

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance
Fort Hamilton Senior Center
Monday, October 21, 2013 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 40

Greg Ahl
Liz Amato
Allen Bortnick
Kevin Peter Carroll
Shirley Chin
Judith Collins
Doris Cruz
Ida D'Amelio
Khader El-Yateem
Ann Falutico
Barbara Germack
Andrew Gounardes
Judith Grimaldi
Stephen Harrison
Robert Hudock
June Johnson
Habib Joudeh
Brian Kaszuba
Katherine Khatari
Brian Kieran
Nikolaos Leonardos
Luigi Lobuglio
Rhea McCone
Rita Meade
Mary Nolan
Adil Oualim
Susan Pulaski
Mary Quinones
Dean Rasinya
Susan Romero
Jean Ryan
Eleanor Schiano
Joanne Seminara
Joseph Sokoloski
Lawrence Stelter
Sandy Vallas
Fran Vella-Marrone
Mary Ann Walsh
Lori Willis
Jonathan Yedin

Board Members Excused: 8

Jaynemie Capetanakis
Michael Festa
Ronald Gross
Stella Kokolis
Jeannie May
Linda Sarsour
Dilia Schack
Tony Wu

Board Members Absent: 2

Anna DeMetz
Husam Rimawi

Ex-Officio:

Councilman Vincent Gentile

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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING
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MINUTES

Chair Kieran called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and invited Bina Valenzano, Marketing Director, Merchants of Third Avenue and Co-Owner of The Book Mark Shoppe, to lead the Honor of the Pledge.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the amended Agenda. Agenda adopted as amended.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the Minutes from the September 16, 2013 Board Meeting with the correction made by BM Stelter. Motion by BM Stelter, second by BM Rasinya. Minutes adopted as corrected.

PUBLIC SESSION

Assembly Member Peter Abbate thanked Community Board Ten for all the great work that they do. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election, which is a very important one.

Council Member Vincent Gentile announced that the Eco Dock is open. Thursday was a great day for the ribbon cutting and he thanked all those who attended, many of whom are members from Community Board Ten. The first day of programming was on Saturday, when they had the sailboat and yacht for tours, and this week they will have a tugboat and FDNY retired fire boat. The dock will be up until Thanksgiving and then will restart again in May. He commended June Johnson for her work on this project.

The Councilman noted that this past week they hosted a district tour for Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, who was able to tour both CB10 and CB11, and a luncheon at the Greenhouse. Also last week the City Council passed legislation to help small mom and pop restaurants who are harassed by mounds of fines and are really hurting to try to stay open. They put together a total of five bills, one of which was his bill, which help with the grading system and reduce the adversarial types of situations when City inspectors walk in. That legislation has been passed and hopefully the Mayor will sign it. Tomorrow the Councilman will be making an announcement for an anti-graffiti initiative, a new hotline to get graffiti removed from some of the areas in our neighborhoods.

Assembly Member Alec Brook-Krasny encouraged anyone interested in health care to visit newyorkstateofhealth.com, which is very useful and provides a lot of information.

Nicholas Chamberas, representing Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis, noted that the B37 bus will be restored in 2014. However, the MTA has plans to terminate the stop at the Barclay Center, which is shorter than the original last stop which was Livingston Street and Court Street. Assembly Member Malliotakis has contacted the head of the MTA, Thomas Prendergast, and urged him to extend the route. Mr. Chamberas announced that the Assembly Member will be hosting a Breast Health Symposium on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 PM at Holy Angels Catholic Academy Gymnasium, 337 74th Street. Presentations will be given by Dr. Donna-Marie Manasseh and Dr. Christina Giuliano of Maimonides Medical Center.

Jerry Allred announced that, for the past 12 years, Borough President Markowitz has given out food every year for Thanksgiving. He encouraged anyone who is part of a non-profit group to apply.

Val Henry announced that SUNY Downstate Urgent Care Center located at 9036 7th Avenue provides free flu shots and prostate cancer screenings every Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Liam McCabe from Congressman Michael Grimm's office noted that the Government is now up and running. Their office received a lot of calls from people who did not understand the Congressman's position, which is he

wanted to vote to keep the government going. That has always been his message and he is going to continue to bring that message to Washington.

Sarah Mathew spoke on behalf of several residents who attended the meeting to support the Capital Budget Priority #5 for renovating the McKinley Park tennis courts. They feel this project would have a better chance for funding if they addressed one park at a time. Players are from children to adults, residents and beyond. These courts are in the heart of our district and there would be great potential to grow their various programs if they were in better condition. She urged people to join them in sending this important message to the Councilman and Borough President to allocate the money to refurbish the McKinley Park tennis courts.

Susan Romero also spoke in support of refurbishing the McKinley Park tennis courts, and thanked the tennis players who came to the meeting tonight to support this issue. It is up to the community to give the elected officials the reasons why they should allocate funds to refurbish the tennis courts. As a team they will have strength in numbers to bring about awareness as to how many people of all ages are impacted by the daily use of McKinley Park. The people here tonight are only a fraction of the players at McKinley Park.

Pastor El-Yateem announced that the Salam Church Gala will be on Saturday, October 26th, and that the Arab American Association will have their Gala on Thursday, November 7th and Josephine Beckmann is one of the honorees.

Pascal DuBois from the CUNY School of Public Health spoke in support of New York City Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NYC HANES), which is an important health survey that takes the pulse of NYC and one of the nation's most important accurate health studies.

Gianfranco Moretta spoke in support of skate parks in the community, saying he is 26 years old and still skateboards. More and more older people have been skating in skate parks. He has noticed that very few neighborhoods here have skate parks. Canarsie, Williamsburg, Park Slope, Fort Greene, Brownsville and Bushwick all have skate parks, yet Bensonhurst and Dyker Park have none. He believes if there were more skate parks it would prevent kids from skating in the streets.

Roland Lewis from the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance spoke in support of Denyse Wharf saying, as with the opening of the Eco Dock, we have another opportunity at Denyse Wharf for a remarkable environmental science facility for young people. Right now it is good as a beach, but it would be a lot better with a lab there. He encouraged Community Board Ten and the community to get behind supporting the environmental lab at Denyse Wharf.

The following people spoke in support of Denyse Wharf: Tom Green, Melissa Morelli-Walsh and her son Liam, Jacob Kalmanovich. They asked the Community Board to support the Denyse Wharf project and put it back on the priorities list.

Ian Richards and Gene Aronowitz spoke in support of the 4th Avenue redesign and asked the Community Board to support the proposed changes.

Chair Kieran called Allen Bortnick up to speak. As point of order, BM Harrison stated that if BM Bortnick was going to speak about something that is on the agenda he thinks it is out of order for him to speak at the public session. We are going to have a debate on the subject later on and if everyone on the Board did exactly what is about to happen we would be here all night. He believes it is out of order. Chair Kieran responded that he did look at the bylaws and rules; it is a grey area. The point is valid and well taken. He gave BM Bortnick two minutes to speak. BM Bortnick read an article from the Home Reporter and spoke in opposition of the 4th Avenue redesign.

Barbara Cassidy spoke in favor of the 4th Avenue proposal including the road diet. She asked that the Community Board listen to the DOT.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Kieran announced that tonight is the Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015. The Executive Committee voted on and prioritized the expense and budget priorities in their Committee session. The Community Board had the opportunity to review the priorities with the respective community districts. They discussed, selected and re-ordered them as was requested. Every year we submit our list of budget priorities to the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget. Copies of the lists were sent to the Board in advance, and Chair Kieran asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with reading them. Motion by BM Romero, second by BM Gounardes. Chair Kieran noted that they would discuss the Capital Budget Priorities first. Discussion followed.

BM Romero made a motion to revise Project #5 to separate McKinley Park tennis courts and move the project to #1. BM Carroll wanted clarification on the motion and asked if it was to take the McKinley Park tennis court out of #5 and make it a new project at #1. Chair Kieran replied that was correct. Motion second by BM Carroll. BM Harrison was unsure how they came to the conclusion that by pulling out McKinley Park the response would be different and asked if there was any conversation with them indicating it would be different. DM Beckmann replied that all of the tennis courts have been recommended for funding. The total cost of refurbishing all the courts would be one group amount. All are recommended for funding, all need refurbishing and all have been confirmed by Parks that they need refurbishing. BM Harrison again asked if we have gotten any indication from them before we decide to start bumping #1 down. DM Beckmann replied that these are our priorities and we can do whatever we want. We can separate them which we have done in the past. BM Harrison said that OMB said it supports this position but the money is not there for the project; do we have any indication that by pulling out just one of the five they would have sufficient funds to refurbish the one. DM Beckmann replied no, OMB does not have the money.

