

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL
506 SIXTH STREET**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

B. ATKINS	R.S. BASHNER	P. BELLENBAUM
N. BERK-RAUCH	J. BERNARD	L. BLYER
S. BURZIO	N.COX	N. DUTTA
E. FELDER	P. FLEMING	Y. GIRELA
D. GIULIANO	R. GRAHAM	J. HEYER
H. HUGHES	G. KELLY	M. KENTON
M. KOLMAN	D. KUMMER	D. LALLI
R. LEVINE	H. LINK	R. LUFTGLASS
A. McKNIGHT	T.L. MISKEL	C. MOLINARI
C. PIGOTT	G. REILLY	D. REISS
R. RIGOLLI	M. RUIZ	M. SCOTT
D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES	E. SHIPLEY
B. SOLOTAIRE	L. SONES	J. THOMPSON
S. TURET	M. VERRET	D.C. VITO
D. WILLIAMS		

EXCUSED:

L. NAPOLITANO	G. O'CONNELL, JR.
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ABSENT:

T. ALEXANDER	Y. ROMAN	E. SPICER
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GUESTS

HON. BRAD LANDER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
L. DEPALMA, BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARTY MARKOWITZ'S REPRESENTATIVE
K. PETER CARROLL, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN'S REPRESENTATIVE
C. ZINNEL, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
T. SGRIGNOLI, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRENNAN'S REPRESENTATIVE
T. SMITH, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER MILLMAN'S REPRESENTATIVES
O. JONAS, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE
V. AVEIS, CONGRESSWOMAN CLARKE'S REPRESENTATIVES
D. WILEY, CONGRESSWOMAN VELÁZQUEZ' REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at the District Office

Chairperson Daniel M. Kummer called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT.....DANIEL M. KUMMER

Chairperson Daniel M. Kummer began his report by re-introducing our newest members: Paige Bellenbaum (Levin, Carroll Gardens), Neena Dutta (BP, Carroll Gardens), John Heyer (BP, Columbia Waterfront) our former liaison from the Borough President’s Office, Hildegard Link (BP, Park Slope) a longtime member of our Transportation Committee, Charles Pigott (BP, Park Slope), Benjamin Solotaire (Lander, Park Slope) member of our Youth/Human Services/Education Committee, and Dolly Williams (Levin, Park Slope) former member of CB6 but had to resign when she was appointed a City Planning Commissioner.

Chairperson Kummer informed the Board that everyone should have received their official committee appointment letters with committee assignments for the year. He announced that he has made a couple of small changes to the Executive Committee. He appointed Benjamin Solotaire to Chair our Human Services Committee, as a new addition to our Executive Committee. In addition, Mark Kolman, who had been chairing Human Services, will now be Co-Chairing our Education Committee with Suzanne Turet. He welcomed Benjamin to the Executive Committee and thanked all of our current committee chairs for their continuing commitment to the board.

Chairperson Kummer reported to the Board that over the course of the summer the Executive Committee did have to meet once to vote on some issues that had come out of various committees. A full list of these votes is in the July Executive Committee minutes, which are included in tonight’s Board Reports. They largely consisted of ratifying recommendations by our Permits & Licenses Committee, which continues to work tirelessly on behalf of our board to balance our desire to maintain a thriving local business climate that is respectful of our community’s quality of life. We did also ratify our Land Use Committee’s recommendation to conditionally approve the Department of City Planning’s Special Fourth Avenue Enhanced Commercial District rezoning which sought to improve upon the past rezoning by requiring uses that are more active and pedestrian-friendly designs of the ground level spaces for new buildings along 4th Avenue. He added that the Borough President has also held his hearing and offered his support for the recommendation, and the application will now be before the City Planning Commission who will be conducting a public hearing next Wednesday, September 21st at 10:00am at the Manhattan Office at 22 Reade Street if anyone is interested in attending. We will have a representative there to present testimony on our behalf.

Chairperson Kummer advised the Board that September is also the time of year when the Chairperson appoints an Elections Committee should any of our officer positions be contested which would result in the need to hold an election at our regular meeting in December. This year he asked last year’s Chair, Board Member Peter Fleming, to continue in that position. A letter from Elections Chair Fleming will be going out within the next few days outlining and explaining the process more fully.

