

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
NYCHA MICCIO COMMUNITY CENTER
110 WEST 9TH STREET**

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

B. ATKINS	R.S. BASHNER	P. BELLENBAUM
N. BERK-RAUCH	J. BERNARD	L. BLYER
D. BRAVO	SR. R. CERVONE	N.COX
N. DUTTA	E. FELDER	P. FLEMING
Y. GIRELA	D. GIULIANO	J. HEYER
H. HUGHES	G. KELLY	M. KOLMAN
D. KUMMER	S. LONIAL	A. McKNIGHT
T.L. MISKEL	C. MOLINARI	C. PIGOTT
G. REILLY	D. REISS	M. RUIZ
D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES	E. SHIPLEY
B. SOLOTAIRE	L. SONES	E. SPICER
J. THOMPSON	S. TURET	M. VERRET
D.C. VITO	D. WILLIAMS	

EXCUSED:

S. BURZIO	R. GRAHAM	D. LALLI
R. LEVINE	H. LINK	R. LUFTGLASS
L. NAPOLITANO	R. RIGOLLI	M. SCOTT

ABSENT:

M. KENTON	G. O'CONNELL, JR.
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GUESTS

NYC COMPTROLLER JOHN LIU
COUNCILMEMBER STEVEN LEVIN
HON. ERIC ADAMS, STATE SENATOR
L. DEPALMA, BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARKOWITZ'S REPRESENTATIVE
A. ALEXIS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ'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
J. HAMILTON, STATE SENATOR ADAMS REPRESENTATIVE
B. CAPE, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE
D. WILEY, CONGRESSWOMAN VELÁZQUEZ' REPRESENTATIVE
A. OLSEN, MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at the District Office
Chairperson Daniel M. Kummer called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Roger Rigolli made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Board Member Noel Berk-Rauch.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 6:52 P.M.

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

Chairperson Daniel M. Kummer began his report by congratulating Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch, who recently purchased a co-op in Red Hook and will be relocating there by the end of this month. All these years Assistant District Manager Branch and his family has been living in Boerum Hill in CB2, across the street from CB6 so I’d like to welcome him home and wish him and his family many years of happiness in their new home.

Chairperson Kummer thanked Board Members Rick Luftglass, Glenn Kelly and Bob Levine for joining him, District Manager Craig Hammerman and Assistant District Manager Branch at this year’s borough-level budget consultations. We will be hearing more about the highlights of that evening when Budget Chairperson Luftglass gives his Budget Committee report, but I especially wanted to thank those members for volunteering their time to come out to participate at this year’s meeting.

Chairperson Kummer also thanked District Manager Hammerman for representing the Board before the City Planning Commission at their hearing on September 21st on the Special Fourth Avenue Enhanced Commercial District application. District Manager Hammerman informed him that he was the third of three speakers who attended to testify in support of the action – following Council Member Lander and a representative for Borough President Markowitz. It did not appear as if there was any controversy over this item so we are expecting the Commission to adopt it. Hopefully, we will start to see this zoning action’s impact result in livelier and more engaging pedestrian designs for new buildings along 4th Avenue moving forward.

Chairperson Kummer announced to the Board that the Landmarks/Land Use Committee would have a special guest visiting them at their next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Robert Tierney, the Chairperson of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, has agreed to attend our committee meeting for an evening of dialogue on the City’s landmark regulations and historic districts – the process and practices of the agency and how our work intersects with theirs. Since our district has an active historic district expansion project underway in Park Slope, and another possible project for Carroll Gardens, in addition to several important locations that we have requested the commission’s consideration for landmarking, such as the Pacific Branch Library on 4th Avenue, this should prove to be a most interesting discussion. The meeting is at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the 78th Precinct, 65 6th Avenue (between Dean/Bergen Streets).