BM Rasinya asked if the McKinley Park courts are used more than the other courts because if they are it might make sense to pull that out. Chair Kieran replied that we have no knowledge of that. BM Romero said they have not done scientific surveys but they have all played on all the courts; they are not playable. McKinley Park is unique because of its access, location, construction, and how it serves the community as more than just tennis courts. Bay 8th Street is probably the next park that is most utilized. McKinley is also unique because it is where all the schools in the district go to play. Chair Kieran asked if it was the largest in terms of courts. BM Romano thinks Bay 8th is a little larger, but it is highly unutilized, and it is much harder to get to the courts at Bay 8th than McKinley. Chair Kieran noted that the other aspect of this is whether McKinley should go over the other parks.

BM Sokoloski asked why Denyse Wharf is continually removed from the priority list. Chair Kieran said we will finish this topic first, but said to remember that in general these priorities are a wish list. It does not mean it is going to happen, but just what we want to concentrate on.

BM Falutico thinks that #5 is already quite high. BM Germack said it seems to her that numbers 1 through 4 benefit from the greater amount of people. BM Cruz said she lives adjacent to the Fort Hamilton Parkway tennis courts and she sees the Shore Road ones and knows they are greatly used. She would not like to see courts pitted against each other. BM El-Yateem wanted to make an educated decision about this and would like more information. If we remove this from #5 and make it separate, will that be effective or not, and will it make any difference. Chair Kieran replied that we cannot give a good answer. DM Beckmann said that ultimately they respond that these priorities are wonderful but they do not have the money and recommend that we contact our elected officials for consideration. After the Board votes on it we send it to every Elected Official in Community Board Ten saying that these are our priorities, and ultimately it is up to them as to how much money they receive to allocate funding. BM El-Yateem is afraid of favoritism; that people come back to

us and say why this and not that. He thinks they should all be done as soon as possible. BM Vella-Marrone asked, even though #5 has all the parks listed, can the Councilman fix only one of the parks if he has the money for one, and was told that is correct. She then said that maybe the people from McKinley should go lobby to the Councilman to fund that particular park, because she feels that for us to pick one out of five is a difficult position for the Board to be in.

BM Carroll pointed out that there are two playgrounds and they each have their own priority number. So why on this particular issue of tennis courts are we saying we have to lump them together, when we do not lump other things together. We have a group of people here who came to our meeting to lobby on behalf of the McKinley Park tennis courts, and as a Community Board he thinks we have to listen to them. Chair Kieran asked him if he is saying that #5 should be further prioritized and he responded no; why can't we give them separate priority numbers. Chair Kieran responded that we have a set limit of items that we can suggest, so if we separate five of those items, we would have to remove four other ones on the list. DM Beckmann said that three years ago the Board made a decision to put all tennis courts together because of the type of equipment needed and how they could get a cost effective contract. Also, we are limited to 25 recommendations from the Board. One year we had many more and we want to be most effective and by putting all the tennis courts together we wanted to say to the Office of Management and Budget that all of our tennis courts need it; could we perhaps put this as one capital project so they all get attention in a more cost effective way. BM Grimaldi made a friendly amendment that the tennis courts remain #5, but prioritize McKinley as the most important. BM Romero noted that there are six tennis courts and they will cost millions of dollars according to the City. She thinks BM Grimaldi has an excellent suggestion, and she can see BM El-Yateem's point. If the solution is to just amend the way it is written, prioritize them differently; bump McKinley up to #1 and ask if they could be done one at a time, one year at a time.

BM Rasinya said that historically we have a reputation of doing our homework. He supports what BM Romero is saying, however it may be more prudent for the Board to look into the use at each tennis facility, get the numbers from the Parks Department, send out flyers to the different groups who are using them, so we can come up with a more intelligent way of doing this. BM Vella-Marrone supports the friendly amendment; she thinks it should remain at #5 but McKinley should be prioritized within #5.

Chair Kieran put it to the Board and asked if they support the friendly amendment to prioritize within #5 putting McKinley Park tennis courts as #1, saying that if the money comes in a small amount it would go in order. BM Harrison asked if we were making it #1 and was told no. He said he was still confused because the others would be in the order in which we list them, but wouldn't it be better to say under these circumstances that these are the six we want refurbished and believe that the first should be McKinley, without saying the others in order. Chair Kieran said that works for him.

Motion: CB10 to amend FY 2015 Capital Budget Priority #5 to prioritize McKinley Park tennis courts as #1 within the list of six tennis courts in need of refurbishing. All in favor. Motion carried.

BM Grimaldi asked if Priority #3, which she is in favor of, is a waste of a priority since the response was that it was not recommenced. DM Beckmann responded that each year we make this request for catch basins on Narrows Avenue from 75th Street to 85th Street. They talked about it in the Executive Committee; the flooding there is horrendous. We are going to follow up with a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection and probably bring it to a meeting of the Environmental Committee. We need to reiterate this to the Department of Environmental Protection. Chair Kieran noted that when the Executive Committee meets, they work off the old list, see what we have accomplished, and work in new requests.

Chair Kieran addressed the previous question from BM Sokoloski regarding Denyse Wharf being taken off the list. A lot of thought, care and consideration are expended when making the list. We want to make the list in the best way possible that makes sense even though they think we may not get the money. Under the circumstances we would love to have the science lab in the neighborhood anywhere that would be practical. If

not there, the 69th Street Pier would also be wonderful. BM Sokoloski asked why it was completely taken off the list. Chair Kieran replied that the response from the Department of Education and other sources indicated that it was not going to happen. If we leave it on the list, we would have to take something off that maybe we can achieve. BM Sokoloski said that we had letters of support, so we are not supporting something that had the politicians' support. Chair Kieran responded that in terms of support and feasibility studies, this issue is almost 12 years old now and nothing has been done. BM Seminara made a motion to put Denyse Wharf back on the list saying we have to be more conscious of ecology, we desperately need science training in our schools, so she thinks a motion that we slot it in as a new priority #25. Motion seconded by BM Sokoloski.

Motion: CB10 to add Denyse Wharf Science Lab as #25 on the FY 2015 Capital Budget Priorities and Requests list. 34 in favor. 5 opposed – BM Germack, BM Vella-Marrone, BM Harrison, BM Cruz, BM Willis. 1 Abstention – BM Bortnick. Motion carried.

Chair Kieran asked for a motion to accept the Expense Budget Priorities and Requests as proposed. Motion by BM El-Yateem, second by BM Gounardes.

Motion: CB10 to accept the FY 2015 Expense Budget Priorities and Requests as proposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

In the matter of an application for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café at Maria Louisa Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Restaurant 101, Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Falutico rendered the Committee report in the absence of ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafes Chair Gross. See Attached. Motion seconded by BM Walsh to support the Committee's recommendation.

Motion: CB10 to approve the application for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café at Maria Louisa Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Restaurant 101, 10018 4th Avenue, for 5 tables and 20 seats, DCA License #1190559. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT – See Attached

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair Falutico rendered the Committee report. See Attached. Discussion followed.

With regard to the BSA Application #156-02-BZ for the property located at 964 65th Street, Jennifer Dickson of the law firm Herrick Feinstein LLC was present and stated that they made changes to modify the site plan to comply. BM Romero asked the reason for having the site closed off. Committee Chair Falutico replied that residents are experiencing use of the lot by customers of 3 Guys vegetable store which is open 24 hours. BM Hudock thinks it would be helpful for the Board to see the site plan. Committee Chair Falutico noted that it is a vacant lot now which is as of right for used car sales. He said he is looking for some kind of illustration on how this affects the public space. Committee Chair Falutico noted that it is one curb cut now that will remain, so the sidewalk will be no more interrupted than it is now. BM Hudock asked why they would be closing off the parking spaces after business hours and was told that it is a bank lot only intended for bank use, and there is no

reason for it to be open all hours. He feels that there is not enough parking in the neighborhood and asked why this cannot be used as a community parking lot. BM Harrison responded that people from 3 Guys are actually eating there, cleaning vegetables and dumping them out, which is quite disruptive to the neighbors. The bank had requested that four of the spaces be open in the evenings. The Committee reduced it to two because they felt two would be more than adequate for people using the ATM inside the bank late at night. The rationale behind it was that it really is filthy and they want to avoid that kind of problem. BM Hudock said that his objection is that it is located at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 65th Street and when you walk there at night you will see a parking lot with a chain link fence around it. DM Beckmann replied that it is landscaped very nicely. Committee Chair Falutico noted that the planters are 7'9" wide and are continuous. BM Hudock felt that the site plan should have been made available to the Board in advance.