Chairperson Kummer informed the Board that October is the month that we must review, consider and adopt Capital and Expense budget requests which are submitted to the Mayor’s Office and City Council for funding consideration for the fiscal year 2013 City budget. District Manager Craig Hammerman, Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch, Budget Chair Rick Luftglass and I will be attending a budget consultation with many of our City agencies next week where we will have a chance to talk to them, albeit briefly, about some of our pending budget requests. If Board members are interested in seeing the requests that we submitted last year, along with the City agencies’ responses to them, they are available on the Community Board’s website on the Budget Committee’s homepage. District Manager Hammerman will also send out the draft budget requests for FY2013 after the Executive Committee adopts them next month but before the general meeting so you will have an opportunity to look them over beforehand.

Chairperson Kummer ended his report by inviting all Board Members to the co-naming ceremony of Court Street between 3rd and 4th Places to “Citizens of Mola Way” on Sunday, October 2nd. For more information, please contact Board Member John Heyer.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT.....CRAIG HAMMERMAN

District Manager Craig Hammerman reported to the Board that for this academic year the district office would have a new planning intern, Melissa Umburger from Pratt. She will be working with us to help us implement the administration and planning support for the Community Board’s Gowanus BOA Grant – The Brownfield Opportunity Area grant. Last May we received an executed copy of the contract, so we would like to show progress to the State. Melissa and I have been working on a draft RFP that we would like to send out by the end of October so that we can bring our consultants on board and move forward with the project. This is a \$275,000 grant that the Community Board received. We are also getting a \$25,000 matching grant from the City of New York to cover the 10% match that we were required to put up and the balance of the matching grant will be provided through in-kind services.

Chairperson Kummer recognized the representatives of the elected officials.

Luke DePalma, representing Borough President Marty Markowitz invited everyone to the Sixth Annual Brooklyn Book Festival starting on September 18th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The Festival is the largest free literary event in New York City presenting an array of literary stars and emerging authors who represent the exciting world of literature today.

Chairperson Kummer recognized Council Member Brad Lander whom began by informing the Board on two events he will be hosting.

1. Participatory Budgeting, which is grassroots democracy at its best. Residents in our district will come together to decide what to do with \$1 million in capital funding, the part of the budget that is used to repair streets, improve parks, buy school technology, or build bike lanes. Community members will exchange and debate ideas, work together to turn ideas into project proposals, and then decide what ideas are funded at the ballot box. The process will make budgeting more transparent and accessible. It will open up participation to people who have never been involved before and make budgeting more effective. There will be a public meeting on October 5th at the Old First Reformed Church where the Council Member will present information on the budget funds, and residents will brainstorm project ideas and select budget delegates. For more information, please visit <http://bradlander.com/PB>.
2. Bike Share Program, which will provide secure and convenient bicycles on a 24-hour basis, and at publicly accessible places. The City has selected a vendor and will be seeking the Community Boards input on where the stations should be located. The vendor will bear all the cost and responsibilities for the system during an initial five-year period while sharing revenues with the city, and with no taxpayer funds being used for the system’s implementation, upkeep or maintenance. A system could be started by spring 2012.

The Council member ended by inviting everyone to participate in an upcoming “Safe Slope Rally” on September 27th. We will be gathering to speak out against the terrible string of sexual assaults that has plagued South Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Greenwood Heights, and Sunset Park and discuss different ways we can help the police make our streets safe. The 72nd and 78th Precincts have been increasing their presence (both uniformed and plain-clothes officers) throughout these neighborhoods. I hope many of you will be able to make

the meeting, and please continue to stay in touch with my office about what you are seeing in your own neighborhood.

Kevin Peter Carroll, representing Council Member Steven Levin reported to the Board that the Council Member would be reaching out to the board to participate in the upcoming P.S. 133 Task force meeting. He also reported that his office has been in conversations with Fr. Ahern at St. Augustine Parish to discuss the damage the church sustained during the recent storm. The Councilman will do all he can to help provide the information the church needs to reach out to the various city, state and federal agencies to help with the resources that will be needed for the repairs.

