushing for more bike lanes in our community. He feels that bike lanes will keep cyclists off the sidewalks. BM Bortnick said that the community has spoken loud and clear about the fact that they do not want bike lanes. He attended a Town Hall Meeting held by BM Vella-Marrone which was also attended by DOT Commissioner Palmieri. He arranged to call the Commissioner after this week to discuss. They are not talking bike lanes; they are talking 5’ wide bike lanes. He went on to say that he has no objection to bike lanes; it’s just where they put them and how they go about doing it. With regard to the Shore Road bike lane, they want to put in 5’ bike lanes, reduce traffic northbound and southbound to one lane, and we are not going to be able to live with this comfortably. He came up with a simple proposal which in effect would put at least 400 more parking spaces on Shore Road. Chair Seminara asked that we keep the discussion on bike lanes and not parking.

Chair Seminara recognized BM Grimaldi, who asked if the reason the Committee was opposed to the bike lane was because space would not permit it. T&T Chair Cruz noted that it is a redundancy since there is already a northbound bike lane on Shore Road, and questioned the need for a second northbound bike lane. BM Petty noted that the Shore Road bike lane is used primarily by joggers and not by bikers. People are afraid to ride their bikes on Shore Road because there are people running in those lanes. BM May brought up the fact that people park in the bike lanes causing bikers to pull out into traffic and risk being hit by a car. BM Gross said that Shore Road does have the one way bike lane. DOT made a very clear point that it was put in for traffic calming device because the street is very winding. The DOT constantly refuses to put in any protective calming device such as stop signs or traffic lights near any of the schools. So what we have

here is bicyclists being encouraged to use a place to slow down drivers. Another point BM Gross mentioned is that there is a bike lane right next door to this one. BM Ryan said that she was unsure if there was a Federal regulation regarding the 5' wide bike lane, but some parents ride with the children hooked to the back of the bike in a wagon. Information she obtained online noted these wagons are 31" wide, so a 36" wide bike lane would not be adequate enough for safety. BM Cassara asked why DOT was not at the meeting to present their argument, and shouldn't we have them at our meeting to discuss their proposals. T&T Chair Cruz replied that she wasn't sure but said that DOT does not ask us for our opinion, they just tell us they are installing bike lanes. BM Cassara felt that they should be invited, and T&T Chair Cruz said we will. BM Bortnick said that the bike lanes are an issue and the safety factor exists within a 3' wide bike lane with no problem. The problem is not just a question of bike lanes, it's what influence the bike lanes will have on traffic going north and south on Shore Road. Chair Seminara called for a motion to request that the Shore Road northbound bike lane not be installed.

**Motion: To recommend that the Shore Road northbound bike lane not be installed. 28 in favor; 7 opposed. Motion carried.**

With regard to the DOT's intent to install a bike lane on Bay Ridge Parkway from Shore Road to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, T&T Chair Cruz rendered the Committee report. See Attached. The committee recommends that discussion or a vote on the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane be tabled until the September meeting when more information will be available for discussion. BM Sokoloski made a motion that discussion or a vote on the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane be tabled until the September meeting, motion second by BM Gross. Discussion followed.

BM Vella-Marrone stated that as a Board Member and President of the Dyker Heights Civic Association, she is totally opposed to the bike lane on Bay Ridge Parkway. It is a safety issue as this location is a high traffic area with a lot of pedestrian traffic. It is already hard for pedestrians to cross the street and there have been fatalities. It is totally an inappropriate location for a bike lane and she does not feel that a painted line is going to help anybody. She feels that the City has an overall plan for bike lanes and that they don't look at any particular location or statistics as to whether there were accidents. Since this bike lane is scheduled to be installed in October, she feels we should not wait until the September meeting because we need to get this ball rolling. Community Board 11 has already voted against this issue. We need to come out against it and hopefully the City will have to pay attention. BM Stelter spoke as a pedestrian, motorist and rider of public transportation saying that he sees bicyclists as a nuisance as they ride against traffic, they don't stop for traffic lights or stop signs. If bike lanes encourage bike riders, he does not feel this benefits the community. A bicyclist ran a red light on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and was hit by a bus. He was parked on Bay Ridge Parkway and opened his car door and along came a bike rider without a light or bell. T&T Chair Cruz noted that they have already started collecting statistics on accidents and types of accidents on Bay Ridge Parkway. BM Gross noted that for drivers in this community, it is very difficult to get across town on 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The focus should be on public transportation and making traffic flow faster. Cyclists should use residential streets, which don't work for drivers trying to make it across town. Bay Ridge Parkway is not a place for a bike lane. BM Cassara stated that he has lived on Bay Ridge Parkway all his life and he agrees there is a lot of traffic on Bay Ridge Parkway. It is really one lane in each direction, however two cars squeeze in. He finds bikers on the sidewalk to be dangerous. Do we want them on the streets or on sidewalks? He feels the people who feel bike lanes are unsafe should come up with statistics saying they are unsafe.

BM Bortnick noted we have two problems. As of tonight, there are no more meetings until September. That means what they are planning to do on Shore Road may very well happen. He wanted to know if the Community Board could do anything to stop it, period. With regard to the issues BM Cassara brought up, BM Bortnick pointed out statistics can be misleading when you talk about percentages. For example, 2008, 1 person killed in Bay Ridge; 2009, 2 people killed; that's a 100% increase. If you are going to talk

percentages, he wants to see the raw data. How many bicycles were counted, not the percentage. If it's not a number, it doesn't exist. He feels we have a better shot to stop the DOT with regard to Bay Ridge Parkway than Shore Road. He will be seeing Commissioner Palmieri in the next few weeks and would like to raise the issue, but he would like to know if the Community Board is behind him. BM Rasinya agreed with BM Vella-Marrone that we defeat the recommended motion and vote on this issue tonight and not wait until September because then we will have no input. He feels we should vote on this issue, put in our input and whatever happens, happens. Chair Seminara reviewed the current motion that is on the floor, which is that discussion or a vote on the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane be tabled until the September meeting when more information will be available for discussion. If the Board wanted to defeat that motion, they will entertain another motion to vote against it.

**Motion: That discussion or a vote on the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane be tabled until the September meeting when more information will be available for discussion. 5 in favor – BM May, BM Cassara, BM Grimaldi, BM Festa, BM Sokoloski; 30 opposed. Motion defeated.**

Chair Seminara stated that since the motion did not carry, no action will be taken in terms of communicating with DOT. She asked for another motion from the floor. BM Bortnick made a motion that we approach DOT from the Community Board and whichever other avenues we can find to stop putting in bicycle lanes on Bay Ridge Parkway; motion second by BM Vella-Marrone. BM Cassara feels we should not be rejecting their proposal. In fact, we should have them here at the Community Board to explain why they are doing it and explain the data.

**Motion: That Community Board 10 rejects DOT's proposal and does not favor DOT's proposal for a bicycle lane on Bay Ridge Parkway. 31 in favor; 4 opposed – BM May, BM Cassara, BM Grimaldi, BM Festa. Motion carried.**

With regard to the DEP siphoning project at Shore Road and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street truck route, T&T Chair Cruz rendered the report. See Attached. BM Ahl made a motion from the floor to support the Committee's recommendation that trucks be routed onto 86<sup>th</sup> Street to the Gowanus Expressway; motion second by BM Amato. Discussion followed.

BM Bortnick asked if he was correct in his understanding that the six months was two months per year for a three year period. T&T Chair Cruz stated that when asked for the details, DEP's response was to refer us to their power point presentation, which had no dates or times, and said it was a six month project. If there is any other information, it was not made available to the T&T Committee. BM Bortnick said it was his understanding that the work would be done in July and August over 3 years. T&T Chair Cruz said that was not clear, but in any event the dirt still has to be moved, so it's how the dirt is moved. BM Grimaldi asked if the trucks would be going up the commercial street of 86<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and was told yes. One of the reasons they decided to let them go straight was because they felt having the dump trucks turn onto either 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue or 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be a problem. BM Cassara wanted to clarify that 86<sup>th</sup> Street is a truck route from Fort Hamilton Parkway to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue only, but he does agree with the route. BM Stelter asked about using the Belt Parkway, and the response was that if they used the Belt Parkway they would have to get to the entrances to the Belt Parkway, which puts them on Shore Road. The Committee recommended that the trucks use 86<sup>th</sup> Street to the Gowanus, and then travel east or west from there.