Motion: CB10 to disapprove the BSA application #156-02-BZ for the property located at 964 65th Street to amend and extend the term of an existing variance at the property to permit an accessory parking lot for a Chase Bank branch unless the following stipulations are met:

- 1. That a secure and substantial barrier be constructed and this barrier be closed and locked after business hours (business hours = hours when the banking floor is open to the public). Said barrier shall allow only four spaces to lie outside the barrier after business hours, and after business hours, the two parking spaces which abut the residential rear yards shall be chained-off, making them unusable after business hours.**
- 2. That the applicant reviewed DEP records and attaches a statement that there are no known environmental hazards related to this site.**
- 3. That the lot shall be adequately signed to allow its use by banking customers only and no permissible use of the lot 24 hours a day and in addition, the contract with the towing company shall be readily available upon request.**
- 4. That there shall be a planting strip of along the three lot-line sides of the property, with a dimension of not less than 7'9".**
- 5. That the approved plans shall indicate that the lot be adequately drained away from the adjacent rear/side yards and that the lot be constructed accordingly.**

37 in favor. 1 opposed – BM Hudock. 2 recusals – BM Stelter, BM Joudeh. Motion carried.

With regard to the BSA application #274-13-BZ for the property located at 7914/7918 Third Avenue, Elizabeth Bennett from attorney Sheldon Lobel's office commented on the stipulation recommended by the Committee asking if the hours of operation, 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, could be expanded to include time before and after for setting up and cleaning up. BM Bortnick asked if the ground floor is residential and was told it is Key Food. BM Willis asked for clarification on the term "physical culture establishment". Ms. Bennett replied that in terms of the zoning resolution, any spa or gym is called a physical culture establishment. Any time a gym or spa operates anywhere in the City, they need to get a special permit. Committee Chair Falutico noted that the motion is to disapprove the application unless the stipulation is met that the hours of operation be limited to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. BM Joudeh asked if they are allowed to stay open after hours to clean and was told that they are. BM Harrison stated that 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM are the hours of public operation.

Motion: CB10 to disapprove the BSA Application #274-13-BZ for the property located at 7914/7918 Third Avenue to permit the operation of a physical culture establishment on the second floor of a two story commercial building, H.I.T. Factory Approved, unless the stipulation is met that the hours of public operation be limited to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. 37 in favor. 3 recusals – BM Amato, BM Stelter, BM Walsh. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair Cruz rendered the Committee report. See attached.

With regard to the MTA plan for rehabilitation of N-line stations, BM Stelter asked if the 8th Avenue station would remain open. Committee Chair Cruz responded that the 8th Avenue station will always be open. She will keep the Board updated as we receive more information.

Discussion followed regarding the Department of Transportation's 4th Avenue Traffic Safety Visioning Proposal.

4th Avenue at Shore Road:

Chair Cruz noted that the changes would be to widen the crosswalks, making them higher visibility crosswalks, and make the sidewalk larger to make crossing safer. BM Amato commented that this vote was in June and not recently. Committee Chair Cruz said that it is important to remember that the Committee voted in June. She noted that there is a motion to approve DOT's proposed changes at this location. BM Harrison noted a point of order that we have an entire proposal in front of us and asked if we will be voting on this one section at a time, and was told that it will be vote on segment by segment. BM Harrison said we can vote segment by segment, but what has been in front of us is the entire proposal so at the end the entire proposal would have to be voted on. Chair Kieran responded that this actually came up at the Committee meeting and the problem would be that it would be difficult to get all Board members to agree on every segment. BM Harrison said that unfortunately that is the proposal and the Community Board has to vote on the proposal. It was noted that many times DOT was asked if we have to approve this entire proposal and Jesse Mintz-Roth said we can pick and choose whatever we vote on. The Committee themselves voted to not vote on the entire proposal, but to vote in sections. BM Harrison still objects because they made a decision as a Committee but we have to make a decision as a Board. Chair Kieran said that if he disapproves of one part of it then his option is to say no. BM Joudeh thought that voting on the proposal segment by segment was approved at the summer session.

BM Bortnick asked to speak before we start voting. Committee Chair Kieran said that right now we are voting on the change on 4th Avenue at Shore Road and asked him if he was addressing that specific section, and he replied that he is. His objection is that by breaking this down and voting piece by piece, we may determine what is good and what is bad but it does not cover the entire proposal. The worst part of this proposal is that DOT has not approached this sensibly. If it had not been for DM Beckmann spending her own personal time to reorganize this proposal, it would not be before us today. Chair Kieran said it is not time to make a statement. Committee Chair Cruz stated that there is a motion on the floor and we are discussing that motion. BM Bortnick made a motion that the Board reconsiders its commitment to vote tonight. Chair Kieran asked for a second to that motion. There was no second so the motion did not proceed.

BM Falutico asked how many times the Committee met since June. Committee Chair Cruz said they met many times. BM Falutico asked why the motion that is before us is from June; did the Committee reaffirm votes from June and reconsider things. Committee Chair Cruz replied that the Committee has not voted since June. They have reviewed and developed a better understanding of the proposal, but have not voted since June except for the new companion motion which will be discussed later. Chair Kieran said that the Board itself when presented the vote asked to send it back to the Committee. BM Bortnick spoke out and Chair Kieran told him he was not recognized.

Motion: CB10 to approve the Department of Transportation's proposed changes on 4th Avenue at Shore Road and to add channelization to slow turns, upgrade crosswalks to high visibility and extend curb to shorten crossing. 32 in favor. 4 opposed – BM Willis, BM Ahl, BM Bortnick, BM Leonardos. Motion carried.

As a point of order, BM Bortnick stated that there had been additional submissions in the summer, in September and again in October. Chair Kieran said that is not well taken; there is nothing out of order. BM Bortnick spoke out and Chair Kieran told him he was disrupting the proceedings.

4th Avenue – 101st – 95th Streets:

Committee Chair Cruz noted there will be left turn bays but no left turn signals. BM Hudock asked if this is an additional piece of the road diet and was told it is. BM Grimaldi asked if the sole purpose of reducing one lane is to slow down traffic, and was told that it is. BM Rasinya is against the motion because two westbound lanes of the Belt Parkway exit at 4th Avenue. That traffic is backed up almost onto the parkway now. If we reduce 4th Avenue to one lane, we eliminate 50% of the cars that can go on 4th Avenue and those cars will back up onto the parkway itself, which will be very problematic. BM Hudock addressed the question of lane reduction, which is to reduce speeding, but really reducing speeding will reduce injuries and fatalities. These road diets have been shown to reduce injuries and fatalities by 25%. BM Gounardes thinks he remembers that at the public forum there were concerns about cars speeding onto 4th Avenue, and the goal was to slow down traffic coming off the highway. In his experience, when he comes off that ramp most of the cars are making turns on Shore Road to go to 3rd Avenue and beyond.

BM Vallas reaffirmed his objection to any left turn lanes that do not have left turn signals. Cars cannot turn with the oncoming traffic. This will cause more traffic, more frustration and more injuries, and it will cause people to drive erratically. BM Joudeh thinks the one lane will cause traffic jams and more pollution. It is impossible to make it one lane and there is no way people will be able to make a left turn. BM Ahl said he drives an excessive amount of miles in New York City and has seen these lane reductions in the City and on 4th Avenue. Before they changed 4th Avenue he was able to drive from Bay Ridge to Atlantic Avenue in 11 minutes; it is now more than 30 minutes. There are two thoroughfares to downtown Brooklyn, the Gowanus and 4th Avenue. The Gowanus is never going to get better because they did not fix it when they rebuilt it, and now they are taking 4th Avenue away from us. He does not see how this is working for any of us. BM Grimaldi agrees that 4th Avenue must remain a thoroughfare. A single lane here is a detriment.

