

Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Knights of Columbus
Monday, February 25, 2013 – 7:15 pm

Board Members Present: 37

Greg Ahl
Liz Amato
Allen Bortnick
Jaynemie Capetanakis
Kevin Peter Carroll
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Ann Falutico
Michael Festa
Robert Hudock
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Katherine Khatari
Stella Kokolis
Nikolaos Leonardos
Rhea McCone
Rita Meade
Mary Nolan
Eleanor Petty
Susan Pulaski
Mary Quinones
Husam Rimawi
Susan Romero
Jean Ryan
Linda Sarsour
Dilia Schack
Eleanor Schiano
Joanne Seminara
Joseph Sokoloski
Sandy Vallas
Fran Vella-Marrone
Mary Ann Walsh
Lori Willis
Tony Wu
Jonathan Yedin

Board Members Excused: 12

Anna DeMetz
Khader El-Yateem
Barbara Germack
Andrew Gounardes
Judith Grimaldi
Ronald Gross
Stephen Harrison
Brian Kieran
Scott Klein
Jeannie May
Dean Rasinya
Lawrence Stelter

Board Members Absent: 1

Luigi Lobuglio

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

Date: February 25, 2013 - 7:15 PM

Subject: CB10 Board Meeting - Knights of Columbus

PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2013 – Knights of Columbus
MINUTES

Chair Seminara called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and introduced Colonel Eluyn Ginés, Commanding Officer, Command Sergeant Major Hector A. Prince, Garrison Sergeant Major, and soldiers of US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton to lead the Honor of the Pledge. Colonel Ginés announced that there will be a job fair with 50 vendors for veterans and retirees of the military on March 21, 2013 at Fort Hamilton. He also noted that there will be a Vietnam Veterans celebration honoring all New Yorkers who served in Vietnam.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the amended Agenda. Motion by BM Petty, second by BM Cruz. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Seminara asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the January 28, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion by BM Romero. Minutes adopted as written.

PUBLIC SESSION

Jerry Allred from Borough President Markowitz's office thanked all Board Members who submitted their re-appointment forms. There is only one person left and the deadline was the 28th.

Council Member Vincent Gentile noted that our Chinese communities celebrated Chinese New Year over the past two weeks. He said it is a great culture and it was a very good time. He encouraged people to take part in any upcoming events.

The Councilman noted that two weeks ago a forum was held on property tax assessments and he reminded everyone that the deadline to challenge their assessment is March 15th. He invited anyone who needs information on this to call his office.

Councilman Gentile mentioned the great plans for this year's Summer Stroll, which will be voted on tonight. He was pleased to say that he joined Mayor Bloomberg today at City Hall as he signed a bill that directs a study to take overhead power lines and put them underground. This bill authorizes the study of the cost and feasibility of putting all remaining aboveground power lines underground. He is also proposing a bill to suspend metered parking whenever alternate side parking is suspended.

Assembly Member Peter Abbate stated that he will be in Albany four or five days a week in March working on the budget. He thinks the budget is in a lot better shape than it has been for the last several years. Our legislators are working to make sure there will be no cuts to any of the services in New York, including health care. Working to find a way to keep hospitals open is also a priority.

Liam McCabe from Congressman Grimm's office reminded everyone that effective March 1st Social Security payments will be by direct deposit only, as they will stop paper checks. This applies to all Federal checks.

Nick Chamberas from Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis' office stated that for the second consecutive year Gov. Cuomo is attempting to eliminate spousal refusal from the executive budget. Assembly Member Malliotakis opposes this and is very active in organizing opposition. He then announced that effective next month the Verrazano Bridge toll will be \$15, which generates \$251 million a year for the MTA. It was suggested at a recent meeting that we pressure our local elected officials to pressure the MTA.

With regard to the 3rd Avenue Summer Stroll, Bob Hudock stated that he feels it is a great testament to the organizers who put this event together. He wanted to remind everyone that we have the 4th Avenue Redevelopment Task Force that has been taking place. There was an open house a few weeks ago and a lot of

people gave their input on how to improve pedestrian safety. He encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting.

