

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
78TH POLICE PRECINCT
65 SIXTH AVENUE**

APRIL 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

E. ANDERSON	R. BASHNER	P. BELLENBAUM
J. BERNARD	D. BRAVO	F. BROWN
E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	SR. R. CERVONE	N. COX
E. FELDER	P. FLEMING	Y. GIRELA
R. GRAHAM	J. HEYER	H. HUGHES
G. KELLY	M. KOLMAN	D. KUMMER
N. LALLI	R. LEVINE	S. LONIAL
R. LUFTGLASS	A. MCKNIGHT	T. MISKEL
G. O'CONNELL, JR.	L. PINN	G. REILLY
R. RIGOLLI	M. RUIZ	M. SCOTT
D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES	E. SHIPLEY
M. SILVERMAN	L. SONES	E. SPICER
J. THOMPSON	S. TURET	D. WILLIAMS

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

N. BERK-RAUCH	N. DUTTA	D. GIULIANO
J. KLETTER	H. LINK	C. PIGOTT
B. SOLOTAIRE	M. VERRET	

GUESTS:

K. FEDER, BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARKOWITZ' REPRESENTATIVE
M. SARCI, 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 REPRESENTATIVES
O. JONAS, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE
Z. OTT, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE
P. RHÉAUME, CONGRESS MEMBER CLARKE'S REPRESENTATIVE
D. CAMPANELLI, CITY COMPTROLLER LIU'S REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at District Office

Chairperson Daniel Kummer called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT.....DANIEL KUMMER

Chairperson Daniel Kummer began his report by announcing that Board Member Marco Chirico, one of our newer Board Members appointed last year, has resigned from the Community Board citing increased demands on his personal time. He has taken over his father’s restaurant, Marco Polo on Court Street, and had spent a lot of time and resources remodeling and rebranding it. Chairperson Kummer thanked him for his service to the community and wished him well with the restaurant.

Chairperson Kummer thanked our Environmental Protection Committee Chair Mark Shames, and our committee members who really dug into the EPA’s Gowanus Canal Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) and spent the last two months developing our response to it. The Chair will defer to our committee chair who will introduce the item later under “Committee Reports” but I did want to single them out for really going above and beyond in considering the complexity of this document and coming up with a thoughtful, comprehensive response which touches on so many different aspects of real and perceived impacts on our community.

Chairperson Kummer ended his report by inviting anyone who wants an update on what’s going on over on Governors Island to consider attending an upcoming joint meeting of our Economic/Waterfront/Community Development & Housing Committee with our Parks/Recreation/Cultural Affairs Committee on Monday, April 15th. GIPEC’s Executive Director Leslie Koch will be there to fill us in and answer any questions we may have.

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

District Manager Craig Hammerman began his report by advising the board that the Carroll Street Bridge over the Gowanus Canal will close to all traffic for at least four months starting April 1st. The bridge, one of five along the Gowanus Canal, will be shuttered to cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians while the city's Department of Transportation repairs it. DOT will revamp the bridge, which was first built in 1889, by replacing its deteriorated timber deck, structural steel, and making other upgrades. DOT is directing motorists and cyclists to use the nearby Union Street Bridge as an alternative. The work will take place from 7 am to 4 pm on weekdays and is expected to be finished in August.

District Manager Hammerman informed the Board that after a two-year rehabilitation project, Smith-9th Street Station will reopen on April 26th, restoring **F** and **G** service to the Red Hook, Gowanus and Carroll Gardens communities. The 79-year-old facility—the world's highest subway station at nearly 88 feet—underwent a ground up renewal over the course of 22 months. The rehabilitation began in May 2011 in conjunction with the rebuilding of the Culver Viaduct.

District Manager Hammerman reported to the Board that following extensive damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, the Red Hook Branch Library re-opened on Tuesday, April 2nd. Joining the re-opening ceremony were Brooklyn Public Library President & CEO Linda E. Johnson, Red Hook community members, Brooklyn Public Library staff and leadership, Borough President Marty Markowitz, Representative Nydia M. Velázquez and Assembly Member Félix Ortiz. When Hurricane Sandy hit New York, the Red Hook Library was covered by 18 inches of water, causing the destruction of roughly 2,500 books and other materials, as well as damaged floors, mechanical equipment, furniture, shelving, and supplies. In total, the library suffered \$750,000 worth of damages. Brooklyn Public Library President & CEO Linda E. Johnson also announced that the Red Hook Library will undergo a complete renovation in 2014. Together with the non-profit Spaceworks, they will create

two new Spaceworks studios in the library, which will be affordable workspaces available for local performance artists to rent, and collaborate with artists to provide new arts education programming in the branch for patrons.

