

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
COBBLE HILL HEALTH CENTER  
380 HENRY STREET**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:**

E. ANDERSON	J. ARMER	R. BASHNER
P. BELLENBAUM	N. BERK-RAUCH	P. BLAKE
F. BROWN	E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	SR. R. CERVONE
P. FLEMING	D. GIULIANO	R. GRAHAM
V. HAGMAN	V. HERAMIA	J. HEYER II
H. HUGHES	F. JEAN	G. KELLY
A. KRASNOW	D. KUMMER	S. LONIAL
R. LUFTGLASS	S. MATHEWS-NOVELLI	D. MAZZUCA
E. MCCLURE	T. MISKEL	C. PIGOTT
L. PINN	R. RIGOLLI	M. SCOTT
D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES	M. SILVERMAN
E. SPICER	J. THOMPSON	S. TURET
D. WILLIAMS		

**EXCUSED:**

R. LEVINE	A. MCKNIGHT	G. REILLY
B. SOLOTAIRE		

**ABSENT:**

E. FELDER	M. KOLMAN	H. LINK
M. RACIOPPO	M. RUIZ	J. STRABONE

**GUESTS:**

HON. CARLOS MENCHACHA, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
HON. BRAD LANDER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
K. FEDER, BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADAMS' REPRESENTATIVE  
M. SARCI, COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN'S REPRESENTATIVE  
B. ALONZO, COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
M.K. SEEKY, ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRENNAN'S REPRESENTATIVE  
J. VOGEL, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE  
A. BENDER, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE  
D. WILEY, CONGRESS MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ' REPRESENTATIVE  
L. BENJAMIN, KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY THOMPSON'S REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at District Office.

Chairperson Daniel Kummer called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT.....DANIEL KUMMER**

Chairperson Daniel Kummer began his report by announcing that over the summer we received a letter of resignation from long-time Red Hook Board Member and 2nd Vice Chair Lou Sones. Board Member Sones cited competing work demands and some personal health issues as his reason for leaving the board. We will miss him, and his representative voice, and we wish him good health and all good things moving forward as we thank him for his many years of selfless service on behalf of our community.

Chairperson Kummer reported to the Board that owing to the loss of Board Members Elizabeth Shipley, our former Secretary, and more recently Lou Sones, our former Second Vice Chair, our bylaws states that it falls upon the Chairperson to appoint replacements to fill out the remainder of the term until the next regular election, subject to the ratification of our Executive Committee. The committee met this past Monday evening so we have 2 new officers to welcome to our dais. I’m pleased to welcome Board Member Pauline Blake as CB6’s new Second Vice Chair and our Housing Committee Chair Board Members Ariel Krasnow who joins us as Secretary. Both Board Members have proven their commitment to the Community Board many times over, and we are most fortunate to have such high caliber talent joining the ranks of our officers.

Chairperson Kummer advised the Board that he is now in the process of appointing an Election Committee to oversee our nominations and election process over the next few months. He has asked Peter Fleming to continue as Chair of our Election Committee since he has done such an outstanding job in this role. This year three of our officers including myself as Chair, Board Members Tom Miskel as First Vice Chair, and Gary Reilly as Secretary, will be term limited, thus preventing us from running for our current offices on next year’s slate of officers. At our November general meeting there will be open nominations from the floor, and the slate will be closed. Then, if any of our officer positions are contested, there will be an election at our December general meeting. All board members may vote at the December meeting but you must be present in order to vote and all votes are recorded and made public afterward. New officers take effect on January 1st and their term is one calendar year. Our bylaws permit up to four consecutive terms in the same office. The Chair also congratulated our Election Chair Peter Fleming on the occasion of his marriage last month to long-time partner Brian King.

Chairperson Kummer congratulated the following candidates who won their primary day races yesterday, starting with Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, and Jo Anne Simon and Jesse Hamilton who won the Democratic lines to run in the General election to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Joan Millman, and former State Senator, now Borough President Eric Adams, respectively. The general election is on Tuesday, November 4th. There is still time to register to vote.

Chairperson Kummer informed the Board that they should have received both their letters of appointment to committees for the 2014-2015 session and an email from District Manager Craig Hammerman with instructions for how to participate in the committee’s list server. If you find your schedule or interest changes during the year, please let me or District Manager Hammerman know as soon as possible before attendance becomes an issue. It is always our preference to not have to intervene because of attendance and, more importantly, when attendance jeopardizes our ability to maintain a quorum it becomes more challenging for us to conduct business and continue to be an effective representative voice.