BM Carroll said he is not a driver but he thinks we need two lanes. A friend of ours, Rosemary O'Keefe, would say that the #1 thing was enforcement of the law. If they are enforcing the speed law and writing tickets for speeders coming off the Belt Parkway, we do not need to worry about lane reduction. Instead of talking about lane reduction and road diets, let's talk about enforcement and speed cameras. BM Hudock addressed comments about lane reduction causing traffic congestion. The frustration expressed is real, but you cannot make sound policy on people's personal antidotes. He stated that there have been numerous studies on lane reduction and they all show that until you reach a very high volume of traffic, these lane reductions do not actually create addition traffic congestion. They do decrease pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Pedestrians who are being struck are elderly and young school aged children.

As a member of the Pedestrian Safety Committee, BM Amato reminded everyone that the focus is on pedestrian safety and asked if the answer is going to make road rage more dangerous to cross the street. She is hoping that tonight some changes we vote on will help pedestrian safety. We have to keep in mind what our agenda is. BM Bortnick asked why they left the area between 15th to 65th Street with two lanes. Committee Chair Cruz said that is not open to discussion. BM Bortnick said he is making a discussion equivalent to what Board Members Hudock and Carroll did. The most important part of this discussion is that the real thing is a matter of addressing enforcement and education.

BM Meade agrees with BM Hudock. As a driver in this community, she is willing to put her convenience as a driver after public safety. BM Rasinya said that DOT statistics of known crashes between 2007 and 2011 shows that almost 60% of accidents occur in the crosswalk or midblock. Number one, he is not sure how reducing to one lane is going to help. Number two, DOT has the capacity to control the signal lights on 4th Avenue; they encourage vehicles to move at 30 mph or more and time the lights out of the central command office to move the traffic. They can easily slow the traffic to 25 mph simply by adjusting the timing on the lights. We are going through all of these things and it is a matter of reprogramming the computer in Queens. So far they have refused to do that. If we want to reduce speed, it is that simple. BM Willis asked to call the question.

BM Joudeh said that 100 cars at a traffic light in two lanes would take five minutes to cross; how much time would 100 cars in one lane take. It would be very time consuming. We have to look into how to educate pedestrians to cross the street instead of creating congestion.

Committee Chair Cruz called the question of all those in favor of the DOT proposal to reduce northbound traffic on 4th Avenue from 101st Street to 95th Street from two driving lanes to one driving lane with left turn bays and no left turn signals.

Motion: CB10 to approve the Department of Transportation's proposal to reduce one northbound lane on 4th Avenue from 101st Street to 95th Street with left turn bays and no left turn signals. 7 in favor. 29 opposed. Motion failed.

4th Avenue, 95th Street to 88th Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted there are no changes and no need for discussion.

4th Avenue, 88th Street to 86th Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted against the refuge island in the south crosswalk. BM Joudeh seconded the motion.

Motion: CB10 to disapprove the refuge island at 86th Street in the south crosswalk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted to support painting the west curb bus lane and change the signage there.

Motion: CB10 to approve painting the west curb bus lane and add upgraded signage to No Stopping Anytime, Bus Lane Only, 4th Avenue, 88th Street to 86th Street. 35 in favor; 1 abstention – BM Bortnick. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted against the proposal to install 80' pedestrian barrier on 4th Avenue from 86th Street to 87th Street. BM Bortnick asked for clarification on whether it was a fence or than a barrier, and was told it was a fence. BM Gounardes knows a lot of people are against the idea of a fence there, but he lives on the corner and walks by there every day and sees a number of cars dropping off passengers from corner to corner at that bus stop. A number of cars leave the car running to run into the deli or bagel store. It is a disaster. It is causing a real issue for the buses. We have to prevent cars from dropping people off and there has to be some type of barrier. Committee Chair Cruz added that it is not only cars but it is an area where people jaywalk. This is an area where something has to be done to stop jaywalking. BM Stelter said the area of the proposed 80' fence is now a heavily-used loading zone for the S53. With the fence, buses will park there and the sidewalk will be a dead space. Worse yet, commuters will have to cross 87th Street in order to catch the S53 as well as the expanded S93. The fence might be fine in Manhattan or Atlantic Terminal / Barclays Center, but not in a concentrated area as Bay Ridge. BM Harrison said what we are doing now is creating a longer path for jaywalkers to go from one end to the other. We are talking about pedestrian safety and he wonders if this will be creating conditions that will make it worse for jaywalkers. Committee Chair Cruz responded that DOT said that is not the preferred solution but they thought something needed to be done, and it is the least favorable option. BM Harrison thinks that something does need to be done, but he is not sure this is it. BM Carroll said that if this is going to be a dedicated bus lane with no cars at all, that should just be enforced, and asked what the problem is with the fence if cars are not supposed to be parked there.

BM Ryan noted that for wheelchair users buses start stopping in the street and leapfrogging each other and as a result the person in the wheelchair cannot board the bus. That creates another pedestrian safety problem. Committee Chair Cruz said that was discussed. According to the bus schedule there should never be a backup problem but there always is if there is any problem in Staten Island. There are serious discharge issues for the

buses. BM Romero agrees with BM Harrison. People do jaywalk. Once that fence is constructed it forces people to remain in the street where all the cars are and buses are turning, which will make it worse.

Motion: CB10 to reject the installation of an 80' pedestrian fence, 4th Avenue, 86th Street to 87th Street. 33 in favor; 4 opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Cruz noted the next item is to add a southbound left turn bay that will be a left turn bay as you are coming from 85th Street to 86th Street turning onto 86th Street, without a left turn signal. The Committee voted against this.

Motion: CB10 to reject the installation of a southbound left turn bay with no additional traffic signal onto 86th Street from 4th Avenue. 34 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Amato, BM Yedin. Motion carried.

BM Vallas stated that his family owns five buildings on this block where the buses stop. He is not sure if it is a DOT issue or MTA issue, but he recommends that they install signage that buses are not allowed to idle when they are stopped or parked. It creates a pollution problem and affects the tenants. BM Amato agrees. Committee Chair Cruz asked if we could add that at the end as a friendly amendment and note it is an MTA issue.

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted in favor of moving the first stop of the S53 to 4th Avenue between 87th and 88th Streets. BM Carroll stated that safety is an issue and the MTA should again look at moving one bus route off 86th Street to alleviate bus congestion. He will support this motion, but he thinks we have to look at this again. The MTA works for us; we don't work for the MTA. Talking about pedestrian safety, BM Stelter said that we will have people coming out of the subway, running to get the bus to Staten Island, and having to cross 87th Street and line up by the fruit stand. He does not know how this is helping pedestrian safety. It is more hazardous and will cause more accidents.

BM Gounardes thinks we have to disperse the crowds that are already there. There are so many people there that sometimes you cannot even walk on the sidewalk. The only option we have now is to disperse the crowds as best we can and moving the stop one block is the first step to solve that problem. BM Harrison thinks BM Gounardes is right. While he appreciates BM Stelter's comments he thinks primarily the issue here is pedestrian safety on 4th Avenue and not on the side streets. He really does not think it is an issue for someone to come out of the subway and walk one block to get on the bus. BM Kaszuba recommended a companion motion to have a no right turn on 87th Street which would prevent pedestrians running into turning cars on 87th Street. Committee Chair Cruz responded that we can request a study in the companion motion.

Motion: CB10 to support moving the S53 bus stop to 87th – 88th Street. 34 in favor; 2 opposed – BM Walsh, BM Stelter. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted to support the southwest curb extension to shorten the west crossing. BM Ahl fails to see how the bumpout is a good safety idea when the alternative is to time the lights to give more cross time, which is certainly a lot less expensive. BM Hudock said the idea of the bumpout is that it shortens the distance when crossing and also sends a very clear signal to anyone in a car that they cannot take that corner at high speed, which is a traffic calming device. BM Ryan said the cars will not be able to make a sharp right and there is a better chance for pedestrians to see the cars turning with the bumpout. BM McCone said you cannot make a right turn there, which is correct. BM Grimaldi noted that when she is standing on a curb like that she often cannot see because she is short. When she has her grandson in the carriage, she finds she has to push the carriage out to see. Committee Cruz replied that she should not be going out until the light changes. BM Bortnick said that putting a bumpout there will force cars to go in the opposite lane. Committee Chair Cruz noted that the curb extension is on 86th Street, not 4th Avenue. BM Rasinya asked if the no turn sign is 7AM to 7PM or all the time, and was told it is all the time.

