

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL
209 JORALEMON STREET**

MAY 9, 2012

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

R. BASHNER	P. BELLENBAUM	N. BERK-RAUCH
D. BRAVO	SR. R. CERVONE	N. COX
N. DUTTA	P. FLEMING	Y. GIRELA
D. GIULIANO	R. GRAHAM	H. HUGHES
G. KELLY	M. KOLMAN	D. KUMMER
N. LALLI	R. LEVINE	S. LONIAL
R. LUFTGLASS	A. MCKNIGHT	T. MISKEL
G. O'CONNELL, JR.	C. PIGOTT	G. REILLY
D. REISS	R. RIGOLLI	M. RUIZ
M. SCOTT	D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES
E. SHIPLEY	B. SOLOTAIRE	L. SONES
S. TURET	M. VERRET	D. WILLIAMS

EXCUSED:

J. BERNARD	L. BLYER	J. HEYER
E. SPICER	D.C. VITO	

ABSENT:

B. ATKINS	E. FELDER	H. LINK
J. THOMPSON		

GUESTS:

HON. MARTY MARKOWITZ, BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT
K. FEDER, BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARKOWITZ' REPRESENTATIVE
A. THOMPSON, COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN'S REPRESENTATIVE
A. ALEXIS, COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ'S REPRESENTATIVE
C. ZINNEL, COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
T. SGRIGNOLI, ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRENNAN'S REPRESENTATIVE
T. SMITH, ASSEMBLY MEMBER MILLMAN'S REPRESENTATIVE
O. JONAS, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE
J. LEVINE, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE
P. RHÉAUME, CONGRESS MEMBER CLARKE'S REPRESENTATIVE
D. WILEY CONGRESS MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ' REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at District Office

Chairperson Daniel Kummer called the meeting to order at 6:55pm, following the presentation of the 2012 Youth Acknowledgement Awards.

❖❖❖ ADOPTION OF MINUTES ❖❖❖

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

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 7:08 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT.....DANIEL KUMMER

Chairperson Daniel Kummer began his report by extending condolences on behalf of the Community Board to Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch and his family on the recent passing of his sister, Tammy Stokes. Our District Manager has contact information for the family if anyone would like to send them a personal message, note or mass card. Also, the Chairperson announced that our Assistant District Manager will be out of the office for the next few weeks on a personal matter and that you can contact Craig directly for any service delivery matter in his absence.

Chairperson Kummer thanked Parks Committee Co-Chair Nica Lalli and our District Manager for attending a recent meeting at the Prospect Park Alliance in response to the impact that events at the Bartel Pritchard Square entrance to the park have had on the adjacent residential community. At this meeting, Prospect Park Administrator Emily Lloyd committed to several meaningful steps that will reduce the impact of events beginning with next year’s season of events as permits have already been granted to this year’s event organizers. Probably the most significant concession is that they will no longer allow bands and DJ’s to entertain from this location. Meanwhile, Ms. Lloyd also offered to meet with residents on site during the early morning weekend hours when these events are taking place so they could all assess the impact in real time and react to it together.

Chairperson Kummer went on to thank both Parks Committee Co-Chairs Nica Lalli and Glenn Kelly for attending a meeting last week at Brooklyn Borough Hall where our Red Hook elected officials were briefed by representatives for the Parks Department and Xavier High School on the upcoming plans to rehabilitate Red Hook Field #3. The plans were well received by the officials and there was a good assortment of user groups represented in the room as well who are all looking forward to the improvements, especially the extended hours that the new lighting will bring to the field. Brooklyn CB6 voted to endorse these plans at our March general meeting.

The Chairperson also thanked Environmental Protection Committee Chair Gary Reilly who attended a tour of the Gowanus Canal Pump Station and Flushing Tunnel along with our district office staff. The tour, given by the Department of Environmental Protection spotlighted their ongoing Gowanus Canal Facilities Upgrade project which, when completed, will substantially reduce the amount of Combined Sewer Overflow events at the Gowanus Canal and improve the reliability of the pump station and flushing tunnel mechanisms.