Chairperson Kummer ended his report by commenting on the recent pattern of sexual assault crime that have been perpetrated in the South Park Slope and Park Slope areas over the last few months. In fact, there have been at least 12 cases since last March. One of those 12 cases has been in the 78th Precinct, the remainder having taken place in the 72nd Precinct, south of our district. Brooklyn Community Board 7 has been working

closely with the 72nd Precinct to hold meetings, and share information about what people can do to be safer and feel safer in their communities. To do our share in helping inform our residents, Deputy Inspector Argenziano, the Commanding Officer of the 78th Precinct, has agreed to come in and brief our Public Safety Committee at their next meeting, which will be at 6:30pm on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the 78th Precinct, 65 6th Avenue (between Dean/Bergen Streets). All of our committee meetings are open to the public so if you know anyone that you think might be interested in attending please encourage them to come.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT.....CRAIG HAMMERMAN

District Manager Craig Hammerman began his report by informing the Board that the District Office is recovering from the water pipe burst and resulting flood we had in the office. The ceiling is being repaired and we are still not certain if our carpeting will be redone since they found asbestos-containing floor tiles beneath it. We are in a situation where our property owner is the State of New York and the building owner is the City of New York. He thanked everyone for their support and asked for their patience in terms of the staff getting back to people in a timely matter.

District Manager Hammerman reported that the Department of Transportation has determined that a speed hump on St. Johns Place between 5th and 6th Avenues is a good candidate for the installation of a speed hump.

District Manager Hammerman ended his report by inviting everyone to the 18th Annual Domestic Violence Vigil on October 14th sponsored by Good Shepherd Services' Safe Homes Project. Volunteers, participants, supporters, and community members will light 20 candles in memory of those who died because of domestic violence this past year in Brooklyn. This annual event marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month, remembers the victims and honors the survivors of domestic violence.

Chairperson Kummer recognized the representatives of the elected officials.

Tamar Smith, representing Assembly Member Joan Millman, stated that the Assemblywoman would 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. The Assemblywoman has been working closely with the NYPD to assist in any way she can to inform residence how they can be safe while walking alone in lieu of the recent sexual assaults in Park Slope. She is also working with the Department of Transportation to see if they can install additional lights beneath the Prospect Expressway overpass in the interest of public safety. It is extremely important that we all take safety precautions when walking alone day or night. The Police Department recommends being extra cautious and aware of your surroundings, taking off headphones as they may inhibit the ability to hear someone approaching and using a route that is well lit and well populated. Below are resources that provide late night walks or rides home:

- Brooklyn Bike Patrol - provides walks home 7 days a week from subway stops in Park Slope, Prospect Heights and Carroll Gardens. Call 718-744-7592 to arrange an escort.
- Right Rides - provides free, safe rides home for women and LGBTQ individuals after midnight on the weekends. Call 888-215-SAFE
- Safe Slope - provides free walks home in Park Slope, Greenwood Heights and Windsor Terrace on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 8pm-3am by calling 347-709-8852

She also reported to the Board that the Brooklyn District Attorney's office has begun a public safety program called "Safe Stop" (formerly Safe Haven), which allows merchants to display a decal to alert the public that their business is a safe place to go in the event of an emergency. Applications for businesses, which would like to become Safe Stops, are available in her district office at 341 Smith Street. She ended by informing the Board 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.

Luke DePalma, representing Borough President Marty Markowitz announced that Borough Hall would be hosting a blood drive sponsored by the New York Blood Center on October 31st. To donate blood, please call the New York Blood Center at 800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org. The Borough President will also be collaborating with Long Island College Hospital to administer free flu shots on November 2nd. For more information, please call 718-802-3700. He ended by informing the board that the Borough President and the New York Urban League will be hosting a Parent Academy: A parent’s guide to college on October 24th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. For more information, please call (718) 802-3530.

