

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

DECEMBER 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
E. FELDER	D. GIULIANO	R. GRAHAM
V. HAGMAN	V. HERAMIA	J. HEYER II
F. JEAN	G. KELLY	A. KRASNOW
D. KUMMER	R. LEVINE	H. LINK
S. LONIAL	R. LUFTGLASS	S. MATHEWS-NOVELLI
D. MAZZUCA	E. MCCLURE	T. MISKEL
C. PIGOTT	L. PINN	M. RACIOPPO
G. REILLY	R. RIGOLLI	D. SCOTTO
M. SHAMES	M. SILVERMAN	B. SOLOTAIRE
E. SPICER	S. TURET	D. WILLIAMS

EXCUSED:

P. FLEMING	H. HUGHES	A. MCKNIGHT
M. SCOTT	J. THOMPSON	

ABSENT:

M. RUIZ

GUESTS:

K. FEDER, BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADAMS' REPRESENTATIVE
C. ZINNEL, COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
P. NAPOLEON, STATE ASSMBLY MEMBER ORTIZ'S REPRESENTATIVE
O. JONAS, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE
R. YOUNG, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE
D. WILEY, CONGRESS MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ' REPRESENTATIVE
G. BULL, NYC PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES' REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at District Office.

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

❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Glenn Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes of the November's general meeting, seconded by Board Member Benjamin Solotaire.

VOTE: 31 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 6:47 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.....DANIEL KUMMER

Chairperson Daniel Kummer began his report by reminding everyone about this year's holiday party since it's happening next Monday, December 15th from 6pm to 9pm at The Bahche at 191 7th Street between 2nd/3rd Avenues in Gowanus. Once again, if every Board Member were to donate a raffle prize, we would have 45 prizes to raffle off. If everyone could make an effort to get their favorite restaurant, boutique, nail salon, or coffee shop to consider giving us a modest gift certificate, or other similar prizes that represent the best wares our merchants have to offer, we could really turn this party into a fundraiser as intended. Please let Glenn Kelly know what stores you'll be approaching so we don't inadvertently make repeated requests of the same merchant by different board members. Cost of the event is \$40 again, but this year we are also offering an early incentive to buy tickets in advance so that we can plan better and have less work to do at the door. If you'd like to purchase tickets tonight, please see Craig after the meeting.

Chairperson Kummer advised the Board that in spite of the fact that the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision was advised by their lawyers not to attend a follow-up meeting with us to discuss the Gowanus Parole Center at 15 2nd Avenue, we understand that the community's lawyers and the State's lawyers are still talking in good faith and we are expecting some kind of announcement to be made imminently. As soon as we find out more, we'll be sure to let everyone know.

Chairperson Kummer informed the Board that although the Board of Standards and Appeals has approved the New York Methodist Hospital project, which is a subject of litigation, they have reopened the application and scheduled a new hearing at the BSA for December 16th.

Chairperson Kummer briefly spoke about the recent tragedies of Eric Garner and Akai Gurly from New York City, Michael Brown from Ferguson, Missouri and Tamir Rice from Cleveland, Ohio. The question is what we are going to do about the clearly impaired, some would say broken, relationship between our community as a whole and particularly our communities of color and the police forces that exist to protect and maintain order in our communities. Many others in our community have tried to advance this conversation about this difficult subject in recent days, most notably or Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Civil Rights Attorney Constance Rice. For him it boils down to a simple social contract of mutual trust and respect between our communities and the police forces around the country. He has developed an enormous respect for the responsibility and risk that our police offices take on in fulfilling their duties to keep of safe and maintain order. When they carry out those duties lawfully and with integrity, he strongly believes that they need and deserve our respect. We also need to show respect to the authority they have been given as a necessary tool in carrying out their jobs. We are entitled to insist in return that they maintain the highest respect not just for our legal rights but more fundamentally for the equal value for all of our lives and our physical safety; "All Lives Matter." There is obviously much more to be said and discussed as we move forward to heal the pain from these tragedies, to build and repair a foundation of mutual trust and respect. He believes there is a role that this Board can play in this endeavor and he encourages the newly elected leadership to take on that challenge. He

ended his remarks by thanking everyone for supporting him in his role as Chair, their service to the board, the care they bring in dealing with the wide range of issues that come to the board, and for the respectful way in which they debate on those issues and reach what is often a unanimous or widely held consensus on a particular resolution. He personally thanked the members of the Executive Committee, particularly First Vice Chair Thomas Miskel. He also thanked the district office staff for all they do to keep this Board functioning professionally and with integrity.

