

**Environmental Committee
Community Board Ten
June 3, 2009**

Present: Greg Ahl, Allen Bortnick, Anna DeMetz, Ron Gross, Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter
Fran Vella-Marrone, Kevin Peter Carroll, Josephine Beckmann, District Mgr.

Excused: Scott Klein

Absent: Stella Kokolis, Mary Ann Walsh

A quorum was met.

Stephanie Giovinno, a representative from the office of Councilman Vincent Gentile's office, Susan Tirota, a representative from the office of Assembly person Janelle Hyer-Spencer's office and Iggy Terranova, from the Department of Sanitation were also present.

Meeting Location: Community Board 10 office at 8119 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

There were 5 items that were discussed at the meeting:

- 1. Enforcement**
- 2. Illegal Posters**
- 3. The Golden Apple Award**
- 4. Ft. Hamilton Parkway Odors**
- 5. Gas Drilling**

1. Enforcement

Iggy Terranova from the Department of Sanitation, met with the committee and discussed enforcement in the 69th Street thoroughfare.

Tickets have been issued. There was also a dumping issue at 244 and 248 69th Street, which will be the new supermarket location. Multi-family homes of 5 units and above are required to store garbage indoors. Many of the buildings on 69th Street are 4 family buildings or less. This allows them to store garbage in front of their building. Half of these buildings are built with similar designs, store their garbage either inside or in back of their building. Storing garbage is not rocket science. It takes little effort to do it in a safe manner. The committee will look further into this issue to find a way to get every building owner and their tenants to do a better job of it.

When the new digests of codes is released, we will review it to see if anything new might help us to get a cleaner community.

2. Illegal Posters

The committee will be testing new methods to block the use of pre-paid cell phones that the moving companies hide behind to shield them from enforcement.

The committee will also be looking into summons collections for these fines, in the hope of making it less profitable for the violators.

3. Golden Apple Award

Each September, all the schools in the city are sent a package about the Golden Apple Award. There are 3 categories that they can compete in:

- a. Beautification
- b. Recycling
- c. Site Clean-up

The Department of Sanitation provides all materials for each project, and prizes are awarded. First prize winners receive the following:

- A Golden Apple Trophy
- \$6,000.00 for their school
- A pizza party for all participants

Only about 30 to 35 schools take part in this program each year. The committee will study the program, and attempt to get more schools to participate. I'm sure many sites in our neighborhood could use some attention, and if anyone has a site to suggest, or a school to work with, please let Community Board 10 know by September.

When people are exposed to community activity, they are more likely to get involved in other community activities. My first community clean-up was in 1960, as a member of the Boy Scouts, and, as you know, I have been involved with this community ever since.

4. Fort Hamilton Parkway Odors

Unfortunately, the city has nothing new to offer us in this issue. It is really sad how these home owners are suffering. When the city botched up the first project, the home owners sued. Maybe it is time for the home owners to take this direction once again.

I believe an outside expert should be called in. Hopefully, they will find the problem. Our elected officials must be brought into this issue, and extend their help in getting some satisfaction for these home owners and this problem. (Hopefully a motion from the floor will be made regarding this issue.)

5. Gas Drilling

The committee would like to set up a meeting with all our political and government representatives to discuss their support for a temporary, and possibly a permanent ban on this type of drilling. We need to know who is on board and working for us. Any representatives who are not on our side will be deemed our enemy, and summarily shot.

The committee hopes to have this meeting during the summer break when Albany is out of session.

Respectfully submitted,


Greg Ahl, Chairperson