Chairperson Kummer took a moment to spotlight some upcoming meetings which some or all of you may be interested in attending and participating in:

- On Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:30pm at the 78th Precinct, 65 6th Avenue, three of our committees are co-hosting a meeting, being co-sponsored by State Senator Velmanette Montgomery and City Council Member Brad Lander, where representatives for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Service will be presenting us with plans to open a borough wide parolee

reporting center at 15 2nd Avenue at the Gowanus Canal. When we first found out about this back in July, District Manager Hammerman immediately wrote to the DOCCS Commissioner in Albany to try to find out more about what this project entailed. In the absence of a response from the agency, State Senator Montgomery's office intervened and arranged for the representatives to attend. City Councilman Lander's office, like our office and the Senator's, also fielded many calls from curious and angry nearby residents and businesses who wanted to find out more about this new facility. We're thankful and grateful that our elected officials responded in such a supportive fashion, and are hopeful that we will be able to shine some light and make some sense out of what seems to be a pretty closed process.

- On Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00pm at the Wyckoff Gardens Community Center, 280 Wyckoff Street, our Environmental Protection/Permits & Licenses Committee is hosting a meeting where Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Emily Lloyd will present to us the department's process and plans for siting retention tanks to address the Gowanus combined sewer overflow or CSO issues. DEP is under order by the EPA to address the CSO issues as part of the Gowanus Superfund listing, and the department has been looking at all of the properties in the Gowanus corridor to determine where these retention tanks can be built. The tanks will have the capacity to hold the mixture of sanitary sewage and storm water during and after rain events to prevent it from discharging untreated into the canal itself. The mixture will then be slowly released back into the sewer system where it is sent to the water pollution control plant for processing.
- On Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm at the Miccio Center, 110 West 9th Street, our Parks/Recreation/Cultural Affairs Committee will be hearing two presentations related to the Columbia Waterfront and Red Hook waterfront. First, the Port Authority and Red Hook Container Terminal Operator are in the process of permitting a third-party event organizer to hold an event at Pier 9 in the container port, which is roughly parallel to Kane Street at the waterfront. The event is billed as a weekend music festival, designed to attract roughly 8,000 people per day over the Saturday and Sunday of Columbus Day weekend, October 11-12. District Manager Hammerman was invited to a meeting with the Port Authority and requested that they provide us with a fact sheet providing more detailed information about the event, and asked them to attend a meeting that we would host to give the public a chance to hear more about the plans directly. The fact sheet is available on our website calendar listed under the committee's September 17th meeting. The second item on their agenda is a presentation from the Park Department on a \$2mil Capital project to construct a comfort station – bathroom – at the Louis Valentino Jr. Park & Pier. Council Member Carlos Menchaca and Borough President Adams each contributed \$250,000 to a pre-existing \$1.5mil budget, and the department is beginning the process of talking to the community by presenting their initial thoughts on how that money can be used.

Chairperson Kummer ended by reminding the Board that every October the Community Board reviews and adopts its annual Capital and Expense budget priorities for the next City fiscal year. In our recent newsletter we highlighted this fact and encouraged our constituents to use our online Capital budget mapping tool to provide us with their suggestions for where they would like to see our local City assets improved. I'd invite everyone to visit [www.BKCB6budget.org](http://www.BKCB6budget.org) to put your suggestions on the map so that we can consider them next month, and in the future. Also, if you'd like to be involved in this conversation, please consider attending our Executive/Budget Committee meeting on Monday, October 6th where we will be discussing our budget items and putting together our recommendation that will be made to the full board at the October 8th meeting.

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

District Manager Craig Hammerman began his report by informing the Board that the New York Department of Design and Construction has informed us that AKRF, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained to perform design services for complex, simple, and landmark pedestrian ramps at select corners to improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists at certain intersections in our district. For a complete listing of the intersections please contact the district office. Also, if you know of any other corners in need of pedestrian ramps, please let us know as soon as possible. We will attempt to have them included in this contract.

District Manager Hammerman advised the board that we get a number of calls from residents asking what time they should put out their garbage for collection. The following is the rule for Placement for Collection:

**Placement for Collection—Storage of Receptacles:** Residential units may place receptacles out for collection on the sidewalk, right by the curb, no earlier than 5:00 PM the day before their scheduled collection, and no earlier than 4:00 PM from October 1st to April 1st. Residential units must remove receptacles from their collection place by 9:00 PM on their collection day. If collection occurs after 4:00 PM, receptacles must be removed by 9:00 AM the next day.