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

District Manager Craig Hammerman began his report by introducing Sarah Phillips, Director of Special Projects at the district office. Also, he introduced Josh Thompson from Hunter College, one of our two Planning Fellows who is working at the district office this semester on a housing opportunity study of our district to respond and hopefully guide the new administration in developing a broader affordable housing development policy. The goal is to sift through all of the properties in our district within residential zones to see how much underbuilt floor area ratio or bulk we have. From there we will see if reasonable assemblages could be put forward or suggested to the Administration where housing opportunities would be natural for them to seize upon.

❖❖❖ COMMITTEE REPORTS ❖❖❖

ELECTION COMMITTEE.....PETER FLEMING, CHAIR

Robert Levine, an Election Committee member substituting for Committee Chair Fleming, explained the election process and asked all Board Members to fill out and sign a ballot for the position of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

- Gary Reilly, Benjamin Solotaire – Chairperson (Tom Miskel withdrew from consideration)
- Sayar Lonial, Judith Thompson – First Vice Chairperson (Eric McClure withdrew from consideration)

The summary vote counts* were as follows:

- Gary Reilly – 29 votes, Benjamin Solotaire – 10 votes for First Chairperson
- Sayar Lonial – 29 votes, Judith Thompson – 9 votes, Eric McClure – 1 vote for First Vice Chairperson

Chairman Kummer then announced the 2015 Board Officers as follows:

- Gary Reilly – Chairperson
- Sayar Lonial – First Vice Chairperson
- Pauline Blake – Second Vice Chairperson
- Ariel Krasnow – Secretary
- Jerry Armer – Treasurer

(*A full Teller’s Report on the Election Results is appended to these minutes. Copies of the original ballots are on file and available at the district office for public inspection.)

Chairperson Kummer recognized elected officials representatives

Kai Feder, representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams thanked Chairperson Kummer for his years of service and congratulated the 2015 Board Officers. He invited everyone to a historic exhibition at Brooklyn Borough Hall of numerous 12th- and 13th-century manuscripts from St. Francis of Assisi. The exhibition is scheduled to run from Wednesday, December 17th until Wednesday, January 14th, and it is free to the general public. Hours of operation can be found on www.brooklyn-usa.org. He ended by stating that this would be his last Board meeting since he was leaving the Borough Presidents Office.

Catherine Zinnel, representing Council Member Brad Lander, thanked everyone who attended the Bridging Gowanus meeting on November 24th at P.S. 32 and announced that the draft framework can be viewed at <http://bridginggowanus.org/>. Comments will be collected on the website and at info@bridginggowanus.org through the end of the year. She invited everyone to attend and City Council Hearing on December 11th to discuss segregation and how we should promote diversity in our public schools.

Peterson Napoleon, representing Assembly Member Felix Ortiz, stated that the Assemblyman wrote to Anthony Annucci, Acting Commissioner of the NYS Department of Corrections asking to meet with him for a briefing on the planning and development of the parole center on 2nd before further work proceeds so that he can gain a better understanding of the situation. Unfortunately, because of a lawsuit the Acting Commissioner will not be able to discuss the project at this time. He ended by stating that the Assemblyman would be again be proposing “Briana’s Law” a bill named for the Brooklyn, N.Y., girl who died of an asthma attack after a cop refused to help her frantic mom. This law which passed the Assembly but did not pass the Senate would require police officers to get CPR retraining every two years.