District Manager Hammerman advised the board that the Department of Transportation along with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and the 4th Avenue Task Force will be hosting a Park Slope Open House on April 9th at St Thomas Aquinas Church. At the Open House one would be able to view new design concepts for 4th Avenue between Pacific Street and 15th Street and provide feedback. This open house follows a public workshop in February where community members discussed the future of 4th Avenue. The goals of the project are to reduce speeding, create simpler turns, create safer pedestrian crossings and improve safety for all users of 4th Avenue. DOT will update our Transportation Committee at their May 16th meeting.

District Manager Hammerman informed the board of a new initiative by the 76th Police Precinct, entitled "Spot It To Secure It," in which a team of four police officers will patrol a selected area of the 76th Precinct and look for parked cars where iPhones, iPads, laptops, or wrapped packages are left on the seats. The officers will snap a picture and mail it to the car's owner with a form letter. Precinct Commanding Officer Schiff also said the new task force will also be checking apartment building doors to see if they are locked. If one isn't, the landlord will be getting a letter from the NYPD encouraging him to make sure the door is locked at all time.

District Manager Hammerman reported to the Board that the district office would be hosting an informational meeting on April 30th in an effort to better understand the rules and regulations governing restaurants and bars in our district. Representatives from the State Liquor Authority, City agencies and local precincts will be on hand to answer any questions in respect to noise, smoking, backyard usage, garbage and other related issues.

District Manager Hammerman ended his report by advising the Board that the Governors Island Meeting has been moved from LICH to the Cobble Hill Health center. Ever since the closing of the hospital has been announced we are no longer able to have meetings in the hospital. He also asked if anyone knew of any new locations to have our committee or board meetings please contact the district office.

❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Peter Fleming made a motion to accept the minutes of the March general meeting, seconded by Board Member Roger Rigolli.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Chairperson Kummer recognized elected officials representatives

Kai Feder, representing Borough President Markowitz, invited everyone to the Borough Presidents last State of the Borough Address on April 11th at Barclays Center.

Metin Sarci, representing Council Member Steven Levin reported to the Board District 33's winning projects from the Councilman's Participatory Budgeting process: 1st - District-wide tree planting; 2nd - MS 8 Technology Funds; 3rd - East River State Park Dog Run; 4th - PS 31 Technology Request; 5th - PS 34 Playground Renovations. He also reported that DOT has instituted the Boerum Hill Neighborhood Slow Zone (Atlantic Avenue to the north, Union Street to the south, Smith Street to the west and 3rd Avenue to the east). Neighborhood Slow Zones are a community-based program that reduces the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph and adds safety measures within a select area in order to change driver behavior. The ultimate goal of the

Neighborhood Slow Zone program is to lower the incidence and severity of crashes. Slow Zones also seek to enhance quality of life by reducing cut-through traffic and traffic noise in residential neighborhoods.

Catherine Zinnel, representing Council Member Brad Lander, reported that the Councilman's Participatory budgeting process has been completed and the winning projects are: 1st - PS 230: Help Kids Connect & Learn with Technology; 2nd - Renovate 8 Bathrooms, PS 58, The Carroll School; 3rd - Carroll Gardens/Windsor Terrace Library Computers; 4th - Church Avenue Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Improvements; 5th - PS 179: Technology upgrade for underserved school; 6th - 3rd Street Green Corridor: New Trees, Less Runoff. She ended by thanking the over 500 supporters who came out this weekend to march from Red Hook to Long Island College Hospital (LICH), to keep the Cobble Hill institution open.

Tonice Sgrignoli, representing State Assembly Member James Brennan stated that the Assemblyman is also in support of keeping LICH open. The State legislators have mitigated Governor Cuomo's punitive budget cuts to NYCDOE. In fact they have increased their 2013-2014 budget.