For any interested members of the board, at 11:00am this coming Friday, May 11th, the Parks Department is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the J.J. Byrne Playground at Washington Park. Anyone wanting to attend can just show up to The Old Stone House which is located inside the park along 3rd Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.

As I reported at a previous general meeting, our Housing Committee will be hosting a series of two Town Hall meetings for our residents in public housing to solicit their feedback on some of the problems they have living in public housing, and get their ideas for how to improve the public housing experience. We are also visiting our public housing developments in the district and meeting with the tenant association leadership to capture their input and suggestions as well. I'd like to thank Rick Luftglass, Richard Bashner and our Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch for joining me last weekend on our visit to Gowanus, Wyckoff Gardens, and 572 Warren Street Houses, and a special thanks to Marguerite Scott, Charlene Nimmons and Harriet Hughes, the respective TA Presidents, for taking the time to meet with us. We took pictures and are keeping a running list of issues and expect to have a detailed report put together by the summer. Meanwhile, the first Town Hall meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, May 21st at the Cuyler-Warren Church, 450 Warren Street, and the second Town Hall meeting will be 6:30pm on Monday, June 18th in Red Hook.

Progress on the Barclays Center arena is moving steadily toward completion for the anticipated September opening. The Empire State Development Corporation and the 3 affected Community Boards (Nos. 2, 6 & 8) are co-sponsoring a forum on the soon-to-be released Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study being developed by Sam Schwartz Engineering, Forest City Ratner's traffic consultant. The TDM aims to reduce vehicular traffic to the arena and minimize the effects of the cars that do come. Recently, at a meeting attended by our district manager, ESD President Ken Adams announced that the size of the parking lot was being reduced by half – from 1,100 to roughly 550 spaces – in accordance with local residents who have been concerned that providing parking is an enticement to patrons to drive to the arena. ESD has found that sufficient private, off-street capacity exists within a reasonable radius around the arena that will allow them to reduce the capacity of their lot. Anyone interested in the TDM forum should know that it's taking place at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 22nd at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Lastly, this is a reminder that in early June the district office will be sending out Committee Membership Request Forms for our 2012-13 session that begins September 1st. The Chair explained that he makes a concerted effort to give board members their top choices – a process that's made a lot easier when our members return their forms in a timely manner. Consider this an urgent appeal to all members to take the few minutes to complete and return the form. The district office also uses these forms to update any personal contact information that may have changed – phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, etc. – so that their records are as up-to-date and accurate as possible. Notifications of committee assignments will be sent out in early August.

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

District Manager Craig Hammerman began his report by announcing to the board that the City's Bike Share program, which is scheduled to begin this summer, will not be coming to our district immediately. Instead, the Department of Transportation has decided to roll out the program in two phases – and the Brooklyn CB6 district should receive it by spring 2013. In the meantime, the department has committed to returning to us, probably sometime in the fall, to review and finalize the locations for the docking stations which is a vital component of the program. Bike Share will make approximately 10,000 bicycles available at over 600 docking stations where people can effectively rent a bike and return it to any other docking station to encourage cycling by making bicycles available on a broad basis. The program will initially be rolled out in Manhattan and Brooklyn CB2 in the first phase.

Within the next few weeks we should expect to see 2 new Green Streets installations in our district at Union Street and 3rd Avenue, and at Hamilton Avenue/Henry Street/Luquer Street. These locations were built as part of the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming project, and space has been left for plantings that will be installed and maintained by the Parks Department.

We are in the process of setting up a special second committee meeting in June for our Environmental Protection Committee who will be briefed on the Department of Environmental Protection's High-Level Storm Sewer project, a Capital project that is being designed to help alleviate some of the chronic flooding conditions that effect the 3rd and 4th Avenue corridors around Carroll Street. The department will present their plans to the community who will have a firsthand opportunity to learn about the nature and impact of the impending work.

Chairperson Kummer recognized elected officials representatives

Kai Feder, representing Borough President Markowitz, informed the Board that his office is setting up the Brooklyn Book Festival.

Ashley Thompson, representing City Council Member Levin, reported that the Council Member is focused on restoring child care and schools funding to the City's budget.