Robbie Young, representing State Senator Daniel Squadron, stated that the Senator is calling on New York State to implement universal Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), a nationally-proven, evidence-based program that links first-time low-income mothers with a nurse home visitor from pregnancy through the child’s second birthday. He also invited everyone to attend the Senators Town Hall meeting on December 11th entitled Reforming the State: Making Albany Work for Our Neighborhoods.

Oscar Jonas, representing State Senator Velmanette Montgomery stated that the Senator attended the December 10th City Council Hearing on Future of Capital Budget for NYC Libraries and gave testimony for establishing a steady funding stream for our libraries. He ended by inviting everyone on January 15th to the Senator’s Community Forum on the “Affordable Housing Crisis” – An Informational Discussion with City & State Officials and Housing Advocates on Stabilizing the Affordable Housing supply, Expiring rent law and how to strengthen the NYCHA system. The forum will take place on Thursday, January 15th at 6pm at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church located at 85 South Oxford Street in Brooklyn, New York.

Dan Wiley, representing Congress Member Nydia Velázquez, stated that the Congresswoman has spoken out in favor of broader law enforcement reforms that prevent future tragedies like Eric Gardner and Michael Brown. He ended by stating that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved legislation authored by the Congresswomen that would help women-owned businesses secure federal contracts. The “Women’s Procurement Program Equalization Act” passed the House as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 Defense Authorization bill.

Gina Bull, representing NYC Public Advocate Letitia James stated that in the wake of the Eric Garner, Michael Brown and Akai Gurly cases, Public Advocate James has successfully advocated for the implementation of a pilot program that would outfit NYC police officers with body-worn cameras to record civilian stops. This program has been instituted in the 40th Precinct in the Bronx and PSA2 in East New York. She has also been pushing for the appointment of a Special Prosecutor who will deal with all cases of police causing the death or serious injury to a civilian. She ended by inviting everyone to a hearing tomorrow on the merger of Comcast and Time Warner.

Chairperson Kummer reported that at our Executive Committee meeting Monday night we were visited a second time by Council Member Brad Lander who made a follow-up presentation to us on the “Bridging Gowanus” initiative’s recommendations. The Committee did feel it would be appropriate for us to go on record to thank Councilman Lander and all of the elected officials who collaborated in this effort, and also to declare our support for the conceptual recommendations that are coming out of the report. It is important to note that all of the conceptual recommendations will require some further action—budgetary, regulatory, and legislative or policy action—in order to be implemented so you can be sure there will be ample opportunities for us to get into the details in the future. The committee believed that it would be appropriate for us to weigh in so as to send a signal to the Administration that we would like them fully engaged in a conversation around these issues.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to express the Boards appreciation to the elected officials and their staff for running an extraordinary process to gain community input.

Recommendation to express the Boards general support for the Bridging Gowanus Framework, i.e.

- Have in place guarantee investments in sustainable infrastructure.
- To create a new Gowanus Manufacturing Zone to make sure that manufacturing can survive and thrive there for the benefit of the industrial businesses as well as the residents.
- To create a new Mandatory Mixed Use Zone.
- Preserve and create Affordable Housing.
- Pathway to responsible growth.

Recommendation to include Brooklyn CB6’s Responsible Development Policy as part of the conversation in any development or zoning plan that comes before the board.

Board Member Dolly Williams asked about the boundaries in respect to any possible rezoning in and around the Gowanus area. Catherine Zinnel, representing Council Member Brad Lander stated that the area of study that the Pratt Center had featured on the maps that had been used at some of the Bridging Gowanus meetings are all of the manufacturing zone parcels around the canal. Strengthening the Manufacturing zone would align with the industrial business zone which is from south of 3rd Street to the west to 3rd Avenue.

Board Member Jerry Armer spoke in favor of the motion stating that the framework makes sense and we need it to take a positive step to get the city agencies to begin to move on this.

Friendly Amendment: by Board Member Richard Bashner, seconded by Board Member Jerry Armer.
To include “No noxious uses which are incompatible with residential uses, subject to performance standards”; and we should have an active street façade.