Catherine Zinnel, representing Council Member Brad Lander also reported to the Board that the Council Member was working with the community and the NYPD to educate residents on how they can be safe while walking alone in light of the recent sexual assaults in South Park Slope. She invited everyone to participate in the Councilman’s Participatory Budgeting process, which brings together residents to decide what to do with \$1 million in capital funding. 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. The first public meeting on October 5th at the Old First Reformed Church was a success and there will be another on October 20th at PS 58. For more information, please visit <http://bradlander.com/PB>.

Oscar Jonas, representing State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, additionally reported to the Board that the Senator was helping to inform the community on how they could be safe in light of the recent sexual assaults in Park Slope. His office is monitoring the low flying helicopters in Red Hook and will be contacting the FAA for more information.

Tonice Sgrignoli, representing State Assembly Member James Brennan stated that the Assemblyman would also be sponsoring free flu shots in November. For more information, please call 718-788-7221. She ended by inviting everyone to the screening of "Gasland" a documentary film written and directed by Josh Fox which focuses on communities in the United States impacted by natural gas drilling and, specifically, a stimulation method known as hydraulic fracturing. The screening will be on November 3rd from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Park Slope United Methodist Church located at 410 6th Avenue in Park Slope.

❖❖❖COMMITTEE REPORTS❖❖❖

BUDGET COMMITTEE..... RICK LUFTGLASS, CHAIR

Budget Chairperson Rick Luftglass reported to the Board that the committee discussed the proposed CB6 FY 2012 Capital and Expense Budget Requests.

Motion: by Committee;
To approve the FY 2012 Capital budget requests.

Board Member Benjamin Atkins asked if we could look at past budget items in the City’s budget to see which ones were funded, specifically in CB6 that was on our priority list. Chairperson Kummer stated that we receive from the City every year their answers to our requests in which each item gets a tracking number. If you would like to see the City’s responses to prior year’s requests, you can refer to the Budget Committee’s webpage.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:18 P.M.

Motion: by Committee;
To approve the FY 2012 Expense budget requests.

Board Member Roger Rigolli asked what is the “Truck Enforcement Program” (Expense item #8). District Manager Hammerman explained that the program handles the enforcement of trucks throughout the entire city and should be expanded and given adequate resources to handle such a difficult problem in NYC.

Board Member Lou Sones asked if the truck enforcement unit handles the size of trucks. District Manager Hammerman stated yes.

Board Member Elizabeth Shipley asked why if crime is down our #1 priority is the Restoration of Police Precinct Patrol Personnel. District Manager Hammerman stated that this request came directly from the Police Department citing to us that the current headcount is at about 35,000, they experienced a peak of 41,000 in 2001 so the fact that we are down so much from their peak suggests further scrutiny.

Board Member Matthew Ruiz explained that although the Restoration of Police Precinct Patrol personnel is #1 on our list each agency will only see their expense items in order of our priority

VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:27 P.M.

ELECTION COMMITTEE.....PETER FLEMING, CHAIR

Election Committee Chairperson Peter Fleming announced to the Board the members who have been suggested as nominees. The individuals are as follows:

- Daniel Kummer – Chairperson
- Tom Miskel – First Vice Chairperson
- Elly Spicer – Second Vice Chairperson
- Gary Reilly – Treasurer
- Nica Lalli – Secretary

Election Chairperson Fleming reported that Second Vice Chair Elly Spicer will not be seeking another term. Board Member Lou Sones was nominated for the seat in writing and he accepted. Next month we will have floor nominations for anyone wanting to be nominated and an election will be held in December if needed.

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

.....PETER FLEMING, LAND USE CHAIR

Land Use Committee Chairperson Peter Fleming reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an application for a variance that would permit the conversion of the second floor and second floor mezzanine of the building from manufacturing and commercial uses to residential use at 455 Carroll Street.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to approve an application submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA Calendar No. 137-11-BZ) for a variance of Section 42-00 and 42-10 of the Zoning Resolution that would permit the conversion of the second floor and second floor mezzanine of the building from manufacturing and commercial uses to residential use at 455 Carroll Street (Block 447, Lot 47), between Nevins Street and Third Avenue, pursuant to Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution.