Tamar Smith, representing Assembly Member Joan Millman, reported to the Board that NYS has passed an on-time budget. The budget will close a \$1.3 billion budget gap, increase support for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority by 9.2% - more than \$358 million, and raise the minimum wage — from \$7.25 an hour to \$9 an hour by 2016. The budget also provides several important items for seniors including \$500k for the Elder Abuse Education and Outreach Program; \$200k to the Lifespan Program; and \$200k to assist enrollment efforts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. As part of the ongoing struggle to save Long Island College Hospital the Assemblywoman has advocated strongly for the recently passed budget to include funding for LICH and the SUNY Downstate Medical Center. This did not happen and so when it came to the components of legislation necessary to implement the state Health & Mental Hygiene budget the Assemblywoman voted NO on this portion because there was nothing in there to that would help keep LICH open. In April the Assemblywoman will be starting up her free shuttle bus to Fairway market in Red Hook. The bus will pick people up at the Eileen Dugan Senior Center at 380 Court Street and then at the Gowanus Houses, on Baltic Street between Hoyt and Bond Streets- the first date for that trip will be April 11. The buses will run through November. For more information and dates throughout the season, please call 718-246-4889. She ended by stating that the [Citizens Defending Libraries](#) on Saturday, April 13: From 2-3 p.m., will be holding a rally in front of the Pacific Street Library at 25 Fourth Avenue to speak out against the city closing public libraries and selling them to private developers. For more information go to <http://citizensdefendinglibraries.blogspot.com/>.

Oscar Jonas, representing State Senator Velmanette Montgomery stated the that senator has released a new brochure that informs constituents in flood zone areas such as Red Hook, Sunset Park, and Gowanus about new flood maps being prepared by FEMA, their implications for future insurance coverage, and what it might mean to property owners rebuilding from Super Storm Sandy. He also stated that the Democratic Conference Unanimously Voted "NO" on the SUNY Downstate Section of the Budget because the budget proposals for SUNY Downstate left serious questions about the realistic goals for the institution, and many, many questions about the actual plan. In addition, the budget bill eliminates the requirement that there be consultation by elected and community leaders of the plan development and gives all approval, oversight and control for the plan to the New York State Department of Health Commissioner and Governor Cuomo. For more information about the language of the budget and what it means to the community please visit <http://www.nysenate.gov/files/pdfs/Why%20SUNY%20Downstate%20is%20Important%20-%20FINAL.pdf>.

Zeeshan Ott, representing State Senator Daniel Squadron, invited everyone to Senator Squadron's 5th Annual Community Convention. The convention is an opportunity for constituents to come out and make their voices heard on all of the legislative and community priorities that shape our district and our state. It will be held on April 28th from 2pm-5pm at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. For more information please visit <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/daniel-l-squadron>.

Patrick Rhéaume, representing Congress Member Yvette Clarke, asked anyone from the Red Hook area having difficulties with the National Flood insurance program should call his office at (718) 287-1142.

❖❖❖ COMMITTEE REPORTS ❖❖❖

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

Parks Committee Co-Chairperson Glenn Kelly reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a request for a proposed new interim community garden at 313 Columbia Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a proposed new interim community garden at 313 Columbia Street (between Woodhull Street/Hamilton Avenue).

Board Member Roger Rigolli spoke out against the garden stating that there are already 3 gardens on Columbia Street and we do not need another one. Also this group wants to grow fruits and vegetables which will bring rodents to the area. We should push HPD to develop something on the site, like housing.

Board Member Peter Fleming asked why the agreement was temporary. Parks Committee Co-Chairperson Glenn Kelly stated that HPD wanted some assurances that the group/parks would vacate the property when they were ready to develop it.

Board Member Judith Thompson asked if anyone could join the garden. Parks Committee Co-Chairperson Glenn Kelly stated yes.

Board Member Lou Sones stated that gardens do not bring rodents. He has a garden in his backyard and does not have a problem with rodents. He further stated that vacant land if left unattended would be a good place for rodents to breed.

Board Member Sayar Lonial wants to add a housing component to the resolution. Chairperson Kummer stated that it is standard in all of our resolutions of this nature.

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSTENTIONS 1 WITH CAUSE
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 7:29 P.M.

Parks Committee Member Suzanne Turet reported to the Board that the committee also reviewed a presentation on proposed City Council Resolution 1313.

Motion: by Board Member Suzanne Turet, seconded by Board Member Peter Fleming;
Recommendation to support proposed City Council Resolution 1313, calling upon the New York City Department of Education’s Office of School Food to increase the health of food options in school lunches and breakfasts.