Motion: CB10 to support extending the southwest curb at 4th Avenue and 86th Street to shorten west crossing time. 35 in favor. 3 opposed. Motion carried.

4th Avenue at 85th Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted to support additional striping to fan south crosswalk to connect to southwest corner. BM Ryan asked if we received a response on extending the curb cut there. Committee Chair Cruz responded that they have discussed all curb cuts along 4th Avenue and DM Beckmann has discussed it with DOT. When they look at the curb cuts, they will include this suggestion. BM Vella-Marrone was confused about the slide presentation. DM Beckmann clarified the information.

Motion: CB10 to approve additional striping, 4th Avenue at 85th Street, to fan south crosswalk to connect to southwest corner. 37 in favor. 1 abstention – BM Bortnick. Motion carried.

4th Avenue at 82nd Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted to approve extending the northeast curb to shorten north crossing and slow westbound right turns, and to extend the southeast curb as well. BM Romero asked how many fatalities were at that location and was told one. She asked if we know why the pedestrian was hit, and was told we do not. She said she is all for pedestrian safety, but feels the pedestrians have to be equally responsible. BM Willis wanted to clarify that this bumpout would be across from St. Anselms, which is correct. She said that she read about the accident; it was an elderly woman, there were no charges filed and it was a motorist error. Committee Chair Cruz said that 52% of pedestrians are struck in a crosswalk. BM Germack noted that the woman was crossing with the light and a car was making a turn. BM Gounardes recalled that by bumping out the corners cars would take the turn slower. The Committee also had a proposal to request DOT study every intersection along 4th Avenue as well. BM Ahl asked for clarification about losing parking spaces and was told one side loses one, and one side does not. He asked of the 52% of people hit in crosswalks, how many were crossing against the light. Committee Chair Cruz responded that it is either 10% or 17%. BM Seminara said that bumpouts help us slow down. BM Harrison thinks we could use it here and find out if it really works; it will not hurt to try it. Committee Chair Cruz feels there are sloppy driving techniques that this could address. BM El-Yateem said that people are flooding the streets and he suggested a traffic light that speaks to warn people. BM Bortnick noted that a suggestion made at the September Board meeting was to add the word "Look". BM Amato noted there is a speed bump in the middle of that block and people then speed to make the light. When you get to that corner visibility really is limited. BM Rasinya asked if the bumpouts are concrete or paint. Committee Chair Cruz replied that the ones in the proposal are concrete; we have others in the companion motion that can be done in paint. BM Rasinya said that while they do help discourage sloppy drivers, his recollection is that the main purpose of the bumpout is to reduce crossing time for pedestrians.

Motion: CB10 to approve extension of the southeast curb, 4th Avenue at 82nd Street, to shorten crossing time, and to request bollards to be placed on the extension for greater visibility. 33 in favor; 4 opposed. Motion carried.

4th Avenue, 86th Street to Ovington Avenue:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee voted to approve reducing from two lanes to one lane in each direction, with left turn bays and no left turn signals, and a white stripe marking a 13 foot parking lane. BM Harrison noted that Community Board 7 went from three lanes to two lanes and asked why we have to go to one lane when we only have two lanes. Committee Chair Cruz responded that this was one of the Committee's concerns. BM Harrison asked if DOT gave us an answer. BM Gounardes replied that DOT said the volume of traffic on 4th Avenue throughout the entire day warranted only one lane. BM Hudock said that it is not reducing it to one lane in each direction; it is reducing it to one lane with a dedicated left turn lane which would get turning cars out of the through lane. Double parked cars will still be there. He said that this is the core of the proposal. Everything else that we put together is not going to save pedestrian lives. Fourth Avenue is not a highway; it is a neighborhood street. Let's protect neighborhood people. BM Joudeh thinks we have to look at this carefully to make sure we do not create another problem. BM Stelter said that now we have two traffic

lanes and if someone double parks on 4th Avenue you can go around it. Now if someone double parks in a 13 foot parking lane part of the car will be in the driving lane. They will be going over the yellow line. BM Ahl said that 4th Avenue is a thoroughfare. With a single lane if somebody wants to make a right turn they have to wait for the pedestrian to cross; there is no way to get around them and traffic will stop dead. This does not solve a problem but it creates a new one. BM Amato is against the one lane and thinks that other measures will slow traffic down. BM Ryan feels that consistency is really important for drivers and pedestrians, and changing back and forth from two lanes to one lane will be confusing. BM Bortnick said that if DOT puts in the left turn lane as proposed, cars will block the driving lane. Reducing 4th Avenue to one lane will cause more problems. BM Harrison asked for clarification on the parking stripes. Chair Kieran said that the stripes they draw for the parking space catches the drivers' eyes to let them know that doors could be open, people might be bicycling. It is good for traffic safety. He noted that the next section is a 9 foot stripe.

Motion: CB10 to support DOT's recommendation for 4th Avenue, 86th Street to Ovington Avenue, to have one lane in each direction with left turn bays without signals and a white stripe marking a 13 foot parking lane. 4 in favor; 32 opposed. Motion failed.

4th Avenue at Bay Ridge Parkway:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that the Committee approved DOT's proposal to extend the northeast curb into 4th Avenue to shorten the distance for people crossing 4th Avenue using the northern crosswalk. BM Ryan noted that crossing is not a straight intersection; it is at an angle.

Motion: CB10 to support the northeast curb extension on Bay Ridge Parkway and 4th Avenue to reduce crossing time. 34 in favor; 2 opposed. Motion carried.

4th Avenue, Ovington Avenue to 67th Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that DOT proposes no change in driving lanes; it would remain two lanes in each direction. They would define the parking lane, which would be a 9 foot parking lane. Chair Kieran made a friendly amendment to extend that 9 foot parking lane to 86th Street to be consistent. Second by BM El-Yateem. BM Rasinya asked how wide the traffic lanes are and was told 4th Avenue is 60'.

Motion: CB10 to approve the proposed white line 9 foot parking lane designation on 4th Avenue, Ovington Avenue to 67th Street, and extend the 9 foot parking lane designation to 86th Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

4th Avenue, Shore Road Drive to 65th Street:

Committee Chair Cruz noted that DOT had installed a left turn signal at 65th Street which has caused tremendous congestion at the intersection. Originally it was thought that moving the bus stop would create enough space for the cars, but there is constantly backup in the left turn lane, which is dangerous. The DOT proposal would be to remove all the parking spaces on 4th Avenue between Shore Road Drive and 65th Street, with new parking on Shore Road Drive. The Committee asked that parking restrictions be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday. The Committee voted to support this.

BM Romero asked if we made a friendly amendment to remove that left turn lane and put it back to the way it was; that moots everything else. Committee Chair Cruz thinks they talked about and said everything would go back to the Committee, and the Committee did not change its vote. BM Romero made a motion to remove the left turn lane and put it back to the way it was before. BM Harrison noted there was a motion on the floor already. BM Romero made a motion to amend the motion on the floor. BM Willis said that is not the nature of the amendment; that change would essentially negate this.

BM Joudeh said the problem is that there are two lights there, and the lights cause the backup. All they have to do is open the lights 60 second more on that turn to eliminate the problem. People are making left turns from the two lanes. BM Rasinya sees a problem with changing the signage to make it a traffic lane, because the 68th

Precinct is on 65th Street. On 4th Avenue there are police vehicles and/or vehicles with police placards parked at the curb. We are not going to change that and no one will issue them a summons. So that lane, no matter what we say, is effectively gone. BM McCone said she goes that way almost every day and they park on 65th Street by the towers. BM Rasinya said the left turn lane is a complete disaster; from his observation, 65th Street to 68th Street was completely blocked from 7:30 to 8:30 AM.