Anthony Alexis, representing City Council Member Gonzalez, wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Catherine Zinnel, representing City Council Member Lander, reported that the Council Member is also fighting to restore vital funding to the City's budget. Also, on April 17th the Landmarks Preservation Commission formally voted to expand the Park Slope Historic District.

Tonice Sgrignoli, representing Assembly Member Brennan, informed the Board that the Brooklyn Food Coalition is having their annual conference on May 12th at Brooklyn Technical High School.

Tamar Smith, representing Assembly Member Millman, reported that their newsletter is available which provides details of issues the Assemblywoman is working on.

Oscar Jonas, representing State Senator Montgomery, provided a brief legislative update from their office, and reported that they will be attending an upcoming meeting of our Youth/Human Services/Education Committee to talk about their bill that would remove Mayoral control from education.

Jordan Levine, representing State Senator Squadron, reported that 370 Jay Street has been sold, and offered some updates on other legislative initiatives the Senator is working on.

Patrick Rhéaume, representing Congress Member Clarke, thanked President Obama for his support of same-sex marriage.

Dan Wiley, representing Congress Member Velázquez, suggested that the Newtown Creek and Gowanus Brownfield Opportunity Area initiatives could probably stand to learn from one another and encouraged a cross-pollination of ideas.

❖❖❖ COMMITTEE REPORTS ❖❖❖

PUBLIC SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE
.....**GARY REILLY, CHAIR**

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Gary Reilly reported that the committee reviewed and adopted a motion to support letters sent by Council Member Brad Lander to the heads of the Federal EPA, State DEC and City DEP calling on the agencies to coordinate their respective efforts to remediate and clean the Gowanus Canal.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to support Council Member Lander's calling upon the Federal EPA, State DEC and City DEP to coordinate their respective efforts to remediate and clean the Gowanus Canal.

Board Member Richard Bashner asked whether this could result in a slowing down of the efforts to clean the canal. The Chair responded that it was not our intention to delay, but to accelerate the schedules for the agencies and said we would make that clear in our letter.

Board Member Dolly Williams suggested that National Grid must be involved in the efforts. The Chair responded that as one of the key Potential Responsible Parties that National Grid is intimately involved.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly also reported that the committee considered that in establishing targets for water quality that we should go on record with the City's Department of Environmental Protection that we support an SC (secondary contact) standard for Gowanus Canal that should be attained within 10 years.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to support the inclusion of a water quality standard of SC (secondary contact) in the Department of Environmental Protection's Long Term Control Plan for the Gowanus Canal, to be attained within 10 years.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:31 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application at 345 Court Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of 345 Court St. Corp. dba Marco Polo Restaurant at 345 Court Street (southwest corner of Court/Union Streets), to permit 16 tables and 32 seats.

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 7:34 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly additionally reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit and an alteration to a wine and beer liquor license application to permit outdoor service at 522 6th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to conditionally approve a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs to permit 8 tables and 16 seats (4 tables on 6th Avenue, 4 tables on 14th Street)

and to conditionally approve an alteration to a wine and beer liquor license application to permit outdoor service submitted to the State Liquor Authority, on behalf of Piccoli on 6th Corp. dba Piccoli Trattoria at 522 6th Avenue (northwest corner of 14th Street/6th Avenue).

Board Member Greg O'Connell asked about the committee's rationale for typically permitting outdoor seating that is equal to or less than half of the total number of indoor seats. Committee Member Lou Sones explained that it's the committee's general policy that no business ought to rely predominantly on the use of public space to support their business model.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:42 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly additionally reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit and an alteration to a wine and beer liquor license application to permit outdoor service at 520 Henry Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs to permit 10 tables and 20 seats and to conditionally approve an alteration to an on-premises liquor license application to permit outdoor service submitted to the State Liquor Authority, on behalf of Tessa & Lucho, Inc. dba Bar Bruno at 520 Henry Street (southwest corner of Henry/Union Streets).