**Motion: To support the Committee's recommendation that trucks be routed onto 86<sup>th</sup> Street to the Gowanus Expressway. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

T&T Chair Cruz concluded with one item of Old Business. The District Office has had no follow-up from the DOT on the 7th Avenue Exit following Councilman Gentile's meeting and letter.

At this time, Chair Seminara introduced Councilman Vincent Gentile. First, the Councilman congratulated the reappointed Board Members and the newly appointed Board Members, Rita Meade and Luigi Lobuglio. He went on to say that this is the week of budget cuts. They have to pass the new budget by July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are fighting to save senior centers, libraries, fire companies, MTA cuts and changes, and are going to do the best they can on all these issues. With regard to senior centers, there are two centers in his district that are on the chopping block: the Moose Lodge Center on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Community Board 11, and the Shore Hill Community Center lunch program which is due to end this Friday. With regard to libraries, there is a \$77 Million budget gap, which is the largest budget gap. Forty branches are scheduled to close across the City due to the budget cuts, 16 of which are in Brooklyn. The fire companies are also a very high priority on their list and the City Council is attempting to put more money back into the budget to save fire houses.

With regard to the MTA bus changes, Councilman Gentile noted that there are three major changes: ending of the express buses on weekends; combining express commuter buses on weekdays; and the elimination of the B37 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bus. He is still pressing the MTA as well as other elected officials. He and his staff met with Senator Golden's staff today and together they have been working on research on legal issues involving the bus and availability particularly to the disabled. They are going to try to move the MTA to come to the table. However, if they don't come to the table this week, the Councilman and Senator Golden are considering taking legal action before the end of the week. It hasn't come to that yet, but may come to that in the next couple of days. They will keep us informed as the week goes on.

Councilman Gentile noted that the Dyker Heights traffic study and the Fort Hamilton Parkway/78<sup>th</sup> Street study are continuing. He announced that there are flyers in the rear of the room regarding the Leif Ericson Park "Dust Bowl" renaming contest. The completed flyers can be given to Dena tonight, dropped off at his office, or suggestions can be made online. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for suggestions. The Councilman's office will pick the top 3 submissions, which will be put on a neighborhood-wide vote on their website. The winner will be announced at a renaming ceremony to be held after Labor Day.

There were two other issues the Councilman wanted to address. One was the hookah bars and the concerns that they have raised. He and his staff are working with the Community Board to address those issues and that will continue over the summer. Finally, he invited everyone to join him for the Hank Vogt Street renaming ceremony which will be this Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

BM Bortnick asked the Councilman if he had a count as to how many fire houses, libraries, senior centers and bus routes are being dropped in Manhattan as compared to Brooklyn, which is the largest residential borough we have. The Councilman replied that only the Library has announced closures, and the New York Public Library is closing 10 branches, and the Brooklyn Public Library has announced they are closing 16 branches, although he does not know which branches will be closed.

### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Since Select Committee on Pedestrian Safety Chair Fontas was not present at the meeting, T&T Chair Cruz rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Discussion followed. BM Grimaldi asked about delivery guys biking on the sidewalk, which is a very dangerous issue, and was told DOT could not do anything about that. BM Stelter asked if a Transportation meeting has been scheduled yet for September, and was told that it has not.

## POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski rendered the Police and Public Safety Committee Report. See Attached.

The Committee Recommendation regarding the SLA application for The Burger Bistro, Inc. is to approve this SLA application. Motion from the floor by BM Mary Quinones to approve the SLA application, motion second by BM Lamia.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the SLA application for a wine/beer license for The Burger Bistro, Inc. at 7217 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Committee Recommendation regarding the SLA application for M.A.N. Restaurant Group Corp., Huckleberry's NY is to approve the granting of this SLA application with the following stipulation: closing hours Sunday through Thursdays to be 12 Midnight and 1:00 AM on Friday/Saturdays. Motion from the floor by BM Sokoloski, motion second by BM Vella-Marrone.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the SLA application for a wine/beer license for M.A.N. Restaurant Group Corp. Huckleberry's NY at 8901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with the following stipulation: closing hours Sunday through Thursday to be 12 Midnight and 1:00 AM on Friday/Saturdays. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Committee Recommendation regarding the SLA application for Mussels & More is to deny this application unless the following stipulations are agreed to: no DJ; no live music; doors to be kept closed in keeping with the hours of a sidewalk café Sunday through Thursday at midnight and Friday and Saturday night 1AM; and the closing hours are to be Friday and Saturday 3AM, and Sunday through Thursday 1AM. The owner stated he will not accept these stipulations. Motion from the floor by BM May, motion second by MB Stelter. Discussion followed.

Chair Seminara invited the owner, Jim Bantis, to speak about this establishment. Mr. Bantis noted that he owns three properties in Bay Ridge. He helped develop one of his properties located on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Los Politos, which was one of his tenants. He spent a substantial amount of his own money. He stated that he does not want anything other than what he is entitled to as far as the property on 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There is the 500' rule that he has an issue with. The Community Board is making life difficult. Mr. Bantis stated that he will win and he will get his license the way he wants it. He was born and raised in Bay Ridge and does not want to make enemies. He faxed Josephine Beckmann telling her to find out who he is, find out what he has done, but doesn't know if this has been done. The Board has not made any contact about what he's done for the community, the money he has expended. He is a single dad of three children who attend private schools and Poly Prep summer school. He is only asking for what he is entitled to and nothing more, so to limit him is in poor taste especially if you have seen his background. He is willing to make some sort of concession; he will not have live music/rock bands. His plan is to have guitars playing during happy hour, which is done in Manhattan and Park Slope. He is willing to concede to the point of just having acoustical music with no amplifiers. He's willing to have last call on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 2:00 AM, and last call on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00 AM. As far as having the doors closed, there are certain rules he has to maintain in order to have a sidewalk café, whether the Community Board tells him or not. He asked people to come to have chicken at his establishment on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; that the food is delicious.

BM Bortnick asked Mr. Bantis if he has had soundproofing done at this new location. The response was that he has put soundproofing in floors of every apartment he has renovated, and he intends to put soundproofing in the ceiling. He has not started construction as he just took over that location, but soundproofing is part of the proposed plan. BM Amato asked for clarification on the plan to have a DJ. Mr. Bantis stated that his plan is to have the DJ there for décor. He is building a nice DJ station, but as part of the décor. There will not be a DJ there every night. BM Amato said that if there is a DJ, there will be dancing, and he replied that there is no dancing. There were continued questions regarding having a DJ on the premises as part of the décor. BM Festa asked if the large front window will be open at 2:00 AM or 3:00 AM with sound coming out to the street. Mr. Bantis replied that he has applied for an outside café which requires windows and doors to be closed at certain hours. Chair Seminara wanted to make it clear that we do not have the application before us for an outside café; that the Committee members suggested the stipulation that the doors be closed in keeping with the sidewalk café closing hours. Mr. Bantis stated that he had no problem with this. BM Festa noted that we have had experiences in the past with large groups congregating outside the bar and outside this specific establishment and asked how he plans to curtail this problem. Mr. Bantis replied that he does not plan to have that kind of clientele, which are 19, 20 and 21 year olds. He is 47 years old and does not need these issues in his life. He said he can't say how many tenants he has kept at bay telling them that he will solve the problem. He said he's not going to lose six rentals over these types of problems; that his tenants love him. With regard to the DJ, BM Casale asked what kind of music would be played. The response was that it would be background music, dinner music, not loud, but part of the décor. BM Nolan asked why have a DJ, and again the response was that it is part of the décor. He was planning to put a beautiful community table for 10 people in the front part of the restaurant with smaller tables after that for people to socialize. Chair Seminara noted that people seem to have questions about exactly what it means to have a DJ as part of the décor. Mr. Bantis again tried to explain that he would have a little DJ booth as part of the décor, but the bottom line is that if that's a deal breaker, he would get rid of it. BM Gross asked if the DJ is part of the décor, is he actually going to be playing music. Mr. Bantis replied that he is willing to agree to a stipulation against the DJ.