§16-120(c) FINE: \$100 - \$300

District Manager Hammerman ended his report by reporting to the Board that we have been approached by the group that was working with the Red Hook community to develop an Emergency Preparedness Emergency Response Plan. They are looking for a location to house the plan, so they reached out to the district office. We would have to house the plan, have a preparedness drill at least once a year, and biannual check-ins with all the people/organizations who have agreed to preform different roles in the first 72 hours responding to a disaster. We have not finalized anything as of yet, but will get back to the board after we have decided if this is something we will be able to absorb. The same group has also been asked to help put together a similar plan for the Gowanus area of the district, and they've indicated that they would like us to think about taking over that plan too.

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❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Glenn Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes of the June's general meeting, seconded by Board Member Peter Fleming.

**VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIOUMOUSLY**  
**TIME: 7:05 P.M.**

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Chairperson Kummer recognized elected officials and their representatives

Council Member Carlos Menchaca welcomed all the Board Members back and thanked Lou Sones for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the residents of red hook for his many years of service on the board. He congratulated all of the winners in the primary elections and stated that he is looking forward to working with them in the future. He then highlighted some bills in the City Council:

- A pilot project by the MTA to install bike ramp in subway stations.
- DOT/Parks to analyze the placement of City bike stations near public parks.
- NYPD to forgive tickets for missing bicycle equipment if it is fixed within a certain amount of time.
- New York State to operate its speed cameras at all times.

He invited everyone to attend the Parks Committee meeting on September 17th to discuss the proposed scope of work and preliminary design for a Capital project at Valentino Park & Pier in Red Hook with representative from the Department of Parks & Recreation. He spoke out against the "rave" proposed for Pier 9 by the Port Authority and Red Hook Container Terminal Operator. He ended by stating that by working with Councilman Lander they have made it possible for everyone to have equal access to the PreK seats in Bishop Ford through a lottery system.

Metin Sarci, representing Council Member Steven Levin asked everyone to participate in this year's Participatory Budgeting process. All residents can propose projects and vote on which will be included in the City Budget. He stated that the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) has started a program called "NYCHA Alerts". For more information please visit <http://www.nyc.gov/nychaalerts>. The Councilman has been working with P.S. 32 to bring back after-school programs into the Gowanus community center. He has also been in conversations with the Rev. Karen Daughtry to bring a daycare program in and around the Gowanus houses. He ended by stating that the Councilman introduced legislation (Intro 853) that would ban the discharge, disposal, sale or use of any wastewater or natural gas waste produced by fracking. This legislation would prevent fracking waste from being treated at any of the 14 wastewater treatment plants in New York City owned and operated by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and privately-owned facilities.

Basilisa Alonzo, representing Council Member Brad Lander, stated to the Board that the Councilman is urging everyone to support Intro 0209 - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reducing the use of carryout bags. She invited everyone on September 21st, to join the "[People's Climate March](#)" in which we'll take a stand to demand large-scale policy change for dramatic reductions in global warming pollution. She informed the Board that the City Council has passed a [new law](#) giving our city the strongest disclosure requirements for independent expenditures in the country. The Councilman has also introduced a bill that would prevent companies from using credit checks in employment decisions. She ended by also asking everyone to get involved in this year's Participatory Budgeting process.

Mary Kay Sealy, representing Assembly Member Jim Brennan, stated that the Assemblyman who is the Chair of the Assembly's Corporations Committee held a public hearing this summer on the Metropolitan Transit Authorities' (MTA) 2015-2019 capital program. The hearings purpose was to provide a public sounding board for the MTA to discuss its funding needs and plans for the future, while also providing an opportunity for the public to discuss their transit needs and concerns. She stated that with the continuing identification of raccoons and other animals with rabies in all five boroughs of New York City, the Health Department reminds New Yorkers to avoid wild animals and to vaccinate their pets against rabies. She ended by informing the board that the Assemblyman would be sponsoring Free Flu Shots and a Metro Card Mobile Unit at his district offices.