Susan Pulaski mentioned something she saw in Friday's New York Times. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday there was a performance in Manhattan of a small play as part of Black History Month about American activist W. E. B. Dubois and Mary White Ovington. Mary White Ovington is from Bay Ridge and part of the Ovington family that Ovington Avenue is named for.

Yvonne Zhou from the Brooklyn Public Library announced one program that begins in March through a Lifetime Arts grant, which will be eight sessions of vocal classes for adults 55 and older. Anyone interested must register. The library is also offering a free SAT practice test on March 9th. Finally, she thanked all who supported the library, especially Councilman Gentile.

Allen Bortnick spoke about traffic in the area. DOT is proposing to take away driving lanes on 4th Avenue in Bay Ridge. He feels we are in trouble with regard to traffic here. He feels it will destroy 4th Avenue and other traffic in the area.

PRESENTATION

Laura Neubauer, ADA, Rackets Division – Human Trafficking Bureau from District Attorney Charles J. Hynes' Office gave a presentation on the topic of human trafficking. She stated that they have had a lot of success in the last couple of years under the New York State laws that were formed in 2007. They have had over 100 investigations with approximately 49 defendants indicted, 23 of whom have been convicted of promoting prostitution or sex trafficking, and 26 that are pending. The first trial will start tomorrow in Brooklyn Supreme Court. A big part of their mission besides the prosecution of these cases is to get the word out as to what it actually is so they can get more referrals from the community.

Ms. Neubauer read the following definition: "Sex trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation. It is accomplished by the means of force, fraud or coercion." Under the age of 18, it is per se human trafficking. Human trafficking does not require the movement across national or state borders. The essence of human trafficking is whether the trafficker has exploited or enslaved the victim; essentially commercial exploitation of the person whether it be for sex or labor. The simplest definition is from the State Department in their annual report stating "being rendered into a state of involuntary servitude." Forms include sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary domestic servitude, and forced child labor. The essential elements of forced coercion are any type of physical force. Fraud is the inducement through false promises, deceitful enticing by affectionate behavior, lying about working conditions, promising a legitimate job and then switching to commercial sex work. Coercion is a combination of all of these things; the threat of serious physical injury, restraints, harm to one's family members, using legal process against someone, using their immigration status against them, or emotional abuse.

There is a lot of domestic trafficking going on in Brooklyn of Brooklyn residents. It involves the enticement of young girls out of school playgrounds, projects, bus stations, runaway victims, who are usually lured by gang affiliated guys who meet up with them and get to know them. It often starts with a romantic relationship or the promise of being taken care of, and then once the person is taken to the trafficker's location the relationship slowly changes into one of force and violence, and then forced into commercial sex work. Their office also sees cases involving business establishments such as nail salons, massage parlors, restaurants, and other businesses that act as fronts for what could be commercial sex work or labor trafficking. Ms. Neubauer stated that traffickers are both foreign and domestic and are not limited to males. They could be women, parents, and even women who have been victims themselves.

Ms. Neubauer stated that the red flags of sex trafficking are signs of physical abuse; behavioral signs such as secretiveness, fear, anxiety, depression; truancy from school; repeated phone calls from adult boyfriends; the recent acquisition of material items; the presence of tattooing or branding. The red flags for labor trafficking victims are storefronts with security; businesses where people live and work within the location; scripted communication; lack of familiarity with surroundings; lack of documentation.

Ms. Neubauer then provided the Human Trafficking Hotline, 718-250-2770, which is anonymous, and well as her direct number, 718-250-2982. She encouraged people to call even if they are in doubt. Their office houses a very large Victim's Services Division as well as the NYC Family Justice Center with the Mayor's Office, which can provide mental health, job and educational services. Their first order of business is to get someone safe and secure and with counselors.

BM Johnson commented that she took a survey on 3rd and 5th Avenues and found that we have over 15 massage parlors. You never see anyone entering, but they are open 24/7. Normally if an establishment is not doing well, they close down. However, these massage parlors never close down, which means they are being used somehow and might be places we can look into. Ms. Neubauer responded that these are a growing problem in Brooklyn, New York City and nationally. She said that if we have locations that look suspicious, call the information into her office. It could be nothing, but she noted that sometimes businesses that do not look like they are doing much business are often a front for money laundering which could be a possibility.

PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of the adoption and support of the Capital and Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2014, Chair Seminara stated that we are at the point of the budget process where we have the opportunity to reaffirm the priorities that were previously submitted by the Board. At this point we cannot change our requests but we do have the ability to reaffirm our priorities. She called for a motion that we reaffirm Community Board Ten's Fiscal Year 2014 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Motion by BM Falutico, second by BM Joudeh.

BM Bortnick said he understands we cannot make additions now, but asked to make a note that any future recommendations to the Parks Department include removing bamboo from parkland during cleanups wherever it is found. Chair Seminara noted this request and DM Beckmann stated that we can talk about it in October.

Motion: CB10 to reaffirm Fiscal Year 2014 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT - See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

In the absence of Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Kieran, BM Cruz rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Chair Seminara noted that the Committee's recommendation was to support the Merchants of Third Avenue application for a Summer Stroll on 3rd Avenue with the requests that were noted. Motion by BM Quinones, second by BM Vella-Marrone. Discussion followed.

BM Ryan said she attended the Committee meeting and thought we said there would be one marshal for every several blocks. BM Cruz responded that there would be a captain on every block and at least seven marshals. The captains are a part of the Merchants of Third Avenue and the marshals are more of a controlling influence.

BM Willis noted that last year Ngi Japanese Restaurant on 3rd Avenue between 83rd and 84th Streets had their front windows open with a DJ set up in the front window blaring techno music, which was not in keeping with the cultural event and nothing was done about that. She was curious about the ability of these captains and marshals to actually do something to enforce when people who are not cooperating in the spirit they are supposed to. BM Cruz responded that this concern was expressed at the meeting and the reason we included that the Board get copies of all sound permits. If one of these establishments has a sound permit that would be a concern the Board would discuss it with the merchants. She knows there were some complaints last year and that this is something the District Office will be on top of.

BM Festa said that one thing they talked about was if there were resident related issues, members of the planning committee would be readily accessible and their location would be made know to the residents. BM Cruz thinks we will have to set up a format for that prior to the event so we know how residents can contact either the captains or marshals.

Chair Seminara asked BM Cruz re-read the motion.

Motion: CB10 to support the Merchants of Third Avenue application for a Summer Stroll on 3rd Avenue from 68th Street to 90th Street on four Fridays this summer – July 19th, 26th, and August 9th and 16th – requesting that the Merchants of Third Avenue Planning Committee provide a list of sound permits to the District Office, provide at least eight (8) marshals, as well as abide by noise regulations set forth in the NYC DEP Noise Code. 36 in favor; 1 recusal – BM McCone. Motion carried.

BM Cruz commented that there was a suggestion that a list of events be posted possibly on the Merchants of Third Avenue website. Last year when it was a small venue people wanted to know what was going on. Now with the larger venue people might want to make choices as to which end of Third Avenue they go to.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Vella-Marrone rendered the Committee report. See attached.

In regard to the SLA Corporate Change Application for Ocean XI, Committee Chair Vella-Marrone noted that since there was adverse history and the applicant did not appear for questioning, the Committee voted to disapprove the application. Motion seconded by BM Leonardos.

BM Joudeh asked why disapprove the application when he is going to be there. Committee Chair Vella-Marrone reiterated that there is adverse history and we did not have the opportunity to question the owner to know why the change was made and who is going to be there. We do not know anything about this change.

BM Sarsour was curious as to what type of confirmation we have to prove that the applicant was contacted. DM Beckmann replied that we sent a letter via regular mail to the address provided by the applicant was not returned by the post office, we called, and we personally did a lit drop.

Motion: CB10 to deny the SLA Corporate Change Application for Ocean XI Lounge Karaoke Inc., 6403 11th Avenue, since there was adverse history and the applicant did not appear for questioning. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to Club Cats, formerly Amnesia, BM Kokolis asked if we followed up on this establishment and Committee Chair Vella-Marrone replied that we had discussions regarding this entity and that it is an improvement on what has been there. The owner did come before the Committee to explain himself.