Board Member Rick Luftglass asked what the status of the resolution was. District Manager Craig Hammerman stated that the resolution has not come up for a vote yet.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 7:32 P.M.

Parks Committee Co-Chair Nica Lalli gave the board an overview of the Brooklyn Public Library’s presentation at their March’s Committee Meeting. The highlights for our 4 branches were as follows:

Red Hook - closed since Hurricane Sandy. Despite significant damage provided a place of warmth-center for affected residents. Reopened on April 2nd. They will be developing an art studio program at the branch with Space Works.

Carroll Gardens – has an active Friends group. They are going to renovate the community room and will be starting a senior’s art program. The branch will be closing for 4-6 weeks for cosmetic changes and HVAC replacement (\$4.5 million).

Park Slope – has re-opened in 2012 and will be launching a Friends group. Needs exterior renovation (\$3 million).

Pacific - \$11M in capital needs for ADA compliance and HVAC. BPL feels that 50% of the library is not appropriate for how libraries operate today and how they want to use them.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....DANIEL KUMMER, CHAIR

Executive Committee Chair Daniel Kummer reported that the committee discussed the pursuit of the designation of individual landmark status for BPL’s Pacific branch library, 25 4th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to send a letter to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to support the pursuit of the designation of individual landmark status for BPL’s Pacific branch library, 25 4th Avenue (southeast corner Pacific Street/4th Avenue). As well as request the Brooklyn Public Library to preserve library service for the area until the opening of the new branch, regardless of disposition or landmarking status.

Board Member Judith Thompson spoke in favor of the motion stating that we need to preserve this Carnegie structure because it is a part of our cultural heritage. There was one that was demolished in Sunset Park in the 70’s and it would be a shame to lose this one.

Board Member Robert Levine stated that this library was not only the first Carnegie library in Brooklyn but it is the first nationally to have a specific children area/seating in the library.

Board Member Peter Fleming stated that the facility has outlived its usefulness and other avenues of adaptive reuse should be explored.

Board Member Eric Anderson asked if we knew what BPL would do with the facility if they did not sell it to a private developer. Chairperson Kummer stated that we are not sure what other usage BPL might have for the space. This motion really does not deal with the usage, but the protection of the structure.

Board Member Dominique Bravo stated that a number of schools and their students use this library and to have them cross Flatbush Avenue to a new site would be dangerous.

Board Member Judith Thompson asked if the inside could be landmarked because of the interesting architect inside. Chairperson Kummer stated yes, but it is more difficult to do.

Board Member Rick Luftglass asked if we have enough time to get the building landmarked, since it takes a long time, before BPL sells the property. Board Member Robert Levine stated yes since it has already been internally reviewed by LPC. Also, BPL is not expecting to move ahead with the disposition for at least a year.

Board Member Suzanne Turret spoke in favor of the motion stating that we need to preserve this building given what might be built (very large building) especially with 4th Avenues zoning.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 7:48 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE

.....GARY REILLY, PERMITS & LICENSES CHAIR

.....MARK SHAMES, ENV. PROTECTION CHAIR

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Gary Reilly reported that the committee reviewed a renewal of an on-premises liquor license application at 196 5th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a renewal of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of 196 Fifth LLC, at 196 Fifth Avenue (Between Union/Berkeley Streets) in our district with the condition to allow the backyard space to be open until 12am on week nights (Sun-Thu) and 1am on the weekends (Fri & Sat).

Board Member Judith Thompson asked if there were a lot of residential properties that overlook this business in the back. Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Gary Reilly stated that it is your typical donut in the back.

Board Member Paige Bellenbaum stated that although this is a renewal they did not agree to our hours of operations stipulations.

Board Member Mark Shames stated that if applicants come before the committee they should agree to our hours of operations for outdoor use.

Board Member Greg O’Connell Jr. agreed and stated that all applicants whether new or renewal should abide by our hours of operations.

Board Member Lance Pinn stated that since the applicant has been there for 12 years without a history of complaints they should be grandfathered in when it comes to hours of operations for outdoor use.

Board Member Glen Kelly stated that we as a Community Board have a standard for hours of operation and we should follow it.

Board Member Sayar Lonial is in favor of the applicant’s hours of operations since they have been there for so long and have been good neighbors thus far. If we impose our hours of operations it will hurt the business financially, according to the applicant/owner.