BM Harrison said the last time we had this discussion we wanted to make the lane next to the parking lane a lane for everyone. People could park overnight and would have to leave by 7:00 AM; if they do not leave there would still be a backup. One of the really incredible things is that the sidewalk on the bridge is almost 30 feet wide. There is no reason why they cannot take away some of that and devote it to another lane, which would be a parking lane, and they would have the turn lane they are looking for. That would cost them money. He does not see any reason why we cannot go back to what we had temporarily and at the same time make the suggestion to them that they have the room to widen the street and do it the right way.

Motion: CB10 to support DOT's proposal to remove parking spaces on east curb between 65th and 66th Streets from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM to create 2nd through lane. 13 in favor; 23 opposed. Motion failed.

BM Romero made a motion for DOT to return the left lane, remove the left turn bay at 65th Street at 4th Avenue going west and continue as a through lane. Second by BM Bortnick. BM Amato asked if this could be evaluated by the Committee. Committee Chair Cruz asked if she was making a motion to send this back to the Committee, and BM Amato said she was making a comment.

Motion: CB10 to have DOT return the left lane, remove the left turn bay and continue as a through lane from 65th Street at 4th Avenue going west. 26 in favor; 0 opposed, 8 abstentions/recusals. Motion carried.

Companion Motions:

BM Willis asked for clarification on the missing pedestrian ramps at the 4th Avenue intersections. Committee Chair Cruz stated that it is to request a review of all 4th Avenue intersections for pedestrian ramps, as it was noted some intersections were missing pedestrian ramps. DM Beckmann spoke with DOT about this. They recommended we do a study and give them a list by November. BM Falutico made a motion to remove the traffic agent on 86th Street and 4th Avenue since it is NYPD and not DOT. Second by BM Yedin. BM Quinones asked what a neckdown is and was told that neckdowns and bumpouts are the same thing. BM Ahl noticed too many items included together.

Motion: CB10 to approve recommended Companion Motions with the exception of #1, as this is an NYPD request. 35 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Ahl. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Cruz noted there were other motion suggestions. One was to include a study for a right turn ban on 87th Street and 4th Avenue. Motion seconded by BM Quinones. BM Gounardes asked if we were talking about trying to reverse direction of traffic on that block. Committee Chair Cruz asked if anyone wanted to make a recommendation to table this. It was agreed to table it and send it back to Committee.

BM El-Yateem made a motion to adjourn the meeting and table the remaining items for the next meeting. Motion seconded. Chair Kieran noted that there is a motion on the floor which was seconded to adjourn the meeting and hold remainder Senior Issues and Park Committee reports to the next meeting.

Motion: CB10 to adjourn the meeting and hold the remaining items to the next meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business, Chair Kieran adjourned the meeting at 11:00 PM.

Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee report and Parks Committee report not given at Board meeting due to time constraints and will be added to the November General Board Meeting agenda.

ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2013 

Community Board 10 Offices –
6:30pm

The ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés met on 09-Oct-2013. A quorum **WAS** met.

A **RENEWAL** application for an **UNENCLOSED** sidewalk café was discussed for 5 tables and 20 seats at Maria Louisa (Rest 101) located at 10018 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. The Consumer Affairs License Number is 1190559.

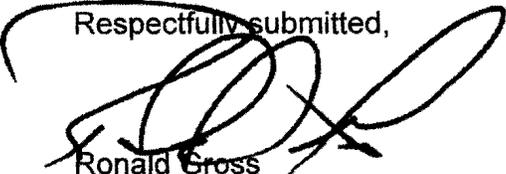
The applicant **WAS** present.

- The Board has received no complaints regarding this establishment.
- There were no proposed changes
- This is an amended application: DESCRIBE _____

Notes: The board had received complaints about Maria Louisa (Rest 101)'s valet services reserving the metered parking in front thereby keeping non-patrons from using that parking. Essentially a private taking of public space. We were assured that the valet service was spoken to and that the situation has been remedied.

After discussion, the committee voted **UNANIMOUSLY** **RECOMMEND** approval of the application for this café permit and thereby so moves.

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald Gross
Chair, ZALUC Subcommittee for Outdoor Cafés

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Good Evening,

I want to welcome everyone this evening. We have had some exciting events in the past month in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights like the Ragamuffin Parade and the Third Avenue Festival. Thanks to Liz Amato and all the workers and volunteers who made the parade a success. The Columbus Day parade on 18th Avenue was blessed with great weather and a great turnout. The month of November will bring us important, solemn and joyful holidays, as well. Election Day is on Tuesday, November 5th which is just around the corner and we are lucky to be able to cast a ballot to select a new mayor for New York. The privilege to select your representative is central to our democratic republic's vitality and regardless of political philosophy you and every voter you know should participate in the process. Everyone should get out and exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice. If we neglect that right, we may not legitimately complain when that right is diminished or when the role of the individual citizen in government is marginalized. Please get out and vote and encourage your friends and family members to do the same.

Bay Ridge will host the NYC Marathon when it strides through our lovely community on November 3, 2013. Just remember to move your car off of Fourth Avenue after midnight 12 a.m on the day of the race. Let us enjoy a safe Halloween and observe a solemn Veteran's Day before we meet again.

I attended a Zoning and Land Use Committee meeting this month and it was incredible. Chair Falutica managed the meeting extremely well and the members displayed a keen attention to the agenda while maintaining a pleasant spirit of collegiality even when during disagreement about the details of complicated matters. This ability to get along distinguishes our board from other boards and other assemblies including Congress. In Congress the members cannot reach a consensus and let debate be taken over by demagoguery which prevents things from getting done. It is wonderful that Congress averted a complete government default but they will be playing chicken with this nation's well being and its future well being again in January. We may have to lend that august body some of our board members so the representatives in Washington, D.C. can learn how Community Board 10 members get things done.

Councilman Gentile opened the long awaited eco-dock at the 69th Street pier with some well deserved fanfare. The funding was secured more than two years ago but it took patience and dogged determination to clear the way for this incredible addition to the Bay Ridge waterfront. The dock gives kayakers and boaters access to the water which should expand the public's interest in our shoreline not only at the 69th Street pier but all along the Shore Road Promenade. There was a time when our shore was graced with bathers, clambers and small islands. We may not have all of that return but the eco dock can turn our attention to the shoreline and we can think of plans to continue to create ways to enhance the community's ability to enjoy beautiful Bay Ridge.

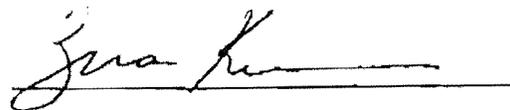
This month Bay Ridge was visited by Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly who took a walking tour and spoke to store owners and citizens about safety matters. The PC and the NYPD

commanding officers from South Brooklyn were invited by Councilman Gentile to tour the neighborhood and to meet community leaders at the Greenhouse Café. The meeting with the Police Commissioner, a legend in law enforcement, as well as the South Brooklyn commanders he appointed was an unprecedented opportunity for the people of Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights to discuss local safety issues and concerns with the people in charge.

Tonight we vote on the long awaited 4th Avenue Safety Plan. Chair Cruz and I have delivered a lot of information to the board over several meetings and I know all of you are ready to have a final discussion and make a recommendation on the plan to the DOT. Please pay close attention to the presentation and jot down a note or two to yourself so that you don't forget to ask any question on your mind. Please listen carefully because some questions you may ask will be asked by other persons and the answer you desire may have already been given. I thank the Traffic and Transportation Committee, the Chair and the members, for their dedication and stamina through the process of making a recommendation.

The District Office sent out e-mail reminders to members to bring your 4th Avenue Safety Plan handouts and to review the Power Point presentation for the plan. The District Office regularly sends out important information and valuable reminders through e-mails to the members. Please check those e-mails regularly. Don't filter them out like spam because they make it easier for you know what is going on in the community and to discharge your responsibilities as board members.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Kieran

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

October 21, 2013

Good Evening Board Members:

The New York City Department of Sanitation informed us that leaf collection has been cancelled once again for this fiscal year due to budget constraints. Leaves can be placed in regular black bags and will be picked up with regular household garbage. As a reminder, our tree lined community produces many leaves in the autumn – and since our sanitation sweepers are not vacuum trucks – there are times when the route cannot be completed because of the quantity of leaves. Each year I ask all our residents to bag as many leaves as possible and not sweep sidewalk leaves into the street.