Board Member Gary Reilly stated that both of those issues were explicitly discussed at the committee and there was general agreement on the committee.

Board Member Hildegaard Link stated that noxious uses can be different for many people so we need to be specific on what we clarify as noxious uses.

Chairperson Kummer stated that he does not think we can get that specific in this discussion, but we will get clarity on the uses moving forward.

Board Member Jerry Armer stated that we could ask the maker of the motion to include the phrase “No noxious uses as defined in M2 & M3 zones.

Vote on main motion with the inclusion of the friendly amendment.

VOTE: 36 YEAS, 0 NAY, 2 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 7:49 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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

Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 326 Douglass Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Y.B.S. LLC at 326 Douglass Street (between 3rd/4th Avenues).

Board Member Eric McClure asked if the district office had a way of tracking the addition and/or subtractions of liquor licenses in the district. District Manager Hammerman stated that we do not currently track them that way and it would take intensive research to do so. This could be a great future project for an intern.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:53 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly also reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 359 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 359 Sackett Street (between Smith/Hoyt Streets) with the following conditions:

- The windows and doors are to be closed at 10pm 7 days a week
- Last call for drinks at 11:30pm on Sunday – Wednesday and 12:30am on Thursday - Saturday.

Board Member Jerry Armer asked if SLA went along with the community boards stipulations. Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly stated that they would if the stipulations are signed and notarized by applicant, which these are.

Board Member Rick Luftglass asked if this applicant was the same individual that came before the committee several months ago for a new application on Sackett Street between Henry and Hicks. Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly stated yes, but they decide to part ways with the owner and not open the establishment there.

Board Member Victoria Hagman spoke in favor of the motion stating that this applicant has other businesses in our district and in her opinion has been very responsible with no problems.

Board Member Richard Bashner spoke out against the motion stating that his mother-in-law lives on the block and believes bars should not be given licenses on side streets off of commercial strips. It will be a small bar

with 12-14 seats which means they will likely be asking for a sidewalk café in the future as the bar becomes popular. We should add a “No sidewalk café clause” to the stipulations.

Board Member Mike Racioppo stated that this establishment is quite small and will not make much of a difference on the block.

Board Member Glenn Kelly stated that he does not believe they will be applying for a sidewalk café permit, neither does he believe that they would get one since they are not on the commercial strip.

Board Member Robert Levine spoke against the motion stating that we should not put a bar in mid-block [sic] of a predominately residential block.

Board Member Paige Bellenbaum asked how many people came out to speak at the committee meeting. Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly stated the minutes show that 11 spoke against and 7 spoke in favor.

Board Member Matthew Silverman stated that there is another bar, Jake Walk which is the same distance from Smith Street as this application would be.

VOTE: 21 YEAS, 10 NAY, 1 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 8:08 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly further reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 240 Flatbush Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of 240 Flatbush Avenue (between Bergen Street/6th Avenue) with the following condition that the windows and doors remain closed at all times.

Board Member Pauline Blake spoke out against the motion stating that is between two other businesses Woodland and Sugar Cane and will have a lot of carousing outside even though it is a sports bar. Adding another bar on Flatbush Avenue will be overkill. The community is already suffering and should not be intimidated by the congregants on the sidewalk from these establishments.

Board Member Matthew Silverman states that he questions the need to add another bar in and around what seems to be an extremely busy intersection.

VOTE: 15 YEAS, 11 NAY, 1 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 8:20 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly additionally reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 450 Dean Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of BAM Hospitality LLC at 450 Dean Street (between 5th/Flatbush Avenues) with the following condition that they close at 1am and close the back yard at 11pm – 7 days.

VOTE: 24 YEAS, 3 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:22 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly moreover reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license application at 279 5th Avenue.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Henri on Fifth at 279 5th Avenue (between 1st/2nd Streets).

Board Member Noel Berk-Rauch asked if this applicant had other establishments in the district. Permits & Licenses Chair Gary Reilly stated no.