VOTE: 30 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:04 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly stated that the next 3 motions are being presented to the board as a bundle to conserve time.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly also reported that the committee reviewed 3 new on-premises liquor license applications at 446A Dean Street, 209 4th Avenue, and 78 5th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve 3 new on-premise liquor license applications submitted to the State Liquor Authority at the following locations:

- On behalf of Broccolino Corp. at 446A Dean Street (between Flatbush/5th Avenues).
- On behalf of 209 4th Avenue (between Union/Sackett Streets).
- On behalf of Pierre Loti Park Slope at 78 5th Avenue (between Prospect Place/St. Marks Avenue).

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:11 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application at 604 Union Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Dinosaur Restaurants, LLC at 604 Union Street between (3rd Avenue/4th Avenue) to permit 6 tables and 36 seats.

VOTE: 38 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 7:26 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly additionally reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 375A 5th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Hardwood Productions LLC. at 375A 5th Avenue (between 5th/6th Streets).

Board Member Lou Sones stated that we should be more consistent with our hours of operations but to impose our hours on an applicant when everyone else in the area is not abiding by our hours because they did not come before us when they received their license may put the applicants that come before us now at a disadvantage.

Board Member Robert Levine stated that he agrees with the grandfathering of renewals but we should make a note to the applicants of our hours of operations.

Board Member Glen Kelly stated that we need to state in our letters to SLA what conditions we set (hours of operations) or they will not be enforced.

Board Member Mark Shames stated that if applicants come before the committee they should agree to our hours of operations for outdoor use.

Board Member Sayar Lonial stated that it is important that we do not just rubber stamp these applications. We should listen to each applicant very carefully and make our decisions on a case by case basis.

VOTE: 31 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 8:23 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly moreover reported that the committee reviewed an application for an alteration to an on-premises liquor license and a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application at 847A Union Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an application for an alteration to an on-premises liquor license submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Simmons Provisions of NY LLC dba Kiwiana at 847A Union Street (between 6th/7th Avenues).

Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Simmons Provisions of NY LLC. dba Kiwiana at 847A Union Street (between 6th/7th Avenues) to permit 2 tables and 12 seats.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 8:25 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Reilly likewise reported that the committee reviewed a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application at 442 Court Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new unenclosed sidewalk cafe permit application 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 32 seats.

Board Member Judith Thompson asked if they had agreed to our hours of operations. Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Gary Reilly stated yes.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 8:27 P.M.

Environmental Protection Committee Chair Mark Shames reported that the committee reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Gowanus Canal.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to conditionally approve of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Gowanus Canal.

Board Member Glenn Kelly thanked all the individuals who participated in creating the Community Board’s response to Action Plan. He has a concern that we need to be more clear and in-depth in some of our responses in regards to certain items. In Comment 1A we should be thanking EPA and change the wording “We generally concur...” In Comment 6B we should not include “Why the Friends of CB6 did not get a particular grant”. We should not be asking questions about the science of EPA. It is too much and can only serve to undermine what EPA is doing. We should also not be including things in our response that EPA has nothing to say about at this time like Thomas Greene Park. Environmental Protection Committee Chair Mark Shames stated that Thomas Greene Park is not necessarily included in this clean up but if they do retention basins to have a complete clean-up which is not recontaminating, and then in that case the pool area will be in jeopardy. We are asking in our response if they know of any type of government funding that is available for the community so they won’t be thinking they are losing anything and support the clean-up fully. Board Member Glenn Kelly stated that in Comment 5E we should not be asking the EPA to modify the behavior of our citizens with a “demand response” campaign in regards to CSO’s.

Board Member Lou Sones stated that the EPA has continuously stated that they will not put a decontamination facility in Red Hook if the community does not support it. Since most of the residents do not want it I’m happy that we state in this document that a facility would be placed in Red Hook only if the community is in favor of it. Chair Mark Shames made it clear that no one came to the committee meeting who was in support of the facility being placed in Red Hook.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 8:57 P.M.

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

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 222 Baltic Street.

Motion: by Board Member Peter Fleming, seconded by Board Member Rick Luftglass;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of a chair lift in front areaway at 222 Baltic Street (between Court/Clinton Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District with the following condition that any sections/pieces of the railing that are removed for the installation and not reinstalled be retained by the building owner for any future repairs or modifications to the existing railing.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:00 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine also reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 288 Court Street.