Chair Seminara reviewed the recommendations of the Committee, which was no DJ, no live music, doors to be kept closed in keeping with the hours of a sidewalk café which are Sunday through Thursday until midnight, and Friday and Saturday until 1:00 AM, and the closing hours are to be Friday and Saturday, 3:00 AM, and Sunday through Thursday at 1:00 AM, which are the stipulations suggested by the members without a quorum. Mr. Bantis stated that he would like to make Sunday through Thursday last call at 2:00 AM, he would get rid of the DJ booth, and he would close the doors in accordance to the rules and regulations of a sidewalk café. Chair Seminara asked if he would agree to no live music, other than acoustical, and he responded yes. With regard to last call hours, Mr. Bantis recommended Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3:00 AM, Sunday through Wednesday, 2:00 AM. There was a discussion regarding last call, with BM Cruz noting last call is not the same as closing. Mr. Bantis' response was that the reason for that is you do not want all the people leaving at 3:00 AM. When asked how long it takes to empty a place like that out, BM Leonardos replied one hour after last call.

Chair Seminara called for a motion from the floor. Motion made by BM El-Yateem that we would agree to approve this application if there is no DJ, no live music other than acoustical music without amps, last call hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3:00 AM, and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 AM. The owner has agreed to accept these stipulations. BM Casale stated that it doesn't sound bad at all. BM Festa felt it doesn't sound like a restaurant, it sounds like a bar. BM Cruz replied that it looks very much like a restaurant.

**Motion: CB 10 to deny the SLA application for a full liquor license for Mussels & More, Ltd. 8001 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue unless the following stipulations are agreed to: no DJ; no live music other than acoustical music without amps; doors to be kept closed in keeping with the hours of a sidewalk café Sunday through Thursday at midnight and Friday and Saturday night 1:00 AM; last call hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3:00 AM, and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 AM. 33 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Cassara, BM Walsh. Motion carried as amended.**

With regard to the SLA application for 10007 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue LLC, Amnesia, at 10007 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski rendered the Informational report. See Attached.

The Committee Recommendation regarding the SLA renewal application Dish at 9208 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is to approve this application with the following stipulations that the backyard be closed at midnight every night and that the front doors be closed at 1:00 AM Sunday through Wednesday and at 2AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The owner agreed to these stipulations. Motion from the floor by BM Vella-Marrone, motion second by BM Eschrich.

**Motion: CB 10 to approve the SLA renewal application for Dish at 9208 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with the following stipulations: that the backyard be closed at midnight every night, and that the front doors be closed at 1:00 AM Sunday through Wednesday, and at 2AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

With regard to the SLA renewal application for Paris Bar Inc. at 6504 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski rendered the Informational report. See Attached.

The Committee Recommendation regarding the SLA renewal application for RJ's at 8812 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is to deny the renewal application listing the two SLA violations for noise and, once again as we did in last month's meeting, give a historical record of complaints and promises not kept. Motion from floor by BM Petty, motion second by BM Grimaldi.

**Motion: CB 10 to deny the SLA renewal application for RJ's at 8812 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in advance of receiving it based on the history of complaints at this location. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

With regard to 10007 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BM Cruz wanted to clarify that one of the issues that came up with this establishment was the process. Basically, they submitted a letter of intent for a restaurant and opened much more than a restaurant. Since we did not act on the letter of intent, we did not see the application. It was suggested that when we receive a letter of intent, we deny it so we get to see the application. Police and Public Safety Chair Pulaski noted that she cut the report to shorten it.

## **ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Since ZALUC Chair Harrison was not present at the meeting, BM Falutico rendered the Committee report. She asked to start with the Honda variance extension issue, as the owner was present at the meeting. The request was approved by Chair Seminara. See Attached. The Committee recommends and moves to approve the application as written and grant the extension provided Honda agree not to park illegally and not to self enforce its curb cuts with stickers. Motion as stated, motion second by BM Amato.

**Motion: To approve the application as written and grant the extension provided Honda agree not to park illegally and not to self enforce its curb cuts with stickers. 33 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 recusals – BM Falutico, BM Stelter. Motion carried.**

With regard to the City Waterfront review, BM Falutico rendered the informational report. See Attached.

With regard to the Department of City Planning's Proposed Car Sharing Zoning Initiative (ZIP cars), BM Falutico rendered the report. See Attached. The Committee recommends that Community Board 10 send a letter to City Planning stating 1) that we support the concept of car sharing and encourage the City and DCP to continue in its efforts to devise a plan to make car sharing vehicles more accessible to city residents, whether through zoning or some other means, and 2) disapprove the current plan in its entirety for the reasons stated in this report. Motion as stated, second by BM Vella-Marrone. Discussion followed.

BM Cassara stated that he is in favor of the car sharing program but they are going about it wrong in apartment houses. It has been done in other cities where cars are left in the street. The city of Austin, Texas has Cars 2 Go where they allocate spaces in the street. The city rents the spots to the car company and in turn they get to use that car for free. They did this for a six month trial period in 2009 and it worked very well. He recommended that the motion be modified to say this is a great concept and if it's going to take cars off the street, why not consider also putting it in residential areas; they don't have to be put in apartment buildings. BM Ahl mentioned that he is in a co-op building and waited 18 years for a parking spot and he can tell you that their co-op board would never rent spots, however he does support the motion. BM Ryan stated that she is in favor of the motion and thinks it is a great idea making cars available to everyone.

**Motion: CB 10 to send a letter to the Department of City Planning: 1) supporting the concept of car sharing and encouraging the City and DCP to continue in its efforts to devise a plan to make car sharing vehicles more accessible to city residents, whether through zoning or some other means, and 2) disapproving the current plan in its entirety for the reasons stated in this report. 33 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Bortnick; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion carried.**

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations Committee Chair Festa rendered the informational report. See Attached.

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

Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the informational report. See Attached.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOOKAH ESTABLISHMENTS**

With regard to hookah lounges in Bay Ridge and community concerns, Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi rendered the informational report. See Attached.

At this time, Chair Seminara noted that people have recognized Community Board 10 as a leader on this issue and have been doing groundbreaking work, which is a credit to us, to DM Beckmann, Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee Chair Grimaldi, and members of the Committee. You can see how much work was done this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

BM May said that the former Roxbury Lounge now has new signs up for 93 Lounge. She has seen bouncers outside and noted it was open last Friday night with a lot of young people going into the establishment. DM Beckmann responded that 93 Lounge was issued an SLA license as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The block association is not happy about that and have organized and had their first meeting at the District Office last week. They are going to keep a watchful eye. They have a committee and are going to be doing block watches and other police related programs. They have also written a letter to all the elected officials and the local precinct to keep an eye on the establishment. Hopefully it will work well, but if it doesn't we will forward that to the appropriate agency.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Vella-Marrone announced that the Knights of Columbus Independence Day Parade will be held on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 69<sup>th</sup> Street to 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The Grand Marshall will be Chief Fox.

Motion made to adjourn by BM Cruz, second by BM Romero. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

**Brooklyn Community Board No. 10  
Chair's Report  
June 21, 2010**

**Dear Board Members and Guests:**

**This June proved to be chock-filled with events and issues to address. Several stand out that I would like to share with you.**

**Business Improvement Districts.**

**I attended annual dinner meetings of the 86<sup>th</sup> Street BID and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue BID which runs from 68<sup>th</sup> Street to 86<sup>th</sup> Street and was reminded how fortunate we are to have the services that these BIDs provide, in particular sidewalk cleaning services -- especially since commercial corridor pick-up has been drastically reduced --- and the added security they provide. These BIDs will soon provide scores of new garbage collection baskets, benches and planters on these commercial strips which they hope will help to crowd our unwarranted food vendors which in the eyes of many detract from foot traffic flow and cleanliness.**

**New Businesses**

**We were happy to welcome 2 new exciting businesses in June, the Art Room, an art school for children at 87<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and a fabulous new book-store café at 7518 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue call Boulevard Books and Café. I know the proprietors of both these new enterprises and I have high hopes that they will enhance our neighborhood. If you have attended our police and public safety meetings you will know that there are a host of new restaurants and night life establishments planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. I am happy to see this new economic activity --coming out of a downturn, am eager to encourage responsible use of all these new restaurants and bars and hope to enjoy their food and entertainment.**

**ACS Walkathon**

**If you have ever attended one of the all day walkathons that have been held in Bay Ridge for some 12 years now, you know how much emotional and community support they provide for those who have suffered with a cancer diagnosis. It is so moving to cheer on our survivors and hear their stories of facing down fear and finding hope. I want to thank Josephine and Dorothy and JoAnn for setting up our table and arranging for refreshments and supporting this worthy cause by pulling us all together; we all raised a small bundle for this very worthy and necessary research.**

### Time- Banking

Speaking of community support, later Judie Grimaldi will tell you more about the concept and practice of “time-banking” which we hope to launch in this Community Board District. At a time when many of our family members do live around the corner or even in NYC, this concept can make a real difference enhancing family and community life especially in an area where people “age in place.” Quite simply, this involves neighbors helping neighbors and catalogues both needs and talents, so they can be swapped as needed by pre-screened individuals. This is revolutionary in terms of creating a safety net for those who need a little assistance to make it. Please help us to make this concept and practice catch fire.