OLD BUSINESS

BM Ryan noted that tonight she passed by PC Richards on 86th Street and they had appliances outside in front of the building. DM Beckmann responded that someone did report this to her and she will contact PC Richards and their attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by BM Joudeh to adjourn. With no further business, Chair Seminara adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Chair's Report
Community Board 10, Brooklyn
February 25, 2013

Good evening Board Members and Guests,

"Small Town Meets Big City at Mouth of New York Harbor." This was how Bay Ridge was described in an October 4, 2012 article in the Daily News. As described in the article: "Hospitality remains the Ridge's greatest asset according to life-long residents like Ted General who stated that we have "the feel of a small town in a big city." I trust most of us would agree.

Yes, change is a constant and we could all lament negative trends in zoning, street parking and more serious concerns like vehicular speeding, traffic fatalities and drug problems on our relatively quiet residential blocks and at the same time we celebrate our growing diversity and welcome responsible people of good will from the Middle East, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe.

I sometimes believe that we feel safe enough to view the place where we live through "rose colored glasses," when in fact we are suffering serious insidious problems, like multiple reports about drug sales and growing illicit drug use by teenagers in our community. We regularly report these concerns to the 68th precinct and the DA's office. On Wednesday, we will attend a meeting of very concerned and frustrated residents who report drug use among young people who continue to congregate on their blocks, especially as the weather warms. You know of the problems on 93rd Street which continued virtually unabated for years; even as it resulted in a tragedy, we are attempting to turn this into an opportunity now with the possibility that the 93 Lounge will be closed as we prepare this week— DM Beckmann will ably represent us – to testify at the SLA hearing next Thursday. Through Jo's research we learned that the building in which the 93 Lounge operates does not even have a valid certificate of occupancy. It is incredible to us that this establishment is allowed to operate without a C of O. Perhaps you saw news of the NYS Comptroller's recent report that highlighted serious deficiencies at the NYC Department of Buildings in terms of building inspections. Why we have to point out to the city agencies information that is part of the city record when a valid C of O is a requirement of a SLA application is astonishing to me.

At the last meeting I highlighted the horrible issue concerning human and child sex trafficking which was presented in more detail tonight by the Kings County District Attorney's office. I hope you listened and take this issue to heart and think of how we can be more vigilant.

The larger context is that we, the Community Board fill a deep need for protection of the quality of life for one another. "Quality of Life" sounds like a cozy, rather benign, concept but some of the issues we face are often deadly serious. We are now in a real and practical conversation with the DOT about how to stop speeding along the 4th Avenue corridor. A pedestrian – a 15 year old Xaverian student - was struck and seriously injured at 78th Street and 4th Avenue last week by a hit and run driver, and 86th Street and 4th Avenue remains one of the most dangerous intersections in the City of New York in terms of pedestrian and vehicular accidents. So clearly we must do more and something. The Department of Transportation will host a follow-up meeting to the 4th Avenue Safety Visioning Workshop on March 21st at 6:30 pm at PS 264 at 371 89th Street. All are invited to attend and hear about the results from the workshop.

The fact that resources are stretched in many areas is not an excuse. In some cases resources must be re-utilized. There is no substitute for the work we can do and the difference we can make if we tackle some of our tougher issues.

Tonight we celebrated this community's deep, historic and living ties with the Ft. Hamilton Army base, which is a source of pride and strength in our community.

Jo and I recently attended the Brotherhood Tea and presentation by the children of PS 104 last week. Ten percent of the children at this school live on the base, greatly contributing to the schools' diversity and strength. In this program, skits and musical performances, many written by 8th graders, centered on welcoming the "new kid," preventing bullying and resolving conflict. They had much to teach and it was a joy to watch.

In order to remain a desirable place to live in our "small town in the big City" we must take the time to step-up, listen and find solutions to the issues that threaten our future, and learn and join with those strong and honorable elements whether they are our military service people, our "politicians" or the brave and honest children who attend our schools with dreams of a humane and peaceful world.