Andrea Bender, representing State Senator Daniel Squadron, stated that the Senator recently spoke at the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation Board of Directors meeting against the controversial Bloomberg-era plan for housing at Pier 6 and the breakneck speed with which it has moved forward, without meaningful public engagement. She also stated that the State Senators bill to require more accurate student population projections, and more responsiveness and transparency when planning school construction has finally passed. The bill will authorize the School Construction Authority to obtain certain demographic data and utilize such data in connection with the authority's five-year educational facilities capital plan; requires consideration of student demographic data in connection with approval of five-year educational facilities capital plans; and requires the publication of findings and commentary on such plan.

Dan Wiley, representing Congress Member Nydia Velázquez, stated that the Congresswoman hosted a roundtable discussion between federal, state and city officials aimed at finding ways to ensure New York City small firms impacted by Hurricane Sandy receive assistance they need to fully recover. During the discussions it was found that while both New York City and New York State use CDBG-DR funding for business loan and grant programs, one city initiative required entrepreneurs to secure a loan with strict criteria, before being eligible for a grant. At the meeting the Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services explained their newly redesigned program allows businesses to apply for grants first with more flexible requirements and for higher amounts. By allowing businesses to apply for a grant first, more firms will be eligible for a loan, allowing them to strengthen their long term cash flow. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Congresswoman proposed the formation of SWAT (Sandy Work Action Team) with members of each agency, service providers, elected officials, and small business representatives committed to meeting regularly and working through remaining challenges. This will help ensure New York City small firms impacted by Sandy receive assistance

they need to recover. The Congresswoman plans to hold another interagency round table meeting in three months to gauge progress.

Latoya Benjamin, representing Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson highlighted two units in the District Attorney Office:

- The Labor Frauds Unit investigates and prosecutes employers and others who commit fraud against workers and the programs designed to protect them.
- The Immigrant Fraud Unit investigates and prosecutes individuals and businesses that target and exploit immigrants by utilizing various fraudulent schemes or scams.

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**❖❖❖ COMMITTEE REPORTS ❖❖❖**

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

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 168 Court Street.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
 Recommendation to disapprove a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the legalization of replacement windows and painting of front elevation at 168 Court Street (between Congress/Amity Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District.

**VOTE: 31 YEAS, 2 NAY, 4 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming also reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 25 Tompkins Place.

**Motion:** by Board Member Glenn Kelly, seconded by Board Member Jerry Armer;  
 Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a 3-story rear yard addition with terrace, rooftop addition, and front elevation restoration including new doors and windows at 25 Tompkins Place (between Kane/Degraw Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District with the following conditions:

- Restoration of the front facade is excellent in total and approved
- Rear: the area separating the windows between the ground and first floor should show more of a distinct separation, also the vertical area alongside the windows should likewise show more separation.
- Fencing on the third floor terrace should have vertical not horizontal bars/lines.
- Move the mechanicals from the Penthouse roof to the building roof. Overall, the addition and the Penthouse should be reduced in size/bulk.

Board Member Glenn Kelly asked if there were any specific requirements to reduce the size of the addition, the bulkhead. Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming stated no, the committee wanted it to be smaller.

Board Member Dolly Williams asked if they agreed to move the mechanicals to the roof. Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming stated no.

Board Member Rick Luftglass asked what was the owner’s reaction to the request for a reduction in size of the extension? Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming stated that the owner was not there and his representative did not have a specific reaction to the request.

Board Member Sayar Lonial spoke in favor of the motion and highly commended the committee for its work.

**VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 2 ABSTENTIONS**  
**MOTION PASSED**  
**TIME: 7:45 P.M.**

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming additionally reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application 198 Warren Street.

**Motion:** by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Jerry Armer;  
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a 2-story rear yard addition with deck and new stairs to garden at 198 Warren Street (between Henry/Clinton Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District.

**VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**TIME: 7:50 P.M.**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

.....**GARY REILLY, PERMITS & LICENSES CHAIR**  
.....**MARK SHAMES, ENV. PROTECTION CHAIR**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames reported that the committee reviewed the renewal of an on-premises liquor license application at 620 Atlantic Avenue.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve the renewal of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Levy Premium Food service, LP & Brooklyn Events Center, LLC at 620 Atlantic Avenue (between Flatbush Avenue/Fort Greene Place).

Board Member Peter Fleming stated that he lives 4 blocks from Barclays Arena and he is pleasantly surprised to report that there is no noise or rowdy drunks outside. His one issue is that it is difficult to find parking.