Tree planting for the Fall planting will begin shortly. We were notified by NYC Parks Department that 225 trees are scheduled to be planted within our Community Board this planting cycle. If you see a white letter T in front of your home it means that a tree will be planted before December 15th. Homeowners who do not want a tree cannot appeal to NYC Parks Department.

On September 30th and October 8th –I attended Borough Consultations for the NYC Police Department, NYC Parks Department and NYC Department of Sanitation. Community Board Ten budget priorities were discussed. I submitted a list of outstanding tree requests and stump removal request – to which we have a growing outstanding number - 50 large stumps that have been waiting for removal. Larger stumps require a separate contract and due to budget constraints many of these stumps have remained for an average of 2 years. This year as of September 30th 780 trees were pruned by comparison to 562 were pruned in calendar year 2012. NYC Parks expects to hire more tree climbers and pruners to maintain our trees and also our Parks Enforcement staff will be stepped up as well.

The District Office also received an increase in complaints of depressions and sink holes along the Shore Road Promenade/bicycle path that will continue to be monitored by NYC Parks. All holes have been repaired by the NYC Department of Transportation or Department of Environmental Protection. I recently toured the repaired small sinkholes with the NYC Parks Department.

We were alerted today about a Con Ed scam where someone calls claiming to be from the Con Ed disconnect Department demanding immediate payment through electronic check or service will be shut off within 45 minutes. Luckily the business owner who was called today – was savvy enough to recognize that this was a scam and notified Con Edison who confirmed his suspicion. Please be aware and careful with your bank information.

In addition, we have received a notable increase in sewer odor complaints in the area bound by 92nd Street from Ridge Blvd to Fort Hamilton Parkway, along Fort Hamilton Parkway to Marine Avenue and back down to 4th Avenue. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection has been investigating the complaints, working with area residents and flushing many of the catch basins along the route. We will continue to monitor these complaints.

Best regards to Board Member Tony Wu as he is honored by the Chinese Planning Council this Thursday, October 24th.

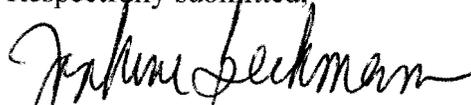
Thursday, October 31, 2013 – 3:30 to 9PM Haunted Halloween Walk & Fairytale Forest at Owls Head Park.

November 3th – Daylight savings time – batteries from FDNY will be available at next meeting.

Sunday, November 3, 2013 is the ING NYC Marathon. As you know this event impacts our District. Our website will post the opening and closing of traffic to the VZ Bridge as well as local streets that will be affected.

Our November Board Meeting – as has been our tradition is collecting food pantry donation in memory of our late Board Member Helen Sokoloski for St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry at Saint Patrick's Church. This meeting will take place on **Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Norwegian Christian Home 1250 67th Street, 7:15PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josephine Beckmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Josephine Beckmann
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Budget Appropriation for FY 14	\$206,895.00
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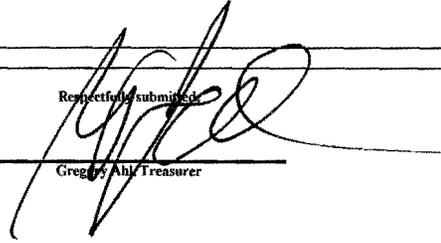
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DISTRICT MANAGER	\$10,902.49	\$12,236.04	\$8,157.36										
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR	\$6,480.22	\$7,397.76	\$4,931.84										
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE													
COMMUNITY ASSISTANT	\$1,587.92	\$2,071.20	\$1,380.80										
Total Personal Services	\$18,970.63	\$21,705.00	\$14,470.00	\$0.00	\$55,145.63								

ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/13	8/31/13	9/30/13	10/31/13	11/30/13	12/31/13	1/31/14	2/29/2014	3/31/14	4/30/14	5/31/14	6/30/14	Y - T - D	
10B	Telephone	181.13	201.61	200.06											
10X	Intra-City Supplies														
40B	Intra-City Telephone														
100	Supplies & Materials														
101	Printing Supplies														
117	Postage														
170	Cleaning Supplies														
199	Data Processing Supplies														
302	Telecomm. Equipment														
314	Office furniture														
315	Office Equipment														
319	Security Equipment														
332	Data Process. Equipment														
337	Books														
402	Tel./Communications														
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	44.41	342.41	193.41											
417	Advertising														
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.														
451	Local travel expenditures														
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	24.64	24.64	24.64											
613	Office Equip. Maint.														
613	Data Process. Equipment														
615	Printing Supplies														
622	Temporary Services-contractual														
624	Cleaning Services	160.00	160.00	160.00											
608	Iron Security Gate Maintenance														
676	Awning														
414	Water, Sewer, Utility														
Total Other than Personal Services		\$410.18	\$728.66	\$578.11	\$0.00	0.00	\$1,716.95								

TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES	19,380.81	22,433.66	15,048.11	0.00	56,862.58										
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TOTAL UNCOMBERED BUDGET BALANCE														\$150,032.42
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Respectfully submitted,


Gregory A. Ahl, Treasurer

ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn

October 9th 2013 @ 7:00 pm

ZALUC Committee Meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm on October 9th 2013.

A quorum was met.

TOPIC #1

NYC Board of Standards and Appeals Application for 7914-7918 Third Avenue/2nd Floor to permit the operation of a physical culture establishment at the 2nd Floor of the two story commercial building.

Presentation was made by the office of Sheldon Lobel Attorneys.

The lessees, called H.I.T. Factory Inc., were also present, including its President, Wade Jabour Jr.

General Description:

Variance application is needed since a ZR73-36 Special Permit is not available in a C1-3 district.

The subject space has a manufacturing use as per its Certificate of Occupancy. This use is no longer viable and as of right have been deemed unfeasible.

The space has been "unofficially" use as a karate studio for approximately thirteen years, despite the fact that a Special Permit for physical culture establishment should also have been sought for this use..

The large loft-like space is well suited for an open use such as a fitness center. The HIT Factory will concentrate on fitness classes such as yoga, pilades etc. There is no enlargement of the building associated with this application, and no increase in parking requirements is triggered.

Committee Action:

Motion was made to recommend that the full board disapprove the application unless the stipulation is met that the hours of operation be limited to 7:00am to 10:00pm.

Motion made by DR and seconded by FVM.

Vote = 9 in Favor, none opposed, 1 recusals (MW), no abstentions

TOPIC #2

NYC Board of Standards and Appeals Application to Amend and Extend term of existing variance BSA Cal# 156-02-BZ at 964 65th Street. JPMorgan Chase is the lessee of the property. Subject of the amendment to the variance is to permit an accessory parking lot for the Chase bank branch.

Presentation was made by Jennifer Dickson of the law firm, Herrick Feinstein LLC.

Also present were the adjacent property owners.

This topic was tabled by the committee last month and this presentation was a follow-up for the applicant to provide the additional information requested by this committee.

General Description (as a reminder):

The existing branch bank has 8 existing parking spaces which prove to be insufficient for the bank use.

Chase would like to convert the adjacent portion of the lot, which is currently open and has a designated use as auto sales, to a parking lot accommodating 20 cars. The lot would utilize the current curb cut only and would incorporate a landscaped buffer.

Committee Action:

Motion was made to recommend that the full board disapprove the application unless the following stipulations are met:

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Community Planning Board #10/Brooklyn

October 9th 2013 @ 7:00 pm

1. That a secure and substantial barrier be constructed and this barrier be closed and locked after business hours (business hours = hours when the banking floor is open to the public). Said barrier shall allow only four spaces to lie outside the barrier after business hours, and after business hours, the two parking spaces which abut the residential rear yards shall be chained-off, making them unusable after business hours.
2. That the applicant reviewed DEP records and attaches a statement that there are no known environmental hazards related to this site.
3. That the lot shall be adequately signed to allow its use by banking customers only and no idling of engines. A towing company shall be retained by the bank to enforce the permissible use of the lot 24 hours a day and in addition, the contract with the towing company shall be readily available upon request .
4. That there shall be a planting strip of along the three lot-line sides of the property, with a dimension of not less than 7'- 9".
5. That the approved plans shall indicate that the lot be adequately drained away from the adjacent rear/side yards and that the lot be constructed accordingly.