Thank you for all you do to keep our neighborhoods strong.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne Seminara
Chair

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

February 25, 2013

Good Evening Board Members:

Earlier this month we received calls from area residents complaining that their vehicles were towed from private parking lots within CB10. Cars on private property do not have to be summonsed before they are towed. Both the 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue Sovereign Bank locations, Staples and Dunkin Donuts utilize tow companies to remove vehicles that park and do not enter their establishments. If you shop at these locations and leave to go to the bank or run other errands.. you risk being towed. These parking lots are some examples of locations that video tape and watch to see if parking is being used only by customers. Violators will be towed and this message is clearly indicated at these locations. There are limits to how much a licensed tow company can charge and this information can be found on our website or on the Department of Consumer Affairs Website. Complaints against tow truck companies can be filed via 311 or by completing a complaint form and mailing it to the Department of Consumer Affairs.

On February 14, 2013 the District Office received a notice from Galasso Rigging and Trucking informing the Community Board that on March 2-3, 2013, from 8AM to 6PM Saturday and 9AM to 6PM Sunday, 99th Street between Shore Road and Harbor Court will be closed to vehicular traffic due to a crane operation at 9747 Shore Road for the installation of telecommunication equipment. The District Office reviews each notification of street closure and makes sure that a corresponding Department of Buildings Permit is on file for all installations of telecommunications equipment. What we have found is that this is not often the case and it is required by law and further whenever a crane hoisting or removing heavy equipment on residential properties is made we make certain that the requisite DOB permit must be obtained prior to any street closure. .

92nd Street Sewer Reconstruction Update. This month National Grid and Con Edison crews have been performing upgrades to their service lines. Work to line the sewers on 92nd Street from 4th Avenue to Ridge Blvd will continue – this work will last approximately 8 weeks. All work will be through existing manholes; no new excavation is required. There may be temporary street closures during the working hours in order to access the manhole. Final restoration work of the roadbed is expected to be completed when this work is done.

Announcements

Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue proceed to 3rd Avenue to 67th Street at 12:00 noon and kick off at 1PM. This is the 20th Anniversary of the Parade.

The next General Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2013 at Norwegian Christian Home 1250 67th Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

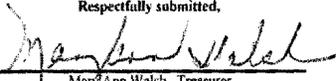
Budget Appropriation for FY 13	\$206,895.00
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COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$4,609.26	\$6,913.89	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26	\$4,609.26						
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,440.96	\$2,188.44	\$1,656.96	\$1,656.96	\$1,656.96	\$1,656.96	\$1,656.96						
Total Personal Services	\$13,619.02	\$20,480.52	\$13,851.68	\$13,851.68	\$13,851.68	\$13,851.68	\$13,851.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,357.94

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/12	8/31/12	9/30/12	10/31/12	11/30/12	12/31/12	1/31/13	2/29/2013	3/31/13	4/30/13	5/31/13	6/30/13	Y - T - D	
10B	Telephone														
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone	196.62	198.91	196.62	201.43	196.37	193.64	193.02							
100	Supplies & Materials			128.84		99.60									
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage														
170	Cleaning Supplies														
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment														
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00			135.00	95.00							
332	Data Process Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	234.41	234.41	234.41	234.41		44.41	188.60							
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00								
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70							
612	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual		330.00												
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	240.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00							
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
414	Water, Sewer, Utility														
Total Other than Personal Services		\$747.73	\$1,225.02	\$876.57	\$617.56	\$477.67	\$954.75	\$658.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$5,557.62

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	14,366.75	21,705.54	14,728.25	14,469.24	14,329.35	14,806.43	14,510.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108,915.56
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TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE														\$97,979.44
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Respectfully submitted,

 Mary Ann Walsh, Treasurer

Traffic and Transportation Committee

A presentation and public hearing was held in the Auditorium of P.S. 102 on February 5th, 2013 at 7PM. The Merchants of Third Avenue submitted an application to the NYC DOT for permission to have a Summer Stroll along Third Avenue spanning four nights July 19, July 26, August 9 and August 16th from 6pm to 10pm. (Set up time 4:30 – breakdown until 11pm) Local merchants were in attendance – despite an extensive notification to surrounding neighbors – only several residents were in attendance.