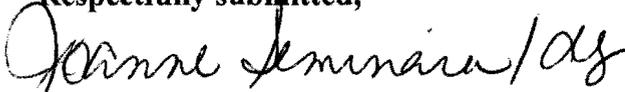
### Meet and Greet

Last but not least, in the sprit of creating community among our members, we held a very special “meet and greet” for new and long-time members hosted by our PCAP committee last month. Evident was the richness, diversity, passion and the depth of experience and talent we have on this Board. We should do it again, at least once a year.

And this is only a small part of what happened this month!

Finally, has it been 6 months? I thank you again for working with me to keep our neighborhood strong and wish you all a happy, joy-filled and restful summer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joanne Seminara, Chair

**District Manager Report**  
**June 21, 2010**

Good Evening Board Members,

Dorothy and I will also like to extend our congratulations to newly appointed Community Board Ten Members Luigi Lobuglio and Rita Meade. Welcome and we look forward to working with you both!

I was delighted to represent the Community Board at the ribbon cutting of the Dust Bowl – part of Leif Ericson Park fields. The renovation of this new state of the art green field was made possible by capital dollars allocated by Council Member Vincent Gentile with some help from Borough President Marty Markowitz. It will be a neighborhood jewel and enjoyed by many of the sports leagues in our community. Since it will no longer be the “Dust Bowl” Council Member Gentile is hosting a renaming contest.

My June District Service Cabinet meeting was held in preparation of Budget Consultations that take place during the month of September and our Capital and Expense Priorities established in October –. Agencies present reviewed current needs and we will compile our list over the summer. It was a productive meeting.

Last week, Community Board Ten served as host to a meeting of District Managers and Police Personnel from Patrol Borough Brooklyn South with Deputy CEO of New York State Liquor Authority Michael Jones. Mr. Jones provided District Managers with an overview of the agency and enforcement procedures. The meeting was arranged by Regional Rep for Governor David Paterson – Tobias Russo.

As you know, renovation work has started at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Subway. As a result – work on station has restricted parking outside for equipment and supplies – and there have been problems with the buses stopping along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The MTA informed the District Office that the S53 will be rerouted effective today - Monday, June 21.

The temporary reroute is as follows:

From its regular route from the VN Bridge, the S53 will continue west on 86th Street using the current B16 stop on the northeast corner of 86th Street at 4th Avenue. This will be its terminal stop. Staten Island-bound, the S53 will travel west on 86th to 3rd Avenue, north (right) on 3rd Avenue, east (right) on 85th Street, south (right) back on to 4th Avenue and continue on its regular route along 4th Avenue to 92nd Street.

MTA anticipates that this reroute will be in effect a maximum of 3 months. This is a route diversion MTA has used in the past during other road construction projects in the area. This temporary reroute is to accommodate the sidewalk vent work on the west side of 4th Avenue between 86th and 87th Street at the full-time entrance to the 86th Street R Station.

The full time entrance will remain open at all times, except in the case when there is a full line shutdown that requires shuttle bus service (as took place on the weekend of June 5 & 6). When that happens both the full time and part time station entrances will be closed to the public

The next anticipated weekend shutdown is sometime in August. I will notify the Board when we are informed of that date by NYC Transit

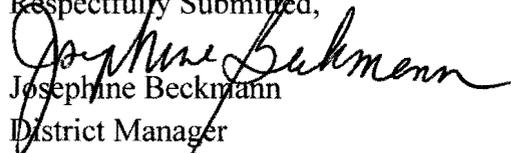
We would also like to thank all of you who contributed to the CB 10 Relay for Life Team. We raised the most money ever at \$4,425!! It was a beautiful day and a great event.

Community Board Ten has once again agreed to be a host site for DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program. The Center for Family Life runs weekly Youth Workshops in conjunction with the Summer Youth Employees and our office will be a place for local participants to meet each week to sharpen their career building skills with Center for Family Life staff.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 7:15PM at Shore Hill Community Room.

Enjoy the summer!!

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

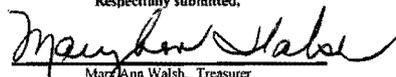
Budget Appropriation for FY 10	<b>\$206,895.00</b>
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MANAGER	\$6,269.46	\$12,860.90	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$6,781.06	\$10,171.59	\$12,934.73	\$7,585.46	\$7,585.46	\$7,585.46	\$7,585.46		
COORDINATOR													
ASSOCIATE	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$4,000.86	\$6,501.29	\$8,655.13	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26		
ASSISTANT													
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$10,270.32</b>	<b>\$16,861.76</b>	<b>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$10,781.92</b>	<b>\$16,672.88</b>	<b>\$21,589.86</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>	<b>\$12,194.72</b>		<b>\$146,519.46</b>

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/09	8/31/09	9/30/09	10/31/09	11/30/09	12/31/09	1/31/10	2/28/10	3/31/10	4/30/10	5/31/10	6/30/10	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	190.00	185.32	187.28	189.19	189.04	189.94	187.80	186.94	184.99	191.20	191.18		
10X	Intra-City Supplies										398.23			
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials									997.26	2.72	259.13		
101	Printing Supplies						131.50		112.17	1,500.00				
117	Postage											196.00		
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture										1,048.61			
315	Office Equipment											278.45		
319	Security Equipment		135.00	135.00			135.00			135.00				
332	Data Process. Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip		18.02	107.41	44.41	571.66	44.41		804.41	215.82	234.41	234.41		
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00	400.00			400.00	200.00		
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70		21.70				
612	Office Equip. Maint.													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies						702.00	287.00						
622	Temporary Services-contractual		500.00		1,000.00		750.00	900.00	750.00	600.00	1,500.00	1,800.00		
624	Cleaning Services									140.00	140.00			
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$211.70</b>	<b>\$860.04</b>	<b>\$451.39</b>	<b>\$1,255.30</b>	<b>\$782.40</b>	<b>\$2,374.55</b>	<b>\$1,796.50</b>	<b>\$1,853.52</b>	<b>\$3,773.07</b>	<b>\$3,936.87</b>	<b>\$3,159.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$20,454.51</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTFS EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,482.02</b>	<b>17,721.80</b>	<b>11,233.31</b>	<b>12,037.22</b>	<b>11,564.32</b>	<b>19,047.43</b>	<b>23,386.36</b>	<b>14,048.24</b>	<b>15,987.79</b>	<b>16,131.59</b>	<b>15,353.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>166,973.97</b>
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<b>UNREVERSED BUDGET BALANCE</b>														<b>\$39,921.03</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting, Wednesday June 16, 2010

The committee met at the District Office. We did not have a quorum.

### **BLACK SEA CAR SERVICE**

The first item, on the agenda was Black Sea Car Service at 5?? 74<sup>th</sup> Street. The District Office and the committee has had complaints about this car service earlier in the year. They double park, take on street parking spaces during the day and overnight. This is not only a violation of TLC regulations, but is in violation of Black Sea's lease. A letter had been sent to the Taxi and Limousine Commission detailing the problems. The District Office received an acknowledgement of its letter. Neighbors and the Office were told that the car service was being sold so no additional followup was taken. The Car Service was not sold and the problems continue. This Car Service is more problematic because its office and cars are on a side/residential street. Most others are on commercial Street.