Board Member Benjamin Solotaire asked who monitors the cumulative impact of sidewalk cafes. Committee member Glenn Kelly responded that the Department of Consumer Affairs does. Committee Chair Reilly added that neighbors are alerted and invited to our committee meeting to offer their comments to us.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:47 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly furthermore reported that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application at 156 5th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Vegan Wholesale Foods Corp. dba the V Spot at 156 5th Avenue (between Douglass/Degraw Streets).

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:48 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly also reported that the committee reviewed an on-premises liquor license application at 400 Carroll Street.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to conditionally approve an on-premises seasonal liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Gowanus Grove at 400 Carroll Street (at the Gowanus Canal) with the conditions that music would stop by 9:00pm, the site would be cleared of patrons by 10:00pm, and additional portable bathrooms would be provided.

Board Member Monique Verret asked if seasonal meant that they would be hosting more events than they have in the past since they were limited and only had individual permits for single-day events. Committee member Lou Sones responded that this would in fact allow them to host more events.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:53 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed an alteration to an on-premises liquor license application at 669 Union Street to permit outdoor service. This applicant was before us last month for their unenclosed sidewalk café permit, which we approved, and they did not realize at the time that they also needed to come to us for the alteration to their liquor license as well.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an alteration to an on-premises liquor license application to permit outdoor service submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Union Street Provisions LLC. dba Fort Reno at 669 Union Street (between 4th/5th Avenues).

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:55 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed an application for the renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café permit at 442 Court Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to conditionally approve an unenclosed sidewalk café permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Leahlala, LLC dba Abilene at 442 Court Street (between 2nd/3rd Places), to permit 8 tables and 16 seats with the condition that the establishment furnish waitstaff to provide outdoor service, better controls for maintaining outdoor table and seat configuration, and keep the windows closed to prevent patron noise from escaping.

VOTE: 27 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 3 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 8:00 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly furthermore reported that the committee reviewed an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café permit at 320 Court Street. Committee Chair Reilly reported that there were many complaints about the establishment, and that the operator who appeared before the committee was unwilling to commit to working out problems that have been reported by the community. The storefront has an extended removable window area that stretches the width of the storefront which projects noise out of the facility. It has been the source of many community complaints.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to disapprove an unenclosed sidewalk café permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Huitres NYC Inc. at 320 Court Street (northwest corner Court/Sackett Streets), to permit 18 tables and 48 seats.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:06 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed an application for an on-premises liquor license at 260 Flatbush Avenue. Committee Chair Reilly explained that this applicant appeared before his committee last month and it was clear that neighbors had concerns about the potential impact of this facility given the size and vision of the applicant. The applicant agreed to hold off on filing their application and to meet with neighbors to see whether they could work out their differences. The committee had asked the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District to facilitate a meeting between the applicant, businesses and residential neighbors which was observed by our district manager. The meeting did not yield consensus on all of the issues, with the sticking points being the operating hours, the treatment of the rear entrance to the facility which fronts on residential Prospect Place, and the applicant's desire to provide bottle service.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to disapprove an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Kemistry Entertainment Group dba Kemistry Lounge at 260 Flatbush Avenue (between St. Mark's/Prospect Places).

Board Member Nica Lalli said that it is hard to weigh the impacts of large footprint establishments adjacent to residential uses. Committee member Lou Sones said that this is an uncharacteristically large bar/lounge being proposed, and that Prospect Place is clearly a solid residential block.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 1 NAY, 4 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:18 P.M.

Lastly, Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly reported that the committee also completed its review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted for the Barclays Center arena at 620 Atlantic Avenue. Committee Chair Reilly explained that a joint committee meeting held with Brooklyn CB2 that the committee was unable to arrive at a recommendation, so they continued their discussion at their last committee meeting to ultimately arrive at a recommendation to conditionally approve the liquor license application.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to conditionally approve an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Levy Premium Foodservice, LP and Brooklyn Events Center, LLC at the Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Avenue (between Flatbush/5th Avenues) with the condition that the applicant provide us with a transportation plan, a security plan, a sanitation plan, and that a community advisory task force be established and meet prior to the SLA's 500-foot rule hearing.