VOTE: 26 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:24 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 BSA application at 64 Degraw Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve an application (BSA Cal. No. 219-14-BZ) submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals on behalf of People 4 Parks LLC for a variance of Section 42-10 of the Zoning Resolution to allow the construction of a three-story, approximately 3,638 square foot, single-family residence with one parking space at 64 Degraw Street (Block 329, Lot 6), which is located within an M1-1 zoning district.

Board Member Eric McClure spoke out against the motion stating that this board should not be approving any application that has a curb cut in it for personal use. Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine stated that there was already a curb cut there that they were planning to make smaller.

Board Member Jerry Armer stated that under the new floodplain regulations the lower floor can only be used for storage, so using it as a one car garage makes sense in this case.

Board Member Suzanne Turet stated that reducing the curb cut is good and to have one more care off the streets not looking for parking is better.

Board Member Ariel Krasnow spoke out against the motion stating that we need to really take a closer look at this variance from a M1 to a R6 zone, especially since the majority of the block is zoned manufacturing.

Board Member Paige Bellenbaum stated that the property is next to a 3-story residential building.

Board Member Elly Spicer asked what the lot was zoned and if you look at a zoning map does the lot fit in with the neighborhood mix. Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine stated that it is zoned M1-1 and the committee felt it fit the mix of the neighborhood.

Board Member Glenn Kelly stated that over the last couple of years we have had a few owners come before us asking for the same type of variance and this board has approved them. Everything on the north side of the street is the Port Authority Containerport, and not manufacturing.

Board Member Richard Bashner asked why is the applicant asking for an R6A variance when it complies with an R6B. Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine stated that if it was an R6B the applicant would have to take 5ft of the back of the building.

Board Member Ariel Krasnow stated that they knew they had a hardship when they brought the property, now they want to come to us asking for a variance. No one should be allowed to buy in a manufacturing zone knowing that it might be difficult to make a profit so they can then turn around and ask for a variance.

Board Member Jerry Armer stated that the lot has been vacant for some years now and all of the financial analysis that he read showed there was no way they could make a profit as a manufacturing business. Also the prior owner tried to rent it to various business, to no avail. The only thing he could use it for is a parking lot.

Board Member Elly Spicer stated that this board has spent so much time and energy on the loss of manufacturing space and how desperately its need and how we have to protect it and then we turn around a vote in favor of a spot rezoning. Something is not right.

Board Member Roger Rigolli stated that this property is just too small and outdated to be able to rent to a manufacturing business.

VOTE: 19 YEAS, 6 NAY, 1 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:42 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine also reported that the committee reviewed a BSA application at 1-37 12th Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a BSA application (BSA Cal. No. 184-14-BZ) submitted to the Board of Standards and Appeals on behalf of Hamilton Plaza Associates to permit the operation of a Physical Culture Establishment on the third floor of the existing building (Gowanus Pathmark) at 1-37 12th Street (Block 1007, Lot 172), which is located within an M1-2 zoning district.

Board Member Sayar Lonial asked if there was a requirement to show an analysis of their patrons parking needs as opposed to the parking currently being used by Pathmark customers. Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine stated yes. There is enough space for all patrons.

VOTE: 27 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:47 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Public Safety Committee Chair Matthew Silverman reported to the Board that in a joint committee meeting they discussed the new Gowanus parole facility proposed by the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at 15 2nd Avenue in our district.

Motion: by Public Safety Chair Matthew Silverman, seconded by Board Member Jerry Armer;
To send a resolution to the NYS Department of Correction expressing this Boards disapproval of the process by which the Gowanus facility was chosen by the State without any key pre-decisional community engagement such as notice to the community, community board, local residents, business owners, or other relevant stake holders. The lack of any appropriate community engagement process has deprived the community board of direct information that it needs to offer a substantive view on this project. However, members of the local community have raised a variety of concerns regarding the size and scope of the facility, traffic & parking, public safety, convenience and ability to serve the individuals on parole that would report there, and the zoning impacts. We recommend that future action of this nature be presented to the community board prior to final decision making. We also ask that our elected officials take all the necessary action to obtain further information on the proposed facility and to disseminate that information widely. That a community advisory group consisting of community residents, local business, elected officials, DOC representatives, and people on parole, community board representatives, and other relevant stakeholders meet periodically to discuss relevant issues and concerns connected to the operations and community impacts of this facility.