The committee recommended that the District Office follow up on its original letter and request an investigation of the situation and enforcement of TLC cars parked on street during daytime and overnight hours.

I request a motion from the floor.

### **CHRIST CHURCH STREET NAMING**

The Church has requested that the South East corner of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ridge Boulevard be named Christ Church Lane.

Rocco Buonopane represented Christ Church. The church has a very long history in our community, dating back over 150 years. It was originally on Bay Ridge Avenue. It outgrew that location and moved to its current location.. Many of the founding fathers of Bay Ridge including Perry and Bliss were instrumental in the move. The new church was started in 1917 (the date on the cornerstone). The church was designed by Goodhue and Associates, a prominent architect of public buildings of the time like schools and churches.

The committee recommend that the SE corner of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ridge Blvd. be named "Christ Church Lane".

### **MTA CUTS**

While we, the Board, are very familiar with the upcoming service cuts and rerouting, much of the general public is not. They are waking up to the impact day by day. The District Office has been getting many inquiries. Great concern comes from the Bay Ridge Towers residents. There is no service between 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Ridge Avenue (69<sup>th</sup> Street), a hardship for a facility with so many seniors. Also of concern were the incorrect instructions for the B70 Bus. The bus stop signs show that the bus will run

along Third Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue, continue onto Marine and to the 95<sup>th</sup> Street subway station. It does not state that the route continues on to the VA Hospital. The correct route was confirmed by a review of the MTA map of changes and discussions with the MTA.

Also of great concern was the lack of published schedules.

*The MTA responded today that "there will be new passenger schedules and maps as well as updates to the guide-a-ride canisters at the bus stops." THE BIG QUESTION IS WHEN WILL THEY BE AVAILABLE.*

This is informational only, there is no vote.

### **INSTALLATION OF BIKE LANES**

#### **SHORE ROAD**

The District Office received notification of DOT's plan to install a northbound bike lane on Shore Road in June 2010.

Currently we have the bike path in Shore Road Park, a southbound bike lane on Shore Road and a northbound bike lane on Shore Road that turn on Oliver Street and continues on Colonial Road.

It was noted that new northbound bike lane appears to duplicate the existing northbound bike lane on Shore Road/Colonial Road.

There is confusion as to whether this bike lane is a traffic calming device or a lane to encourage more bicycle traffic.

The committee recommends that a new bike lane not be installed.

There was concern that the DOT has a plan for bike lanes and is ignoring other serious traffic issues in our community.

I ask for a motion from the floor.

#### **BAY RIDGE PARKWAY**

The District Office also received notification of the DOT's intent to install a bike lane on Bay Ridge Parkway from Shore Road to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in October 2010. Three members of the Dyker Heights community attended. These residents support traffic calming and bicycle riding, but are concerned about safety conditions on this strip. There was some support for the new bike lane, but concern about safety, especially with the problems at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit for the Gowanus and the problems that continue into the low 70's.

The committee felt that more information is needed on the impact of bicycle lanes, their traffic impact and the safety impact. The recent bike lanes installed around McDonald Avenue and around Stillwell Avenue prompted questions over safety. A study of the positive impact of bike lanes on Oriental Boulevard was cited. All of which makes the committee feel that it need much more information when deciding on bicycle lanes

The committee recommends that discussion or a vote on the Bay Ridge Parkway bike lane be tabled until the September meeting when more information will be available for discussion.

I request a motion from the floor.

### **DEP SIPHONING PROJECT AT SHORE ROAD AND 83<sup>rd</sup> STREET**

This project was discussed earlier by the Environmental Committee. This report will only discuss the truck route for the removal of dirt for the drilling of the Brooklyn shaft. The project is scheduled to begin in June 2010. According to the DEP, shaft digging will take 6 months and 6,625 cubic yards of dirt will be removed.

We asked how many trucks and the DEP responded

“Ballpark No’s:

Approx. 25’ diameter shaft at 125 ft deep, the total excavated material is approx 61,330 cubic ft or 2,271 cubic yards. This disagrees with their earlier estimate of 6,625 cubic yards.

At 20-25 cubic yards per truck = between 90-115 truck trips. If I read their response correctly, a truck trip is in one direction only.

Shaft construction is anticipated to take approx 6 months.

The DEP did not respond to questions on the hours of operation.

For the next 6 month,

6625/20yards per truck = 331 trucks x 2 (incoming and outgoing trucks) = 662 trucks for the shaft project.

The DEP proposed several routes,

86<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

86<sup>th</sup> Street to the Gowanus

86<sup>th</sup> Street passed the Gowanus

The committee felt that this much truck traffic would be devastating to Third Avenue. Ridge Boulevard and Shore Road were not viable options.

There will also be digging for Water Main work and Sewer Replacement work, a total of 6,235 cubic yards. This work will continue until Marck 2013.

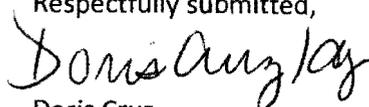
The committee recommends that trucks be routed onto 86<sup>th</sup> street to the Gowanus Expressway. This puts the trucks on the designated truck route.

I ask for a motion from the floor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The District Office has had no followup from the DOT on the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Exit following Councilman Gentile’s meeting and letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Doris Cruz

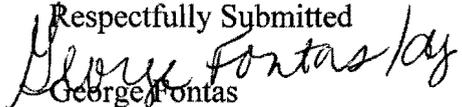
On May 27, the Select Committee on Pedestrian Safety met to discuss what traffic calming and safety measures are available for implementation by NYC DOT. That meeting was attended by committee members, NYPD, and NYC DOT representatives

During our meeting we learned there are a number of available options that DOT is open to discussing with the Community Board including: additional signage, Lead Pedestrian Intervals, and even dedicated turning lanes on high speed-low visibility thoroughfares such as 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Committee Members have already started surveying the streets and avenues throughout Community Board 10. That data is being received and coded and a list created of all the trouble intersections and the observed concerns. DOT has agreed to review a final list that we hope to create over the summer and begin working with us to discuss what steps are necessary to address each intersection.

At the Committee's next meeting a representative from Transportation Alternatives will discuss, from their perspective, what options are available to the community relating to pedestrian safety measures. I encourage non-committee members to join us when that meeting is scheduled.

Thank you Doris for delivering the committee report and everyone please have a restful summer.

Respectfully Submitted  
  
George Fontas

## Police and Public Safety Committee Report of June 21, 2010

The Police and Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, June 17th at the Community Board Office at 7:00 PM. We met to discuss new SLA applications for four neighborhood establishments and the summer renewals for three others.

The committee did not meet in quorum. Those in attendance were committee members Judith Collins, George Fontas, Mary Nolan, Mary Anne Walsh and Susan Pulaski, Chair. Also attending were BM Dean Rasinya, Joanne Seminara, Chairwoman; Josephine Beckmann, District Manager; Community Affairs P.O. Joe Trischetta representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community; Tobias Russo from Governor Patterson's Office; owner, John Agnello and chef, Vincent Dardanello of Burger Bistro; Andreas Chamberas, owner of Huckleberry's and Nicholas Chamberas, associate; James Bantis, owner of Mussels and More; Henry Arena from Dish; and eight concerned residents.

**Item 1: SLA Application for The Burger Bistro, Inc. at 7217 Third Avenue.** This location was the former Thai and former Fish and Chips restaurants. The application is for a wine/beer license. The two partners attended our meeting. This will be a family burger restaurant moderately priced, open 7 days a week until 10 PM weekdays and 11 PM Fridays/Saturdays with seating for 32 inside and backyard seating for 32. The bar will be a service bar. One partner will always be on the premises. There will be only recorded background music; no dancing/no TV. The partners have been in this business for 10 years; this will be their first ownership. The chef's wife is from Bay Ridge. **Motion:** Our committee voted unanimously, w/o a quorum, to approve this SLA application.