Board Member Nica Lalli asked if we could establish liquor service cut-off times. Chair Kummer responded that there are layers of regulations that we do not fully understand that will likely place restrictions on alcohol service.

Amendment: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Nica Lalli;
That no alcohol be sold after the end of the third quarter of an NBA game, or an hour before the end of any other event, but in any case not beyond midnight the latest.

Board Member Roger Rigolli stated that the State Liquor Authority will establish the hours, not the Community Board. Board Member Rosemary Graham agreed.

Board Member Glenn Kelly suggested that it would be good for us to be on record with our recommendation so that in 2 years time when the license is up for renewal we have a prior position to start from.

Board Member Suzanne Turet suggested that midnight is too early. What if they decide to have an event on New Year's Eve, for example?

VOTE: 8 YEAS, 22 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
AMENDMENT FAILED
TIME: 8:35 P.M.

Board Member Richard Bashner stated that if midnight was too early that he would support another suggested time so long as it was earlier than the State law default time of 4:00am.

Amendment: by Board Member Sayar Lonial, seconded by Board Member Peter Fleming
That no alcohol be sold after the end of the third quarter of an NBA game, or an hour before the end of any other event, but in any case not beyond 2:00am the latest.

VOTE: 18 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS
AMENDMENT PASSED
TIME: 8:45 P.M.

Returning to the vote on the main motion as amended

VOTE: 20 YEAS, 8 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION
AMENDED MOTION PASSED
TIME: 8:50 P.M.

Before closing out the Permits & Licenses committee report Chairperson Kummer observed that while there was disagreement over the nature of the conditions for the permit to be granted, he did not hear anyone object to a liquor license being granted for the arena. He polled the group to see if any of the nays or abstentions was based on an objection to the liquor license being granted. None of those voters objected to the liquor license.

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

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming reported that the committee had held a public hearing and reviewed a variance application for 213-223 Flatbush Avenue aka 456-470 Dean Street (collectively referred to as 215 Flatbush Avenue).

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to conditionally approve an application submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a variance of Sections 25-23, 23-145 and 23-633 of the Zoning Resolution that would (i) waive the residential off-street parking requirements for the site, and (ii) waive the residential floor area, floor area ratio, open space, lot coverage, maximum base height and maximum building height regulations for the small portion of the site zoned R6B to facilitate the construction of a mixed-use building with retail located on the ground floor and residential dwelling units located on the 2nd through 6th floors at 213-223 Flatbush Avenue aka 456-470 Dean Street (collectively referred to as “215 Flatbush Avenue”) (Block 1135, Lot 11), southeast corner of Flatbush Avenue and Dean Street on the conditions (1) that the storefront glazing stop 40-feet off Flatbush Avenue onto Dean Street and continue with brick façade, (2) that they provide 12 parking spaces, (3) that the Dean Street architectural character be more contextual with the surrounding buildings on the block, (4) that they remove the proposed bulk from the down-zoned portion of the footprint for the building, and (5) that they subdivide the commercial space for multiple tenants.

Board Member Paige Bellenbaum asked whether there were plans to include any affordable housing. Committee Chair Fleming responded that they intended to provide an 80/20 split.

Board Member Norman Cox suggested that they could reduce the number of units to reduce the discrepancy between the number of dwelling units and amount of parking spaces to be provided.

Board Member David Reiss observed that if the City’s zoning resolution requires too many parking spaces in new construction, then perhaps it’s the zoning resolution that needs to be modified.

Board Member Richard Bashner asked if the applicant had been made aware of the Board’s Responsible Development Policy; Committee Chair Fleming replied that they had and they went through highlights of it as part of their presentation to the committee.