Tamar Smith, representing Assembly Member Joan Millman, stated that the Assemblywoman would be hosting her first roundtable as the new Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Aging on Tuesday, October 25th at Borough Hall at 9:30am. The roundtable will focus on the growing problem of elder abuse. She also reported that on September 20th the Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment would hold a public hearing at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The hearing is one of many being held throughout the state. These hearings are a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the process of reapportionment as well as voice your opinions, comments or concerns. She ended by informing the Board that the Assemblywoman will again collaborate with Long Island College Hospital to administer free flu shots on October 18th and 19th. For more information, please call 718-246-4889.

Veronica Aveis, representing Congress Member Yvette Clarke stated that anyone needing relief from Hurricane Irene should go to <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>. The deadline for submitting applications is in early October. She also stated that if anyone is having problems with the Post Office they should contact her at (718) 287-1142.

❖❖❖COMMITTEE REPORTS❖❖❖

LANDMARKS/LAND USE COMMITTEE.....ROBERT LEVINE, LANDMARKS CHAIR
.....PETER FLEMING, LAND USE CHAIR

Landmarks Committee Chairperson Robert Levine reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the addition of lot line windows, demolition of rear yard extension, rooftop bulkhead addition and new deck and railing at rooftop of 878 President Street.

Motion: by Board Member Roger Rigolli, seconded by Board Member Judith Thompson;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the addition of lot line windows, demolition of rear yard extension, rooftop bulkhead addition and new deck and railing at rooftop of 878 President Street (between 8th Ave/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District with the following conditions:

- Railing on parlor floor be vertical metal
- Railing on roof be vertical metal of similar pattern and color
- Applicant have neighboring building have a chance to see lot line windows
- Roof deck railing is pulled by one foot from current location on rear.

Board Member Thompson asked if this was a coop building and will that reduce the privacy of people whose windows face the lot. Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine stated yes on both accounts.

Board Member David Reiss ask if you can see the roof from the street. Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine stated a small portion of it.

VOTE: 39 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:31 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the addition of HVAC equipment on rooftop, construction of a deck over rear yard extension and conversion of window to door at rear elevation at 638 2nd Street.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Judith Thompson;
Recommendation to disapprove a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the addition of HVAC equipment on rooftop, construction of a deck over rear yard extension and conversion of window to door at rear elevation at 638 2nd Street (between 8th Ave/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District for the following reasons:

- Addition of glass window on 2nd floor
- Addition of glass doors on 3rd floor
- Fencing around deck is out of character with neighborhood

Board Member Thompson asked if anyone made suggestions on how they could do this work differently. Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine stated that it is not the committee's policy to make specific suggestions of changes to the applicant.

Board Member Noel Berk-Rauch asked if the owners were at the meeting. Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine stated yes.

VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:36 P.M.

❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Glenn Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet.

Board Member Thompson stated that she did not state that she had a concern with the heat at the whole food site because it would not be black top, but that she was concerned with the heat in general. Chairperson Kummer stated that last month's minutes will be corrected.

VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:38 P.M.

PARKS/RECREATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.....NICA LALLI, CO-CHAIR
.....GLENN KELLY, CO-CHAIR

Parks Committee Co-Chairperson Glenn Kelly reported to the Board that the committee reviewed and discussed a presentation with representatives for the Gowanus Canal Conservancy regarding Sponge Park at Gowanus Canal.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Robert Levine;

Recommendation to layover.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:43 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/ PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE
.....**TERRY ALEXANDER, PUBLIC SAFETY CO-CHAIR**
.....**MARTHA KENTON, PUBLIC SAFETY CO-CHAIR**
.....**GARY REILLY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CHAIR**
..... **MARK SHAMES, PERMITS & LICENSES CHAIR**

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application on behalf of CH Burgers LLC dba Five Guys Burgers & Fries at 266 Court Street.

Motion: by Board Member Peter Fleming, seconded by Board Member Judith Thompson;
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of CH Burgers LLC dba Five Guys Burgers & Fries at 266 Court Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets), to permit 4 tables and 12 seats.

Board Member Monique Verret stated that she understood the standard of 9 feet clearance for sidewalk cafes, but since Court Street is very active what is the committee’s position on busy streets like Court Street. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated that other than having a requirement that you meet the standard for the Department of Consumer Affairs the committee does not have a particular position with regard to any particular street, with regard to the placement of sidewalk cafes.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 4 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 7:47 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Three King of Kings County LLC dba Talde at 369 7th Avenue.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Richard Bashner;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Three King of Kings County LLC dba Talde at 369 7th Avenue (between 11th/12th Streets).