**Item 2: SLA Application for M.A.N. Restaurant Group Corp. Huckleberry's NY at 8901 3rd Avenue.** This is a corner property and the site of the former Shenanigans. This application is for a wine/beer license. One of the three owners attended and made a presentation. It will be a family cafe with a coffee and wine bar, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner serving American food, organic coffees and organic wines with seating for 74. It will be open 7 days a week from 6:30 AM until about 11 PM. There will be light radio music; no dancing. The owners own a place similar to this in Staten Island. An owner will always be on the premises. The owners live in Bay Ridge.

Since this location has adverse history and is located in the vicinity of Trace, RJ's and Cebu, we spoke about the double parking situation and heard the objections from the neighbors who attended. They haven't slept for two years and are concerned about the hours of operation--that it not become a 24/7 place, that the French doors be kept closed, and that the garbage be kept under control. The 500' rule doesn't apply because it is only a wine/beer license. **Motion:** Our committee voted unanimously, w/o a quorum, to approve the granting of this SLA application with the following stipulation: closing hours Sunday through Thursdays to be 12 Midnight and 1 AM on Friday/Saturdays. The owner agreed to the stipulations.

**Item 3: SLA Application for Mussels & More, Ltd. 8001 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** This application is for a full liquor license. This is a corner property and the former location of Canteena. The owner, who is also the owner of the building, attended and gave a presentation. This will be a seafood tavern/restaurant specializing in mussels including a raw bar and wine list. The place seats @ 45, has a bar, and music is background. In the future, he may have a DJ playing soft music, live music, open doors, a sidewalk café, but no dancing. A Sept. opening is planned; hours are 7 days/week from 11 AM until 4 AM for Lunch, Dinner, After Dinner. He is marketing to upscale 30-55 year olds that would normally frequent this type of place by leaving Bay Ridge. A manager will always be on the premises. The owner is aware of the violations (underage drinking & loud DJ music) of his past tenant and plans on making sure that this don't happen in his place, since he doesn't want to disturb his renters. The premises, as

well as all of his apartments, have been sound-proofed. The owner a Bay Ridge resident—born and raised here owns several Bay Ridge buildings and has recently opened the Hen House; he owns several other places outside Bay Ridge. He's a CPA who has now gone in to the restaurant business. He is investing substantial capital in his holdings and has decided rather than renting these premises, he would open a law-abiding place himself and similar to those in Lower Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn—dynamic and exceptional.

Our committee after considering the following 4 items: Firstly, a new owner should be given the opportunity to open his business without having to be burdened with the past owner's unlawful behavior; secondly, the mission of these premises say "restaurant" but the hours and live music say "bar;" thirdly, looking at the history of similar establishments and their noise problems and not getting a satisfactory answer from the owner about containing noise; and lastly, the fact that our Board can only address problems to the SLA every two years upon application renewal, (**Motion**) we decided unanimously, w/o a quorum, to deny this application unless the following stipulations are agreed to: No DJ; No live music; doors to be kept closed in keeping with the hours of a sidewalk café Sunday through Thursday at Midnight and Friday and Saturday night 1AM; and the closing hours are to be Friday and Saturday 3AM and Sun through Thursday 1AM. Note: The owner stated he will not accept these stipulations.

**Item 4: SLA Application for 10007 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue LLC, Amnesia, at 10007 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** This place known as Amnesia opened the second week of this month. The Board received a "Notice of Intent" in June 2009. Under the old procedure, which we thought was still in effect, we didn't have to respond until we received the "Application." Under the new procedure, we only get to respond to the application if we have also responded to the intent. Amnesia has the same owner as Sofia's. The application says "restaurant" but it looks more like a night club; signage states, "Bar" "Lounge" "Super Club." The owner was invited to attend and give us an update on his new establishment, but he didn't attend.

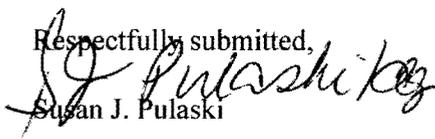
Note: The committee decided that, since the Notice of Intent does not give much information on a proposed establishment and the SLA Application gives substantially more, and that not all Intents actually materialize in actual Applications, our committee will deny all Notices of Intent and wait to receive the SLA Application instead. When we deny a Notice, by law we must review an Application.

**Item 5: SLA Application Renewal for Dish at 9208 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.** Their renewal is up on September 17<sup>th</sup> and the owner did come to our meeting. We discussed with him his noise complaints. **Motion:** The committee unanimously, w/o a quorum, voted to renew this SLA application with the following stipulations that the backyard be closed at midnight every night and that the front doors be closed at 1AM Sunday through Wednesday and at 2AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The owner agreed to these stipulations.

**Item 6: SLA Renewal Application for Paris Bar Inc. at 6504 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** They were invited, but did not attend. Their renewal was up yesterday. Upon inquiry, the Board found that Paris has closed and the building is up for sale. Therefore, the Committee took no action.

**Item 7: SLA Renewal Application for RJ's at 8812 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.** RJ's was invited to our meeting, but did not attend. The renewal will come up July 28<sup>th</sup> and (**Motion**) our committee voted w/o a quorum, unanimously, to deny the renewal application listing the 2 SLA violations for noise and, once again as we did in last month's meeting, give a historical record of complaints and promises not kept.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan J. Pulaski

Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee  
Report Date: June 20, 2010  
ZALUC Meeting Date: June 9, 2010

Subject: Honda Motors, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> east side  
Variance Extension

ZALUC met in quorum on June 9, 2010 to discuss a variance extension for the Honda dealership on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> Street.

The location has been operated continually as an automobiles sales location for decades. Honda now applies for a 10 year extension of its variance necessary to operate.

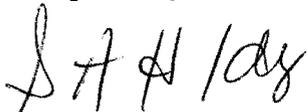
The property has a parking area in front. Despite that area Honda, after promising not to park on the sidewalk has occasionally violated that promise.

At the same time Honda has occasionally put illegal stickers on cars parked across their curb cuts even though there are multiple cuts.

Honda agreed not to park on the sidewalk or to further put stickers on cars parked across its curb cuts. They were informed that these agreements are now legally binding and cCB10 will take action if the promises are violated.

ZALUC unanimously recommends and moves to approve the application as written and grant the extension provided Honda agree not to park illegally and not to self enforce its curb cuts with stickers.

Respectfully submitted



Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee

Report Date: June 20, 2010  
ZALUC Meeting Date: June 9, 2010  
Subject: City Waterfront Review

This is an informational report. ZALUC met in quorum on June 9th.

You may recall that last month you received ZALUC's informational report on the City's waterfront review. ZALUC recommended that CD 10's waterfront should be enhanced by using the 69<sup>th</sup> street pier for fast ferries and that the ferry operation be made viable by establishing mass transit links to the pier.

ZALUC also recommended that the bike path from the V-N Bridge to Bay 8<sup>th</sup> Street, where our jurisdiction ends, be paved and widened to the same standards as the current path from 69<sup>th</sup> to the Bridge. To accomplish this we suggest that the area around Denyses' wharf be developed to include a widened area over the water, a bit to the east of the bridge. This would also allow the bike path to be widened and allow a small public esplanade for concerts, picnics, movies and water access.

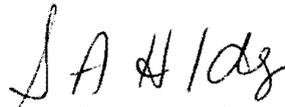
On June 9 Richard Jacob from DCP gave an overview of their City wide plans and their ideas for our waterfront. We are pleased to announce that, independently, DCP and ZALUC arrived at nearly identical recommendations.

DCP did advise that any expansion for a Denyse's esplanade would take many years to secure the environmental permits. WE said we understood that when we made the recommendation. But we must start somewhere. And while we agree that the permitting process should not be easy because of the importance of green initiatives, we do believe that this project would pass muster in view of the fact that it is a modest concept built on already reclaimed land with a worthy goal of safety and addition of needed public space.

In the meantime, Mr. Jacob advised that it is quite possible we can, in the near future, get the path re-paved from the bridge to Caesar's Bay to the same standards as the 69<sup>th</sup> to Bridge section.

Keep you fingers crossed.

Respectfully submitted

  
Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

Community Board 10  
Zoning and Land Use Committee

Report Date: June 18, 2010

ZALUC Meeting Date: June 9, 2010

Topic: DCP Proposed Car Sharing Zoning Initiati

Good evening zoning fans!