Board Member Monique Verret asked if the applicant sold the building would it remain residential if we vote to approve tonight. Land Use Committee Chairperson Fleming stated yes.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:33 P.M.

Land Use Committee Chairperson Fleming also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed an application for a variance that would permit the conversion of a vacant lot in an M1-2 zoning district into a three story, four dwelling unit residential building at 465 Carroll Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an application submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA Calendar No. 129-11-BZ) for a variance of Section 42-10 of the Zoning Resolution that would permit the conversion of a vacant lot in an M1-2 zoning district into a three story, four dwelling unit residential building at 465 Carroll Street (Block 447, Lot 43), between Nevins Street and Third Avenue, pursuant to Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution.

Board Member Monique Verret asked what was the property used for in the past. Land Use Committee Chairperson Fleming stated that the property has been empty for 50 years.

Board Member Paige Bellenbaum asked if the residential units would be market rate. Land Use Committee Chairperson Fleming stated yes.

Board Member Roger Rigolli stated that this property was too small for manufacturing.

Board Member Judith Thompson asked how tall the building was. Land Use Committee Chairperson Fleming stated 40 feet.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:39 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chairperson Robert Levine reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the creation of a new opening and rear deck off the parlor floor, new railings and stairs down to garden level at 159 6th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the creation of a new opening and rear deck off of the parlor floor, new railings and stairs down to garden level at 159 6th Avenue (between St John's/Lincoln Places), Park Slope Historic District.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:41 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the legalization of a banister at the front entranceway to 185 6th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the legalization of a banister at the front entranceway to 185 6th Avenue (between Lincoln/Berkeley Places), Park Slope Historic District.

Board Member Benjamin Solotaire asked why this is before us now if the work was done before the applicant brought the house. Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine stated that the applicant received a citation for the work and now has to get it legalized.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:45 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chairperson Levine further reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the conversion of rear window to door over first floor rear extension, removal of existing door and enlargement of existing window at rear elevation at 52 8th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the conversion of rear window to door over first floor rear extension, removal of existing door and enlargement of existing window at rear elevation at 52 8th Avenue (between Berkeley Pl/Union St), Park Slope Historic District with the following conditions:

- Double French doors should not be larger than 4ft 6in.
- Doorway window should mirror the other transient windows

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:48 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 an unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application renewal on behalf of Stinky Vine, LLC at 282 Smith Street

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to approve an unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Stinky Vine, LLC dba The Jakewalk at 282 Smith Street (southwest corner Smith/Sackett Streets), to permit 8 tables and 16 seats 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: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:50 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 Pizzaiol, Inc. dba Uncle Barry's at 58 5th Avenue and SNV NY Inc. dba Cheeburger Cheeburger at 222 7th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Pizzaiol, Inc. dba Uncle Barry's at 58 5th Avenue (between Bergen St/St. Marks Pl) and SNV NY Inc. dba Cheeburger Cheeburger at 222 7th Avenue (between 3rd/4th Streets).

Board Member Nica Lalli asked if it mattered if Cheeburger was selling alcohol even if minors frequent it. Board Member Ruiz stated that it did not matter. It is the same as businesses like Applebee's and Friday's.

Board Member Sones spoke in favor of the motion stating that some places operate one-way during the day when minors frequent and another way at night for adults.

Board Member Richard Bashner spoke in favor of the motion stating that we do not want to start discouraging beer and wine licenses.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:00 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 ILGT, LLC at 204 Sackett Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of ILGT, LLC at 204 Sackett Street (between Henry/Hicks Streets).

Board Member Sones spoke out against the motion stating that it is a very slippery slope to put a bar/restaurant on a block that is mainly residential because it can morph into whatever the owner wants in order to make money. This is not a responsible location to put a bar.