Board Member Eric McClure asked if the lawsuit by some employees against some food vendors for discriminatory practices is something we would take into consideration for this application. Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames stated no.

**VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**TIME: 7:55 P.M.**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames also reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application at 252 7th Avenue. .

- Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Just Salad at 252 7th Avenue (between 4th/5th Streets) to permit 13 tables and 26 seats with the following conditions:
- The removal of the 3 tables (6 seats) nearest the southeastern tree pit
  - A Commitment toward no enclosure of the sidewalk café.

Board Member Eric McClure asked what the rule was in regards to the amount of space a sidewalk café can use. Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames stated that the rule is at least 50% of the width of the sidewalk or a minimum of 8 feet.

Board Member Pauline Blake spoke out against the motion stating that when you look at the number of sidewalk cafes, the number of families in Park slope with strollers, the number of individuals who need assistance with walkers we have to be very careful that we don't change our rules (2:1 indoor: outdoor seating rule of thumb), just because we think the applicant needs a little help. Once you change your rules we can never go back.

Board Member Glenn Kelly agreed with Board Member Pauline Blake with regards to our standards, but to his recollection we have at least 2 or 3 times gone beyond that 50% limitation.

Board Member Matthew Silverman spoke out against the motion stating that the applicant made a statement at the meeting that if he cuts down the amount of seats in the sidewalk café, basically the fee for the seats would outweigh the worth of doing it at all. He looked up the fees and determined that the statement was not mathematically accurate.

Board Member Jerry Armer spoke out against the motion stating that he finds it interesting that the use of the financial burden was used because the sidewalk café is not there all year round, it is only there for a select number of months. He does not like the idea of bending the rule.

Board Member Richard Bashner stated that he really never understood the rule because it relates to the space inside the business not the space outside. Maybe what we should do is tweak the rule to make it clear when it should or not apply.

Board Member Eric Anderson stated that he asked at the meeting what the rationale was in regards to the rule and no one gave a satisfactory answer to the question.

Board Member Dolly Williams spoke in favor of the motion stating that business have a hard enough time to earn a living without us imposing restraints on them.

Board Member Peter Fleming stated that the original rationale for the 2:1 rule was the committee did not want a business who had 20 seats inside to put 50 seats outside and all of a sudden view this as a bonanza to use city property to more than double the occupancy of their restaurant. We felt that there needs to be an appropriate balance between the numbers of seats inside-vs-outside.

Board Member Glenn Kelly added that we also insisted that the establishment have a substantial food menu and not just a bar who serves liquor outside. He also asked why the inside had so few seats. Board Member Tom Miskel stated that the inside is very shallow 50ft wide and 25ft deep with no backyard.

Board member Judith Thompson asked how wide of a pedestrian walkway would be left after the sidewalk café is installed. Chairperson Daniel Kummer stated 8 feet.



Board Member Pauline Blake stated that tree pits are not included in the footage which makes any area around a tree pit smaller than 8ft.

Board Member Ariel Krasnow asked if the tables outside meet New York City's requirements. Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames stated yes.

**VOTE: 32 YEAS, 5 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED**

**TIME: 8:05 P.M.**

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Chairperson Kummer recognized Councilman Brad Lander who welcomed everyone back from summer vacation and highlighted a few items in the district.

- DiMattina Dog run reopened
- This summer we found problems in the Parks Department Capital process. The Parks Commissioner has made it a priority to address this issue as well as the parks equity issues.
- The next phase of the Brooklyn Greenway opened on Columbia and Van Brunt Streets with new plantings.
- We are getting close to starting on Diverter Park which will be the first step in a totally grand park on Columbia Street.

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**Environmental Protection/Permits & Licenses committee report (continued)**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames additionally reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 185 Sackett Street.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Ring Ring Ring LLC at 185 Sackett Street (between Hicks/Henry Streets) with the condition that if there are complaints within one year of opening, they will return to the committee to discuss those complaints and if the committee requests, they will voluntarily comply with a reduction in the operating hours.

Board Member Glenn Kelly spoke out against the motion stating that this is a residential not a commercial block and it is inappropriate for us to approve this location for a bar.

Board Member Rick Luftglass asked if this was a full liquor license and could they get a beer and wine licenses. Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames stated that it was a full license and the applicant could get a wine and beer license.

Board Member Jerry Armer stated that this location is around the corner from the 76<sup>th</sup> police precinct and as much as he does not like to approve license on residential blocks this one has some safety measures built into it that they have agreed to. Also they have other businesses in our district with no problems and if by chance there is a problem here it will be taken care of quickly due to the proximity to the precinct.