ZALUC met in quorum on June 9, 2010 to consider the City's new proposal to better define the role of car sharing vehicles in our zoning scheme.

Car ownership in a congested area is difficult and inefficient, particularly car storage. Alternate side parking, if you have no garage, is a particularly onerous if you use the car infrequently. You can forego the car and use public transport and occasionally rent. Or now you can use car shares, also called ZIP cars after the original car share company. Hertz also has a care sharing business.

With ZIP car you pay an annual fee and receive an electronic key card. When you need a car, you call ZIP, give your member number, receive an immediate reservation and a convenient car location. No forms. You go to the car location, swipe your key card and get in the car, clearly marked with ZIP car decals. The ignition key is in the glove box and away you go. You pay a daily fee, cheap in comparison to a traditional rental car, and use the car for as long as necessary. When finished you take the car back to its base location, put the key back in the glove, lock the car and leave. The car is serviced and cleaned each time. Though expensive on a per use basis, on an annual basis it is much cheaper than car ownership or traditional car rental.

The City loves this idea and so does ZALUC. It's green and convenient. Owned cars serve 2 people while one zip car can serve 40. 15 to 30% of all zip car members will give up a first or second car. So, for every 1000 members between 150 and 300 storage parking spots are freed-up. The efficiencies are huge. But, to work, ZIP cars must be located near members' homes.

Current zoning prohibits commercial ventures in a residential setting, so rental cars cannot be stored in an apartment house garage, Rental cars are typically stored in dedicated facilities, not public garages.

Through this Zoning initiative, the City wants to change the rules a bit to allow ZIP cars to be stored in more convenient locations, in apartment house garages, for example, and in public garages like Century 21.

To be clear, the kind of parking we are talking about is the storage kind, not the transient kind. The idea is to make these cars as convenient to members as a private car is to an owner.

ZALUC was enthusiastic about the concept. Unfortunately, we cannot endorse the actual zoning proposal because we believe it is fatally flawed.

The actual plan is about 10 or so pages long, but for our purposes it is easily explained.

First, you must know that nothing in the plan is mandatory. It is a voluntary program.

However, under the plan, any apartment house garage in a residential zone with 20 or more spots will be permitted to rent 10% of those spots to a ZIP company for storage. The apartment would be permitted to place a sign outside, 1 foot by 2 foot, identifying the Zip car company inside.

Public garages like Century 21, in commercial districts, will be permitted to rent up to 40% of their spots to zip car companies.

Private homes, 1 and 2 stories, will not be permitted to store Zip cars under any circumstances.

Those are the zoning basics. But there are non-zoning issues. Security is, in ZALUC's opinion, the biggest .

Let's say you live in a Shore Road, landlord owned, apartment or even a co-op owned building. The landlord rents five spaces to ZIP car because they are willing to pay a premium price. The problem is that each member of ZIP car - thousands of people - will then have access to that garage and hence the building. In ZALUC's opinion, that compromises the security of the building residents.. These cars should not be permitted in unattended apartment house lots.

Where are these cars to be serviced? There is no provision for that. Would our private garages soon become service stations working all night long? Will this mean that cars will be coming and going all night at a greater rate than at current? This is, perhaps, the first time commercial uses have been introduced into existing residential structures. The potential consequences deserve more study.

As to the public lots, we believe that 40% is just too high in an area like ours. Perhaps in Manhattan, where there are many lots, that's ok, but the *context* of the public lot is an important consideration. CB10 fought hard to make Century 21's lot available to relieve congestion on Third Ave. by making the lot available for valet parking. But this plan would threaten that initiative because the ZIP cars may offer more money for the spots than the valets. This is at odds with the very purpose of the car sharing initiative because it may make fewer spots available for parking in the neighborhood. Up to 120 spots fewer. That's four avenue blocks of parking! We believe the amount should be much less in our area - say 10 to 20 percent tops.

Another issue is the commercial signs. Do we want ZIP and Hertz signs on our buildings?

There are also a few problems in the actual text, though we are sure these can be cured. For

example, the text presents an opt out plan in apartment settings. It says that on 30 days notice a landlord must return a spot to resident use. But it's not clear what this means. Is that notice by the owner to ZIP car or notice by a resident to the landlord, or both? Would the request have to be made by all the residents or just one? In the case of a co-op or condo, would this mean a majority vote or could one resident defeat the zip car initiative? The intent seems to be that any one resident could retrieve the spot. But it is not at all clear.

To be sure, as pointed out by Richard Jacob from DCP, whom ZALUC thanks for appearing and helping us understand the concept, these problems may all be more apparent than real. After all the waiting lines for parking at virtually all apartments in CB10 are quite long. So it is unlikely that any will voluntarily give them over to ZIP car in the near future.

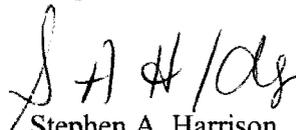
But that ignores Murphy's Law. There is no requirement that a landlord or co-op include the right to a spot in a lease. So if ZIP storage proves more lucrative than including the spots in a lease, as the apartments turn over, the right will be removed from the leases. That's not good.

It also ignores the effects of success. If ZIP is very successful it may mean that enough cars will be removed from curbside parking that the demand for apartment garage spaces may decrease. After all, that's the goal of this initiative. If that occurs the unintended consequences expressed in this report will kick in. We have an obligation, as public officials, to try to anticipate adverse effects and address them before they occur.

ZALUC moves and recommends that Community Board 10 send a letter to City planning

- 1) Supporting the concept of car sharing and encouraging the CITY and DCP to continue in its efforts to devise a plan to make car sharing vehicles more accessible to city residents, whether through zoning or some other means and
- 2) Disapproving the current plan in its entirety for the reasons stated in this report

Respectfully Submitted

  
Stephen A. Harrison  
Chair, ZALUC

The **Parks, Cultural Affairs, Communications and Public Relations (PCAP) Committee** met on June 1, 2010 to discuss several items.

The first item on the Agenda was a follow-up on the “Meet and Greet” event held at the District Office on May 20. This event was a great success, and was attended by many old and new Board members. Board members introduced themselves and spoke about their backgrounds and history on the Board and in Bay Ridge. A great deal of knowledge was shared, and everyone had a wonderful time. We hope to continue this event as newer Board members are added.

The second item on the Agenda was a follow-up on the continued discussions concerning a Bay Ridge walking tour. We discussed the itinerary of a tour in 2005, which was hosted by Forgotten New York. A guide with a megaphone hosted a day-long tour that started at 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Fourth Avenue, and ended in Owl’s Head Park. Along the way, the stops included Cannonball Park, Denyse Wharf, Fontbonne Hall, Harbour View Terrace alleys and streets, Step streets (74<sup>th</sup> & 76<sup>th</sup>), Stewart Avenue, Senator Street and St. John’s Episcopal Church. During the summer break, we will continue to follow-up, so that a tentative plan can be in place prior to October 2010.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of local parks, and the quality-of-life issues that come up during the summer months. We were joined by Sgt. Tania Mohabeer of the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct, who advised us of the precinct’s current and continued actions. The parks that we specifically addressed were:

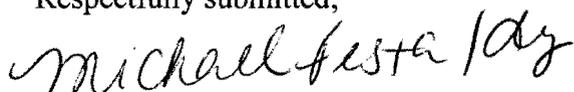
**Dyker Beach Park:** Past vandalism – disorderly groups during late night hours. Sgt. Mohabeer advised that since the Community Counsel Meeting on May 31, 22 quality-of-life summonses were issued. The precinct is proactive and aggressive in patrolling the park. There is a Police presence daily, especially on Sundays. Information on repeat offenders is logged and tracked. The main gate is locked at 9:00 pm, and the patrol car is not able to drive into the park. We will seek to coordinate a meeting with the Parks and Police Department to see if this issue can be addressed.

**Russell Pederson Playground:** Late night vandalism. There were 7 summonses written on May 31 after 9:00 pm. The precinct will continue patrolling this area in the evenings.

**McKinley Park:** Drug dealing. The precinct will continue to patrol this park. A question came up concerning the non-functioning bathrooms and handicapped accessibility. This will be followed-up by the District Office.