Bina Valenzano, of The Merchants of Third Avenue reported that last year's event was a success for local businesses and residents providing a chance to enjoy 3rd Avenue shops, restaurants and cultural presentations. Their goal this year is to fill the avenue with exhibitions such as musicals, dance numbers, art galleries, book signings, acoustic music and multi-cultural cuisine.

This year – the Merchants of Third Avenue have submitted an application to include more of 3rd Avenue from 68th Street to 90th Street. (last year was 81st to 90th Street) All side streets will continue to remain open to thru traffic. They have also included a request for amplified sound as many complained last year that they could not hear the performers. This issue was discussed at length as there were concerns raised about monitoring noise levels – and planning appropriately so noise will not be an issue. Bina Valenzano stated that the Community Board will be provided with a list of locations and that any complaints will be addressed during the event. There will be at least 7 marshals employed at the event (possibly more if funding allows).

Again, no outside vendors will be allowed to sell merchandise. Restaurants along 3rd Avenue in the zone will be able to set up tables/chairs to the curb. Each block will have block captains which will coordinate with merchants and report back to planning committee.

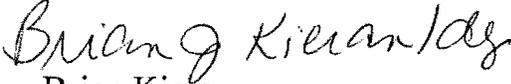
Committee members asked if DOT would arrange for the pick up of garbage for corner baskets prior to and following the event and Bina reached out to the DOT and reported back to the District Office that the answer to this question was yes. The MTA will reroute the B70 to 4th Avenue – a route will be provided to the

Board. The event will not go forward without police coverage. Removal of cars will commence at 4pm. There will be 212 metered spots lost for this event. The Planning Committee is currently working with DOT and local businesses to provide parking alternatives to residents at a low or no cost fee. Restaurants wishing to use valet parking will work with the Merchants of Third Avenue to make arrangements.

The merchants from lower Third Avenue were positive and grateful to be included in this year's summer stroll. When asked by a resident if the event could be divided into smaller stretches – DOT's response was no and the event would span for the entire stretch as submitted on the application.

A motion was passed to support the Merchants of Third Avenue application for a Summer Stroll on 3rd Avenue from 68th Street to 90th Street on 4 Fridays this Summer July 19, 26th and August 9th and 16th – requesting that the Merchants of Third Avenue Planning Committee provide a list of sound permits to the District Office, provide at least 8 marshals, as well as abide by noise regulations set forth in the NYC DEP Noise Code.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Kieran
Chairperson

**Community Board Ten
Police and Public Safety Committee
February 20, 2013**

The Police and Public Safety Committee met in quorum on February 20, 2013. The meeting commenced at 7:10 PM.

SLA Renewal Application for Wall Street Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Café Remy, 7110 3rd Avenue

The applicant appeared at the request of the Community Board due to complaints received. The SLA Adverse history for this establishment includes one offense in 2010 which was adjudicated in 2011. There were 15 complaints over three months in the summer (June, July and August) of 2012 from residents on 71st Street regarding large disorderly groups. These complaints were reported to the 68th Pct. and it should be noted that the owner of the establishment was cooperative and communicated with the Community Board Office regarding this matter and stated that they discontinued the use of a particular promoter. In January of 2013, 71st residents contacted the Community Board Office complaining of large disorderly groups on weekends including a report of a large fight involving approximately 15 patrons on one particular weekend. These problems tend to occur during promoted events. Two residents were in attendance and elaborated on the complaints stated above and their experiences thereof. The owner of the establishment stated that the SLA offense is the only one that he has received in 30 years in business. He stated that he promotes 90% of the events at his establishment, however, from time to time he has used an outside promoter. The establishment has licensed security inside and outside and also has security cameras in operation. It was also recognized that there are other establishments within close proximity of which the Community Board has received complaints. The applicant agreed to provide his phone number to the residents who were present at the meeting and to establish communication with them as well as other neighbors. The Community Board Office will communicate with the owner of the establishment regarding any complaints it receives. It was also decided that the Community Board would set up a meeting of establishments in the vicinity along with the police precinct to try to address the concerns of the public as it seems that this location tends to be problematic and needs a more comprehensive approach. No vote was taken as there was no action to be taken. This matter was only heard in an effort to be responsive to the complaints received by the Community Board.