Board Member Lou Sones spoke in favor of the motion suggesting that ground-level parking on Dean Street was preferable to retail at that location.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 8:53 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the construction of a rear yard extension at 223 Berkeley Place.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to conditionally approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the construction of a rear yard extension at 223 Berkeley Place (between 7th/8th Avenues), Park Slope Historic District.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:15 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.....THOMAS L. MISKEL, CHAIR

Transportation Committee Chair Tom Miskel reported that the Department of Transportation had presented to a joint committee meeting with Brooklyn CB’s 6 and 8 a proposal to establish a two-way Class II bicycle lane addition to Plaza Street at the Grand Army Plaza. Previously, DOT had included a proposal for a two-way

Class I parking-protected bicycle lane as part of a prior presentation in 2010 for enhancements to Grand Army Plaza but that proposal was not acted on by the department.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to conditionally approve the Department of Transportation's proposed installation of a two-way Class II bicycle lane on Plaza Street at the Grand Army Plaza as a step toward a Class I bicycle lane (not parking-protected) on the conditions (1) that the department consider further how to separate the bike lanes from the moving traffic lane, (2) that within 6 months the department perform a before and after analysis of safety at the circle considering accidents and/or injuries by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians as well as suggestions for safety improvements, (3) that the department further consider banning a left turn by motorists from Plaza Street West onto the Union Street approach into the Grand Army Plaza; and (4) that the department explore the possibility of installing crosswalks at the intersections of Lincoln and Berkeley Places at Plaza Street West.

Amendment: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Nica Lalli;

To strike the third condition from the motion regarding the banning of the left turn as it is not clear that limiting Plaza Street residents' mobility is in our interest, nor is it clear that it is in fact a left turn and not simply an extension of the circular arc of the roadway.

VOTE: 28 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS

AMENDMENT PASSED

TIME: 9:30 P.M.

Discussion continued on the main motion as amended.

Chairperson Kummer added that we will include our previous suggestion that the department remove the unused taxi stand from Plaza Street West just off Flatbush Avenue and restore parking there.

VOTE: 26 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 9:31 P.M.

Committee Chair Miskel further reported that the committee considered a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install an on-street bicycle parking facility at the northeast corner of 5th Avenue at Park Place in front of Gorilla Coffee. He reported that Gorilla Coffee and the Park Slope 5th Avenue Business Improvement District were supportive of the proposal.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to approve a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install an on-street bicycle parking facility at the northeast corner 5th Avenue and Park Place.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:34 P.M.

Committee Chair Miskel further reported that the committee considered a proposal by the Department of Transportation to fill in the gap on 3rd Street by extending the eastbound and westbound segments of the existing disjointed bicycle lanes between 3rd and 4th Avenues.

Motion: by Committee;

Recommendation to approve a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install an eastbound and westbound bicycle lane on one block of 3rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues to extend and connect pre-existing bicycle lanes on 3rd Street (between Smith Street-3rd Avenue and between 4th Avenue-Prospect Park West.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:35 P.M.

YOUTH/HUMAN SVCS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE.....JAMES BERNARD, YOUTH CO-CHAIR
.....D.C. VITO, YOUTH CO-CHAIR
.....BENJAMIN SOLOTAIRE, HUMAN SVCS CHAIR
.....SUZANNE TURET, EDUCATION CO-CHAIR
.....MARK KOLMAN, EDUCATION CO-CHAIR

Human Services Committee Chair Benjamin Solotaire reported that the committee had met with representatives for the Campaign for Children which is advocating for restorations to the City's budget for day care and afterschool program monies that have been cut by the Mayor.

Motion: by Committee;
To endorse the Campaign for Children's resolution calling on the Mayor and City Council to restore funding to the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget for day care and afterschool funding.

Chairperson Kummer commented that in times of economic distress the last thing government should do is to cut these vital programs since they enable people to work.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:40 P.M.

❖❖❖ COMMUNITY SESSION ❖❖❖

Gib Veconni expressed his dismay that the Community Board voted to cut off alcohol service at 2:00am and suggested that individuals may want to sign onto the "Brooklyn Speaks" petition which is pushing for a 10:00pm cut-off time instead.

❖ NEW/OTHER BUSINESS ❖

Board Member Richard Bashner asked if the board would consider taking a position supporting a repeal of the existing law that forbids the serving of brunch before noon. Chairperson Kummer suggested that as the hour is late and we don't have all the facts before us that the matter should be referred to committee for further review.

Motion: by Board Member Peter Fleming, seconded by Board Member Roger Rigolli
To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted into the district office by District Manager Craig Hammerman on June 1, 2012.