Board Member Richard Bashner asked if there was apartments above the establishment and did anyone speak out against it. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated that no one spoke out against it and he does not recall if there were apartments above it, but he suspects there are.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:50 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames further reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Seersucker Inc. at 329 Smith Street.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Peter Fleming;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Seersucker Inc. at 329 Smith Street (between President/Carroll Streets).

Board Member Dolly Williams asked if they would be using their backyard. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated no.

Board Member Lou Sones stated that they could use their backyard later without coming before the board.

Amendment: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Glenn Kelly;
To add that the applicant cannot use the backyard without coming back before the committee.

Board Member Nica Lalli stated that the amendment was not necessary because then we would need to know which restaurants have backyards and we do not always know if they do. We should assume going forward that people are going to be doing the right thing, otherwise why are we doing this. It is just making more work for the committee that is already overburdened.

Board Member Glenn Kelly stated that right now there is no way for them to use their backyard without extensive work. They are under no obligation to come back to us if they choose to renovate and use the backyard.

Board Member Benjamin Atkins asked how the board would enforce the amendment. Board Member Richard Bashner stated that when this applicant comes up for renewal we would have an opportunity to recommend disapproval or approval.

VOTE: 29 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

AMENDMENT PASSED

TIME: 7:59 P.M.

Discussion continued on amended motion.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:01 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames additionally reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Blugeot LLC dba Brucie at 234 Court Street.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Blugeot LLC dba Brucie at 234 Court Street (between Baltic/Kane Streets).

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:04 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames moreover reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Le Montague LLC at 268 Clinton Street.

Motion: by Board Member Suzanne Turet, seconded by Board Member Glenn Kelly;
Recommendation to conditionally approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Le Montague LLC at 268 Clinton Street (between Verandah Pl/Warren Street) with the following condition to stop outdoor service by 10 and close by 11 on weekdays and stop service by 11 and close by 12 on weekends and holidays.

Board Member Lou Sones ask if this was a residential block. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated yes.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:08 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames likewise reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Wild Whiskey Warthog at 209 4th Avenue.

Motion: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Roger Rigolli;
Recommendation to approve on an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Wild Whiskey Warthog at 209 4th Avenue (between Sackett/Union Streets).

VOTE: 39 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:10 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames similarly reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of J and W Cafe, LLC dba Battersby at 255 Smith Street.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet;
Recommendation to conditionally approve on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of J and W Cafe, LLC dba Battersby at 255 Smith Street (between Douglass/Degraw Streets) with the following condition to stop outdoor service by 10 and close by 11 on weekdays and stop service by 11 and close by 12 on weekends and holidays.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:12 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames in the same way reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Madarig Inc. dba TJ's Bar & Restaurant at 221 Smith Street.

Motion: by Board Member Suzanne Turet, seconded by Board Member Roger Rigolli;
Recommendation to conditionally approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Madarig Inc. dba TJ's Bar & Restaurant at 221 Smith Street (between Baltic/Butler Streets) with the following condition to stop outdoor service by 10 and close by 11 on weekdays and stop service by 11 and close by 12 on weekends and holidays.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:15 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chairperson Mark Shames also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application on behalf of Union Street Provisions LLC at 669 Union Street.

Motion: by Board Member Roger Rigolli, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Union Street Provisions LLC at 669 Union Street (between 4th/5th Avenues).

Board Member Dolly Williams asked if this was a residential block and if anyone opposed it. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated yes and no one spoke out against the application.

Board Member Levine asked if this space was a legal commercial space or was it grandfathered in. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated that we did not know.

Board Member Lou Sones spoke in favor of the motion.

VOTE: 39 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:19 P.M.