Request of Oleg Shumko, General Manager for Club Cats LLC (formally Amnesia) 10007 4th Avenue to explain change in operation

Mr. Shumko explained that he managed another business called Cats Café located on Emmons Avenue and that this location suffered extensive damage due to super storm Sandy. As such, in order to continue to serve this cliental, the owner of the business formally known as Amnesia, Mr. Sophia, has put Mr. Shumko in place as the manager of his establishment and has legally changed the dba to Club Cats. This change is reflected on the liquor license. The method of operation is the same. There is a change in dba and management. The location will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 6:00 PM - 4:00 AM. There is a full menu and food is served until 3:30 AM. They have live music Thursdays, Friday, Saturday

and Sundays. They do not have a DJ. They also have a Karaoke night. He also stated that he does not use outside promoters and does all of his own promotion. They have valet parking and are presently looking for a parking lot. There was recently a misunderstanding in which Mr. Shumko believed that he could park his cars in the St. Patrick's Church parking lot. St. Patrick's had complained about this and stated that they cannot park their cars in the lot. Since that time, Mr. Shumko has ceased using St. Patrick's Church parking lot. Mr. Shumko expressed that he was in business at the previous location for 8 years and had a very good reputation within the community and with the local Police Precinct. DM Beckmann stated that she was in communication with the Community Board where Cats Café was located in Sheepshead Bay and was informed that the establishment was a good business with no problems and that they were supportive of the community. In addition, P.O. Viola stated that he spoke with the community affairs officers from the 61 Police Precinct and was informed that they ran a very good business with no problems or complaints. We reviewed the stipulations that were in place for the business and although Mr. Shumko stated that he would abide by the stipulations, the committee believed that we needed to speak to the owner of the business, Mr. Sophia, as the agreement was signed by him. Mr. Sophia arrived later during the meeting and stated that he was responsible for any and all activity at the location which included enforcement of the stipulations. He reiterated that he does all of his promotion in house and does not use outside promoters. He said there was a misunderstanding with regard to the use of St. Patrick's parking lot and that he will find a parking lot that he can use. The new management has been in operation since December 2012 and the Community Board has received no complaints. Board member Doris Cruz, who resides nearby the establishment and was in attendance, stated that there have been no disturbances at the location since the new management has been in place.

SLA Corporate Change Application for Ocean XI Lounge Karaoke Inc., 6403 11th Avenue

The Community Board has received noise complaints regarding this establishment and there have been two SLA violations, one in 2010 and one in 2012.

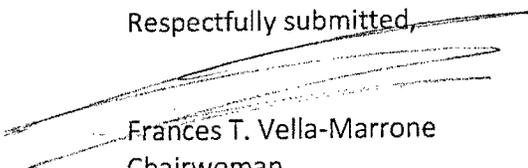
The applicant did not appear at the meeting. No one from the public was in attendance regarding this matter.

Since there was adverse history and the applicant did not appear for questioning, the committee voted to disapprove the application.

The next order of business was the continued work on the development of the committee's SLA Application Questionnaire which was tabled. It will be reviewed at a future committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances T. Vella-Marrone

Chairwoman

Police and Public Safety Committee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
King's Lounge BK, Inc., d/b/a King Falafel, 7406-08 3 rd Avenue	7/27/12	*New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Il Forno Di Marco Corp., 7604 3 rd Avenue	2/20/13	New Application (Wine & Beer Only)
Tongphrom Ketkeaw, d/b/a/ Bangkok Thai House Restaurant, 6735 3 rd Avenue	3/1/13	Renewal
Suki Japanese Restaurant Inc., 9208 3 rd Avenue	3/1/13	New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Hom Imports, 8804-06 3 rd Avenue	3/4/13	Renewal
Gorm Rest. Inc., d/b/a Hunters Steak & Ale House, 9404 4 th Avenue	3/7/13	Renewal
8618 Omiya Inc., 8618 4 th Avenue	3/7/13	Renewal

*Presented application at the Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in March 2013.