Board Member Atkins stated that he shares Board Members Sones concerns and asked why the committee approved this motion. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated that the committee approved this application because under the new rezoning, you can have a bar at this location and the block has mixed use on it.

Board Member Glenn Kelly spoke out against the motion stating that the Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association is against this application because they want to protect the character of the neighborhood. In addition, there was not enough community input.

Board Member Lalli stated that the location is between two non-residential usages it is not next to residential homes.

Board Member Berk-Rauch suggested that this establishment is really a bar that will serve appetizers. He then asked if they have use of a garden. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated no.

Board Member Thompson stated that she happens to believe that bars/restaurants are part of the character of Carroll Gardens. She then asked if the owners had experience running this type of business. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated yes.

Board Member Shipley asked if the restaurant was open now. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated no.

Board Member Bashner asked if they spoke to controlling the noise nuisance. Chairperson Shames stated no.

Board Member Thompson asked if the next-door neighbors complained about a bar/restaurant going in. Permits & Licenses Chairperson Shames stated no.

Board Member Ruiz spoke out against the motion stating that he is not happy with the location of this establishment because this has always been a residential block and this commercial use will not fit in.

VOTE: 3 YEAS, 23 NAYS, 7 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION FAILED

TIME: 8:20 P.M.

Motion: by Board Member Lou Sones, seconded by Board Member Richard Bashner;
Recommendation to disapprove an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of ILGT, LLC at 204 Sackett Street (between Henry/Hicks Streets).

Board Member Thompson asked if the applicant would have a right to come back before the committee after the community is properly notified. Chairperson Kummer stated that only if SLA approves the application and they come before us for a renewal in two years.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 3 NAY, 7 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:25 P.M.

Motion: by Committee;
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
- 158 Baltic Street

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:28 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 a Revocable Consents application on behalf of Brooklyn Events Center, LLC for the proposed installation of 206 security bollards and 15 benches at various locations around the Barclay Center Arena at 620 Atlantic Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Revocable Consents application submitted to the Department of Transportation on behalf of Brooklyn Events Center, LLC for the proposed installation of 206 security bollards and 15 benches at various locations around the Barclay Center Arena at 620 Atlantic Avenue.

Board Member Robert Levine asked if the bollards or benches would interfere with wheel chairs. Transportation Co-Chairperson Burzio stated no.

Board Member Richard Bashner asked if there would be trees planted along the entire length of the arena. Transportation Co-Chairperson Burzio stated yes.

Board Member Shipley asked if we could get something that looks better than the bollards, they want to put in.

Board Member Levine asked if the stainless steel cylinders could be painted black to go with the look of the neighborhood. Transportation Co-Chairperson Burzio stated that they could not for maintenance reasons.

Amendment: by Board Member Judith Thompson, seconded by Board Member Richard Bashner;
To add a condition that they plant as many trees along the arena that is physically possible.

VOTE: 31 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTION
AMENDMENT PASSED
TIME: 8:40 P.M.

Discussion continued the amended motion.

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 8:45 P.M.

❖ COMMUNITY SESSION ❖

Fareeha Haq, representing The Council of Peoples Organization’s (COPO) whose mission it is to assist low-income immigrant families, particularly South Asians and Muslims, to reach their full potential as residents of New York City. COPO empowers marginalized communities to advocate for their rights and understand their responsibilities as Americans. It helps to build community relations among Muslim and non-Muslim community groups. It is working to establish connections between the communities and various government agencies. She came to make the Board aware of her organizations efforts to get legislation to prevent advertisers from marketing cigarettes to teens.

❖ **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** ❖

Board Member Nica Lalli asked if we could send Fareeha Haq recommendation to look at how advertisers are targeting our teens with cigarette ads to the Human Services committee. Chairperson Kummer stated yes.

Motion: by Board Member Roger Rigolli, seconded by Board Member Lou Sones;
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 25, 2011.