Motion: by Board Member Glenn Kelly, seconded by Board Member Lou Sones;
To ask the State Liquor Authority to take no action on the following liquor application until such time as they appear before the committee:

- 223 7th Avenue
- 326 Court Street
- 58 5th Avenue
- 396 6th Avenue

VOTE: 39 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:21 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.....THOMAS L. MISKEL, CO-CHAIR
.....STEPHEN BURZIO, CO-CHAIR

Transportation Co-Chairperson Stephen Burzio reported to the Board that the committee reviewed and discussed a presentation with representatives for the Department of Transportation on paired pedestrian ramp

installations as necessary on the eastside sidewalk of Prospect Park West as part of the construction of the raised median islands.

Motion: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Glenn Kelly;
Recommendation that the Department of Transportation include paired pedestrian ramp installations as necessary on all sidewalks of Prospect Park West as part of the construction of the raised median islands as well as the inclusion of granite curbs.

Board Member asked what the rule was in regards to the placement of pedestrian ramps when there is no crosswalk. District Manager Hammerman explained that pedestrian ramps are required to be installed where there are traffic control devices. Crosswalks are not traffic control devices. A traffic control device would be a traffic signal, Stop sign or some other element that controls traffic.

Board Member Atkins made a friendly amendment not to move pedestrian cross signals. Board Member Richard Bashner did not except the friendly amendment.

Amendment: by Board Member James Bernard, seconded by Board Member Benjamin Atkins;
To stipulate that the Department of Transportation not move the pedestrian cross signals.

Board Member Mark Shames spoke in favor of the motion stating that you are not going to be able to change the behavior of people by move the signals, so why do it. Board Member Levine spoke in favor of the motion.

Board Member Bashner stated that we are mixing issues a little bit. He supported adding signal for bicyclist but DOT rejected it. When you see a green light from the island on the park side you think is okay to walk and you think that the bike will stop because you have a green light and this creates confusion.

Board Member Martha Kenton spoke out against the motion stating that the issue may be one of enforcement and would be interested in seeing something in regards to the issue.

Board Member Norman Cox spoke out against the motion.

Board Member Sones spoke out against the motion stating that moving the signals makes it safer for everyone.

Board Member Turet stated pedestrians, cars and bikes should all have to follow traffic laws, just letting the bikes have the right of way is wrong. When did they become a special category?

Board Member Lalli spoke out against the motion stating that the signals should be moved because it would make it easier to get across the street.

Board Member Glenn Kelly spoke out against the motion stating that moving the lights will increase pedestrian safety.

Board Member Thompson stated that moving the signals is a waste of taxpayer's money.

Board Member Bernard stated that there is no reason to move the signals. When bikers see the signals, they perceive that pedestrians will be there which makes them more cautious and in effect makes it safer for pedestrians.

Board Member Reilly spoke out against the motion.

VOTE: 19 YEAS, 12 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

AMENDMENT PASSED

TIME: 8:52 P.M.

Discussion continued on amended motion.

Board member Bernard asked that we table the issue of trees until everyone has seen the renderings. He added a friendly amendment to give priority to planting trees all along Prospect Park West before planting on the islands. Board Member Richard Bashner accepted the friendly amendment.

VOTE: 29 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:55 P.M.

❖ COMMUNITY SESSION ❖

Beverly Corbin, a resident from Wyckoff Gardens asked the Board for information on getting a street co-named. Chairperson Kummer asked her to followup with the District Office.

Pamela Johnson, a Park Slope resident brought to the attention of the Board that 7th Avenue over the course of several months has become increasingly dirtier than ever. The sidewalks are filthy and the litter baskets are always overflowing. District Manager Hammerman explained that the Doe Fund – a program designed to develop and implement cost-effective, holistic programs that meet the needs of a diverse population working to break the cycles of homelessness, addiction, and criminal recidivism – which was contracted to help keep 7th Avenue clean is no longer being funded by the elected officials.

Sister Rosanna, representing Visitation Parish in Red Hook, invited everyone to a jazz concert at the parish on September 25th at 8pm.

❖ NEW/OTHER BUSINESS ❖

Board Member David Reiss asked if it is possible to discuss permits where there was a non-unanimous vote so that the uncontroversial ones can be dealt with expeditiously. Chairperson Kummer stated that this issue will be discussed at the next executive committee to see if the process of hearing permits needs to be changed due to the amount of permits the committee and board hears every month.

Motion: by Board Member Constance Molinari, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet;
To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 29 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:15PM

Minutes submitted into the District Office by Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch on October 1, 2011.