VOTE: 25 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:50 P.M.

(Continue with Landmarks/Land Use report)

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine further reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 349 Smith Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the completion of a storefront with fenestration, detailing and awning at 349 Smith Street (between Carroll/2nd Streets), Carroll Gardens Historic District.

VOTE: 24 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:54 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine additionally reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 349 Smith Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to disapprove a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the construction of a rooftop shade pergola at 620 10th Street (between 7th/8th Avenues), Park Slope Historic District.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED

TIME: 8:56 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine moreover reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 349 Smith Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the addition of a 2-story rear yard extension with deck, new window openings at side elevation, and the demolition of an existing garage and replacement with carriage house at 355 President Street (northwest corner President/Hoyt Streets), Carroll Gardens Historic District with the following conditions to the rear/side of the building:

- That the mechanicals be placed on the west side of the roof of the main building and be set back from the front of the building.
- That the sills and lintels be moved out to create a great shadow line.
- That the mechanicals for the garage structure be placed on the ground along-side the structure.
- That access to the roof on the main building be via a roof hatch and not a stairway and bulkhead.
- That the size of the garage structure be reduced (width of the structure, not the depth) to reduce its effect on the rear yard donut.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:02 P.M.

Landmarks Committee Chair Robert Levine likewise reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application at 454 14th Street.

Motion: by Committee;
Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the legalization window replacements at 454 14th Street (between 8th Avenue/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:06 P.M.

❖❖❖ **COMMUNITY SESSION** ❖❖❖

Taylor Kuhn, representing Commune Inc. a small Brooklyn-based start-up whose mission is to digitize the grassroots so that ordinary citizens and organizations alike can initiate meaningful interactions in just a few taps. She is calling upon New Yorkers to assist and give feedback on their mobile app of taped civic events.

Mary Cooley, representing the Department of Consumer Affairs asked for volunteers to join the agency on Saturday, January 31, 2015 as they call eligible New Yorkers to tell them about tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation and financial counseling services. She stated that DCA

administers the Office of Financial Empowerment which works with a variety of partners to provide free programs and services to help you manage your money and build for your family's future:

- Financial Empowerment Centers (free one-on-one professional financial counseling)
- Financial Education Network Directory (free or low-cost financial education classes, workshops, hotlines, and counseling services)
- NYC SafeStart Account (safe starter bank account)
- Free Tax Preparation Services (free tax filing for qualified individuals and families)
- NYC Direct Deposit (free checking account for workers who directly deposit their pay)

Michael White, representing Citizens Defending Libraries, stated that Mayor Bloomberg defunded New York libraries at a time of increasing public use, population growth and increased city wealth, shrinking our library system to create real estate deals for wealthy real estate developers at a time of cutbacks in education and escalating disparities in opportunity. It's an unjust and shortsighted plan that will ultimately hurt New York City's economy and competitiveness. He asked everyone to join the efforts to help save our libraries.

❖❖❖ **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** ❖❖❖

Board Member Glenn Kelly invited everyone to "A Christmas Carol – A Radio Play" at the Pearl Theatre from December 18th – 21st. The Shakespeare group that performs in Carroll Park is funded by this ticketed event and he asks everyone to support them so they can continue to provide programming in Carroll Park. For more information please go to <http://www.smithstreetstage.org/>.

Board Member Roger Rigolli stated that the Marine Corps is celebrating their 239th year and he was named the 2014 Marine of the Year.

Motion: by Board Member Roger Rigolli, seconded by Board Member Gary Reilly;
To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:19P.M.

Minutes submitted into the District Office by Assistant District Manager Leroy Branch on December 23, 2014.