Motion made by FVM and seconded by SP.

Vote = 10 in Favor, none opposed, no recusals, no abstentions

TOPIC #2 Committee Directions

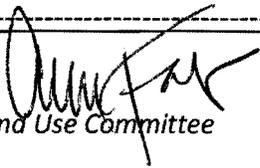
1. Follow-up on PFI (Parking Fairness Initiative)
A subcommittee with members from the ZALUC and T&T committees to take action based on the guidelines of the PFI, will be established after review of the 4th Avenue project is completed.
2. Concern about the increase in the number of flashing and digital display signs in storefront windows was discussed. These are distracting and to some, unsightly. Committee to research.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ann Falutico

Committee Chair Zoning and Land Use Committee



Committee Members Attending:

Josphine Beckman

Brian Kiernan

Doris Cruz

Ann Falutico

Barbara Germack

Ron Gross

Steve Harrison

Brian Kaszuba

Susan Pulaski

Dean Rasinya

Fran Vella-Marone

MaryAnn Walsh

Traffic and Transportation Committee Report for October 21, 2013

The committee met in quorum on October 1, 2013 at the district office to hear a presentation by the MTA on the reconstruction of the outdoor stations on the N line. Also present were members of Community Boards 11 and 13. The project is in the design stage, will go out to bid in late 2014 and begin in spring of 2015.

The outdoor stations are in terrible conditions and will be completely redone. Only the tracks do not need replacement. They will redo the station houses, the stairs, the platforms, the walls, the roofs over the platforms and the walkways/connectors between station houses and the stairways. The walkways/connectors will have openings to allow light and air in the passageways, as they originally did. Over time, these openings were closed and over time mosaic detailing was removed. The mosaic detailing will be restored.

The 8th Avenue Station is the most heavily used of the stations. The MTA will add a ramp at this station to provide handicap access. Since this is such a heavily used station, the MTA was asked to reconsider opening the 7th Avenue exit.

There will be an elevator at the New Utrecht Avenue Station that will provide access to both the N line and the B line.

There are three viable tracks on the N line. The center line will be used during the construction. Some Coney Island bound stations will be closed during the construction. Riders will have to go past their stop and take the Manhattan bound train back to their stop. The MTA used this process during the reconstruction of the Brighton line and it was effective. The 8th Avenue station will remain open during the reconstruction.

The MTA asked if security cameras would be installed. They said no. The MTA was asked to add security cameras to all stations.

The Traffic and Transportation committee met again on October 15th. The committee met in quorum.

The committee heard an application to rename Colonial Road and 88th Street for Tom Kane. In accordance with the new street naming procedures, this application will be reviewed by the T&T committee at its November meeting and go before the full board after that.

The committee also discussed the Department of Transportation proposal for the redesign of 4th Avenue.

It was confirmed that the proposal will be voted on in sections as presented at the September full board meeting.

Other recurring themes about 4th Avenue were discussed. There was a reminder that all off-Bay Ridge Streets need to be safer.

To repeat CB10 Chair Keiran's comments, there are no easy answers to questions raised about how to improve safety on this vital thoroughfare. There are limits on what the NYCDOT can do to improve efficiency or safety on Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge due to the size of the roadway and the current configuration of the avenue. Fourth Avenue is a vital thoroughfare, it was designed as such by State Senator Murphy more than a century ago to improve access from downtown Brooklyn to Bay Ridge. Fourth Avenue can be both a major thoroughfare and safe.

Many actions can be taken to improve safety on 4th Avenue. The T&T's companion motions of Sept. 9, 2013 are all safety improvements. Since May of 2013, the committee has asked DOT why other safety improvements were not considered in the plan or why they were not implemented prior to the plan. These include raised speed reducers, speed bumps, speed tables, speed cushions and traffic light sequencing.

In May of 2013, Council member Gentile and Shawn Macias of Transportation Alternatives, not a car friendly organization, measured speeding on Fourth Avenue. Macias noted that "he did count up to 14 green lights in a row at once. If you are driving and see only green lights, you're going to step on it." Macias suggested "syncing the lights to the appropriate speed limit. That way, if you are going the appropriate speed limit, you make all the lights." A 2005 Court Street Signal Modification Analysis was done and put in effect. The Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming Project found that in addition to speeding there was a concern that the high incidence of pedestrians crossing against the signals could be attributed to long cycle lengths. A study found that signal lengths could be reduced while providing longer crossing times and more opportunities for pedestrians to cross Court Street, as well as reduce speeding. The signal modification implementation on Court Street resulted in more opportunities for pedestrians to cross Court Street and there was a reduction of speed on Court Street. This would be consistent with Shawn Macias' comments about 4th Avenue. Could this address the 10% of known crashes where pedestrians were crossing against the signal and the 27% of known crashes where pedestrians were crossing mid-block.

The members present were unsure how lane reductions would reduce crashes when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk and crossing with the signal. This accounts for 52% of the crashes.

As support for the road diet, the DOT presented the results of 3 road diets that reduced the driving lanes from two to one. For Allerton Avenue in the Bronx, the results were almost the same before and after the road diet. For West 6th Street in Brooklyn, the results were varied on different sections of the street, but in general there was a reduction in crashes. However, there have been complaints from our neighboring board on the negative impact of the changes on traffic. For Gerritson Avenue in Brooklyn there changes were very successful with close to a 48% reduction in crashes.

Before we vote I want to first to thank the Traffic and Transportation Committee members. We have been reviewing this proposal since May. Every meeting had a quorum. I would also like to thank the full board. They insisted on a clear detailed presentation. They agreed to a summer meeting which was well attended, there was higher attendance than at some regular meetings. The attention to detail at the July and September meetings brought new insights to the issues. This has been a group effort and I applaud everyone.

A special thanks to the District Office for all of their efforts on this issues.

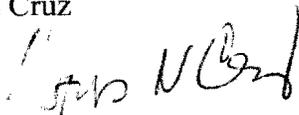
The committee did vote on a new companion motion. This motion would ask the DOT to do education outreach along 4th Avenue with schools and churches. The motion was approved.

We will vote on the DOT proposal as it was presented at the September full board meeting.

1. Fourth Avenue at Shore Road
2. Fourth Avenue – 101st Street to 95th Street
3. Fourth Avenue 95th Street to 88th Street – no changes
4. Fourth Avenue 88th to 86th Streets
 - a. Before voting on this section I would like to make the board aware that there will be additional bus service at this section of 4th Avenue and the MTA has not determined the configuration of the bus stops.
 - b. Refuge Island
 - c. Paint West Curb Bus Line, change signage
 - d. 80 foot Pedestrian fence
 - e. Add southbound left turn bay
 - f. Move S53 first stop to 87-88th streets
 - g. Extend SW curb to shorten west crossing
5. Fourth Avenue at 85th Street
6. Fourth Avenue at 82nd Street
7. 86th to Ovington Avenue
8. Bay Ridge Parkway
9. Ovington to 67th Street
10. Shore Road Drive to 65th Street

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Cruz



STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Five Star Sushi Inc., 9608 3 rd Avenue	10/11/13	Renewal
Northside House LLC, d/b/a The Harp Bar, 7710 3 rd Avenue	10/11/13	Renewal
Captiva Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Cappuccino Café, 7721 3 rd Avenue	10/18/13	Renewal
Longbow New York LLC, d/b/a Longbow Pub & Pantry, 7316 3 rd Avenue	10/21/13	Renewal
PMC Bakery Corp., d/b/a Jean Danet Bakery, 7526 5 th Avenue	10/18/13	Renewal
Corporation to be formed by Anthony Crapanzano, 8910 5 th Avenue	10/28/13	*New Application (Liquor, Wine & Beer)
Bay Ridge Grocery Inc., 6918-6922 4 th Avenue	10/29/13	New Application (Wine & Beer Only)
Knights of Christopher Inc., 1012 Bay Ridge Avenue	10/30/13	Renewal
Sunrise Food Management Inc., 7604-6 13 th Avenue	10/30/13	New Application (Wine & Beer Only)

* Has been invited to present application at Police & Public Safety Committee Meeting in November 2013.