Board Member Richard Bashner asked if the stipulation include no use of outdoor space as well as keeping the windows closed. Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames stated yes.

**VOTE: 26 YEAS, 10 NAY, 1 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED**

**TIME: 8:30 P.M.**

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Chairperson Kummer recognized Kai Feder, from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams office. Kai informed the Board that the Borough President ran a successful MWB Procurement Forum whereby he was trying to connect city/state agencies with MWB's throughout the City. The Borough President also held an International Day of Friendship which united people of different ethnic backgrounds and countries, while promoting peace and non-violence as a means to bridge the gap between all cultures in the borough of Brooklyn. He ended with two highlights of items in the Borough Presidents Capital Budget:

- Funding for the Fifth Avenue Committee for the preservation of affordable housing units in the Park Slope and Gowanus sections of our district.
- Funding for the restoration of Valentino Pier in Red Hook.

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**Environmental Protection/Permits & Licenses committee report (continued)**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames further reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 231 Court Street.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Little Birds at 231 Court Street (between Baltic/Warren Streets) with the condition that the garden space beyond the "enclosed outdoor space" will not be used.

**VOTE: 37 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TIME: 8:35 P.M.**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames moreover reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 210 Flatbush Avenue.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Parm at 210 Flatbush Avenue (between Bergen/Dean Streets).

**VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TIME: 8:36 P.M.**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames likewise reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 215 Columbia Street.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Toby's Public House at 215 Columbia Street (between Union/Sackett Streets) with the condition that the windows be closed by 12am.

**VOTE: 34 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED**

**TIME: 8:37 P.M.**

Environmental Protection Chair Mark Shames lastly reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 264 Clinton Street.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Really Good Food Company at 264 Clinton Street (between Warren/Congress Streets).

**VOTE:** 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**TIME:** 8:38 P.M.

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

.....THOMAS MISKEL, TRANSPORTATION CO-CHAIR  
.....SAYAR LONIAL, TRANSPORTATION CO-CHAIR  
.....MATTHEW SILVERMAN, PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIR

Public Safety Chair Matthew Silverman reported that the committee reviewed a presentation by a representative for the Department of Transportation on the department's roadway resurfacing services.

**Motion:** by Committee;  
Recommendation to ask the Department of Transportation in evaluating and prioritizing streets for milling and repaving, DOT consider safety of vulnerable street users.

**VOTE:** 33 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**TIME:** 8:43 P.M.

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❖❖❖ COMMUNITY SESSION ❖❖❖

Susie Charlop representing "The People's Climate March" invited everyone to join in the March on September 21<sup>st</sup> to advocate global action against climate change. For more information please visit <http://climatemarch.org/nyc/>.

Evelyn Canela, representing Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC spoke about their program in Red Hook that is designed to meet the needs of youth affected by Super Storm Sandy. For more information or to refer a child please call 212-686-2042 ext. 260 or email her at [ecanela@bigsnyc.org](mailto:ecanela@bigsnyc.org).

Chloe Rhatigan, representing the Ground Floor Gallery introduced the program which connects local artists to new audiences through inviting exhibitions of original art for all New Yorkers. It is located at 343 5th Street. For more information please visit <http://groundfloorbk.com>. She also invited everyone to the 7th Annual Governors Island Art Fair! - Every weekend in September WITH VARIOUS ARTIST. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT <http://www.4heads.org/>.

Isabelle Louis, representing Summit Academy in Red Hook invited everyone to their Day of Hope Health Fair on September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be medical & community services, grocery distribution, kid's sports clinics, and many other activities for families.

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❖❖❖ NEW/OTHER BUSINESS ❖❖❖

Board Member Judith Thompson asked if something could be done about the infestation of tiger mosquitoes in and around the sewers on Henry Street. Chairperson Kummer asked her to speak to Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch at the end of the meeting.

Board Member Roger Rigolli asked if anything could be done with individuals who make erroneous 311 calls and are anonymous. Laws should be made to fine them so the City could recoup some of the money loss sending emergency personnel to specific locations.

**Motion:** by Board Member Roger Rigolli, seconded by Board Member Glenn Kelly;  
To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TIME: 9:00P.M.**

Minutes submitted into the District Office by Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch on September 30, 2014.