**Owl’s Head Park:**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Festa  
Chair, PCAP

## Community Board 10

Committee Report for : Senior Issues, Housing and Health and Welfare Committee

Date: June 15 2010 – 6:45pm

Community Board Office

**Attendance:**

Judith D. Grimaldi, Committee Chair

Susan Romero

Jeanne May

Mary Quinones

Joseph Sokoloski

Maureen Stramaka

Joanne Seminara, Chair

Josephine Beckmann, District Manager

**Excused: Kevin Peter Carroll**

Eleanor Petty

Ida D'Amelio

**Absent: Michael Casale**

Salvatore Girgenti

James O'Dea

Stella Kokolis

Anna De Metz

**Guests: Susan Pulaski, Board Member- Police and Public Safety Chair**

Jean Ryan – Board Member

Sam Masall – Brooklyn Smoke Free Partnership

Dena Libner- Councilmember Gentile

Cathy Khatari – Arab American Neighborhood Association

Jennifer Jenkins – Columbia News

### **AGENDA**

1. Report on the introduction of TimeBanking to the Bay Ridge Community
2. Update on Hookah Lounge Operations and Community Concerns- Developing an Action plan.

### **Time Banking:**

Omayra Torres and Mashi Blech of Visiting Nurse Service of NY introduced the Community Connections TimeBank. The program is a special community project which organizes neighbors to help each other. Members can earn time credit for every hour contributed which can be redeemed for an hour of services for themselves. Membership in the TimeBank is free.

Participants receive services in exchange for their own services. Some examples of services exchanged are: visiting, catering, typing, driving, escort, hair care, help with moving, ironing, knitting sewing, tutoring, pet care, letter writing, lawn mowing, language teaching, picking up mail, shopping, computer assistance, errands, plant care, cooking lessons, lessons of all kinds, baking, bookkeeping, administrative work... and the list goes on.

The introduction of Time Banking to the CB 10 area has begun. LMC has offered space and enrollment sites at their family health centers and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be a location for beginning activities. CB 10 has agreed to provide the rear meeting space for enrollment and recruitment on a once a month basis. The committee will be providing consultation to the TimeBank staff on outreach sites and recruitment opportunities. The TimeBank staff is actively looking for Bay Ridge TimeBank Captains to assist with the introduction and development of the program in our community. The position for Enrollment Specialist is open now. The Position will involve the following activities:

- Conducting enrollment sessions
- Conducting reference checks
- Conducting member interviews
- Entering the new member information into the database

The individual must have good communication skills, organizational and teaching ability, and must be able to work independently but also be able to be a team leader. Computer capacity is also required. The hours are part time and flexible and evening availability is especially helpful. Proficiency in a language in addition to English is a plus.

For information contact Omayra Torres at 212 609 7811 or email [Omayra.torres @vmsmy.org](mailto:Omayra.torres@vmsmy.org)

#### Hookah Lounges in Bay Ridge and community concerns:

The committee continued its research and discussion of the emergence of Hookah lounges in CB10 and concerns from residents about the impact on the community in the following area:

1. Nuisance complaints for surrounding the lounges surrounding neighbors concerning second hand smoke and health issues
2. Underage smoking of hookahs and concern of harmful smoking
3. Concern about illegal substances ingested using the hookah (pipe).

The meeting was attended by Dena Libner of Councilman Gentile's office who reported that the Councilmember is working on City legislation to address the issue. This was in response to the letter our Board sent the Council Member as a result of the motion passed at the May 2010 meeting. The proposal for law and regulations will be done in consultation with the NYC Department of Health and model along the lines of the Indoor Smoke Free Act which regulates smoking in indoor spaces such as restaurants and bars. The drafting of any new laws will also need to consider the impact on the business community. The issue is also complex as many of the bars involved in the nuisances claim that the substance smoked in the pipes is not tobacco and therefore not subject to the present rules. In order to address this and to limit the expense of testing the substances site by site, the law may focus on strict labeling requirement of all substances used and regulation of the sale of the substance. This will be an alternate way to insure that tobacco is not being ingested and will prohibit sales to the underage hookah smoker. The Council Member is also reaching out to communities in Queens and across the City who are

experiencing the same growth of Hookah establishments. Again CB10 is seen as the front runner on this topic and has the cooperation of the NYC Department of Health. The Department sent a researcher from NY Cornell to advise us on the health effects of Hookah use. The representative stated that she is in the early stage of her research and could not provide definitive information on the health effects of this type of smoking. There is a general consensus that the smoke filled air in an enclosed space would have a negative effect.

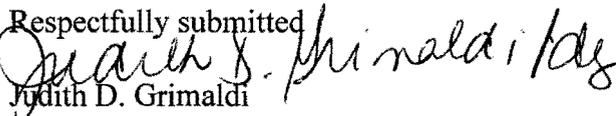
A resident from Ovington Avenue whose apartment windows face the exhaust from a Hookah club on Bay Ridge Avenue voiced her concern. The hallways of her apartment building permeate with the smoke and the smell causes breathing problems and irritation for her and her neighbors.

Sam Masall of Brooklyn Smoke Free Partnership offered assistance to our committee stating he and his organization are prepared to assist us with any community campaign we wish to institute. In fact the Partnership has a \$1,500 grant available to any group which develops a smoke free project in Bay Ridge.

In that vein we agreed to try the following activities:

1. We agreed that our District Manager, Josephine Beckmann would contact the appropriate City agencies in a dialogue to develop protocol for enforcement and testing of existing Hookah bars including any fire, safety, building code and health violations as well as any trafficking of illegal substance. We want to be knowledgeable of the impact of the dense smoke resulting from hookah use to learn if there are fire safety regulations about indoor use of burning charcoal and the need for special ventilation to handle the smoke. Other health and safety issues will be explored with the relevant agencies.
2. We agreed to schedule a community awareness meeting for all hookah bar owners aimed at introducing the some ideas to contain the smoke and eliminate the second hand smoke for the surrounding neighbors. This meeting will occur after we have well researched the fire and safety regulations. The meeting will involve the Board, local CBO's, elected officials and the proprietors of the bars to meet and discuss voluntarily controlling the smoke dispersing into the community. This should include a meeting with the operators of the lounges, the police, DOH and the committee members to develop strategies to improve the quality of life of the residents living near the bars. This process will be ongoing. At this stage we are compiling a list of owners to be invited. Joseph Sokoloski and Jean Ryan have begun this research to insure we have all owners. This meeting may need the assistance of Board Members who speak Arabic.
3. The sub committee on Hookah bars will continue this work. The committee has the following who are interested: BM Habib Joudeh, BM Jeannie May, BM Susan Pulaski (Chair of Police and Public Safety Committee), BM Susan Romero and myself. This will be brought to General Board for formation by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted

  
Judith D. Grimaldi

Chair

June 21, 2010

**STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS**

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
D'Netto's, Inc., 8308 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-15-10	Renewal
First Oasis, Inc., 9218 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-18-10	Renewal
6510 Food Corp., La Sorrentina Pizzeria and Restaurant, 6508-6510 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	6-18-10	Renewal
Verea Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Sancho's, 7410 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6-28-10	Renewal
E & S Grocery Store Inc., 6701 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	7-6-10	Renewal
Bay Sushi New York Inc., 29 Bay Ridge Avenue	7-14-10	Renewal
The Empty Mug, Inc., 8910 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	7-14-10	Notice of 500 foot Hearing
Bartoli's Pizzeria & Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Gino's, 7414 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	7-17-10	Renewal
Petit Oven LLC, 276 Bay Ridge Avenue	7-19-10	Renewal
Bay Ridge Restaurant Ltd., d/b/a TRACE 8814 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	7-26-10	Renewal
MSK Restaurant Corp., 7802 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	8-2-10	Renewal
China Cookie Inc., d/b/a Fortune Cookie Open Kitchen Restaurant, 7604-06 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	8-11-10	New Application (Former License surrendered by Applicant May 24, 2010)
Bamboo Garden Inc., 6409 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	8-10-10	New Application (Wine & Beer License)
Kang's Farm Inc., 7301 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8-10-10	Renewal
Saint Germain La Boite, Inc., 8303 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8-17-10	Renewal
*Gallery Social Inc., 7915 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8-20-10	New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
*Ibiza Bay Ridge Inc., 8214-16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	8-20-10	New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)