Motion: by Board Member Peter Fleming, seconded by Board Member Suzanne Turet;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alterations to the storefront, reconfiguration of the sidewalk vault, and repaving of the sidewalk at 288 Court Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District with the following conditions:

- That the glazing at the upper level of the storefront be tinted, to show a more distinctive break/difference from the main storefront glazing.
- That the extruded aluminum used in the storefront be colored either dark brown or black.
- That the railing on the handicapped ramp be colored to match.

Board Member Glenn Kelly asked if the glass went all the way down to the bottom. Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine stated no there is a stone base.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 9:05 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine further reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 356 President Street.

Motion: by Board Member Peter Fleming, seconded by Board Member Lou Sones;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the legalization of window installations and restoration of new wood brick molds at front facade of 356 President Street (between Smith/Hoyt Streets), Carroll Gardens Historic District with the following condition that the front windows on the parlor floor should be replaced with full size one over one windows and the aluminum covering the wood frames on all the windows should be replaced with wood frames or covered with wood frames.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:07 P.M.

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming reported that the committee reviewed a request to permit the continuation and expansion of a legal non-conforming Zoning Use Group 4 use at 500 4th Avenue.

Motion: by Board Member Robert Levine, seconded by Board Member Glenn Kelly;
Recommendation to approve a request to permit the continuation and expansion of a legal non-conforming Zoning Use Group 4 use which would allow the creation of a "day care center" at 500 4th Avenue (between 12th/13th Streets).

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:09 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.....THOMAS L. MISKEL, CO-CHAIR
.....SAYAR LONIAL, CO-CHAIR

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Sayar Lonial reported to the Board that the committee reviewed the Department of Transportation's Atlantic Basin/Red Hook Greenway project concepts.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve the implementation of the Department of Transportation's Atlantic Basin/Red Hook Greenway project concepts.

VOTE: 35 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION FOR CAUSE
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:11 P.M.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Sayar Lonial also reported to the Board that the committee reviewed the Department of Transportation's Atlantic Basin/Red Hook Greenway project concepts.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to request that the Department of Transportation further study and obtain community input for the potential conversions of:

1. Conover Street to one-way northbound from Beard Street to Sullivan Street.
2. Beard Street to one-way westbound from Van Brunt Street to Conover Street.
3. Reed Street to one-way eastbound from Conover Street to Van Brunt Street.

Board Member Greg O'Connell Jr. stated that DOT should also include the businesses in on the discussions. Chairperson Kummer stated that it would be added to the request.

Board Member Roger Rigolli is against the changes because it would be confusing to truckers with all the changes and the changing of direction for truckers would increase dramatically.

Board Member Greg O'Connell Jr. stated that the change needs to happen to make it safer for trucks to change direction.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 9:14 P.M.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Sayar Lonial further reported to the Board that the committee reviewed the Department of Transportation's Atlantic Basin/Red Hook Greenway project concepts.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install a new on-street bicycle parking facilities (bike corral) in front of 787 Union Street (between 5th/6th Avenues).

Board Member Rosemary Graham asked if there would be any parking impact. Public Safety Committee Chairperson Sayar Lonial stated no.

Board Member Lou Sones spoke in favor of the motion.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:22 P.M.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Sayar Lonial additionally reported to the Board that the committee reviewed a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install a new on-street bicycle parking facilities (bike corral) in front of 153 Columbia Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install a new on-street bicycle parking facilities (bike corral) in front of 153 Columbia Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets).

Chairperson Kummer laid this item over until next month's board meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

❖❖❖ **COMMUNITY SESSION** ❖❖❖

Tanya Harrison, representing Shen Yun Promotions International, spoke about the importance of educating and sharing the beauty of the ancient Chinese culture and announced that Shen Yun 2013 was performing at Lincoln Center's David H. Koch Theater, April 20-28.

Chris Byrne, representing Project Hope Crisis Counseling Program in Red Hook which was created by The New York State Office of Mental Health and funded by FEMA to assist individuals, families, and groups impacted by the disaster caused by Hurricane Sandy. Project Hope offers free and confidential supportive counseling and public education services to Hurricane Sandy disaster victims. For more information please visit http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/disaster_resources/project_hope or call 646-265-3210.

❖❖❖ **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** ❖❖❖

No new business.

Chairperson Kummer adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm

Minutes submitted into the district office by Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch on April 29, 2013.