

**Environmental Committee  
Community Board Ten  
January 4, 2005**

Present: Fran Vella-Marrone, Greg Ahl, Stella Kokolis, Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter

Absent/Excused: Gloria Melnick, Judith Grimaldi, Joanne Seminara

A quorum was present.

The meeting commenced at 7:15 P.M. and closed at 9:00 PM

At the invitation of the committee, representatives of the NYC Department of Sanitation, 68<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, 13 Avenue Merchants Association, Fort Hamilton Parkway Board of Trade, Fifth Avenue Board of Trade and the Merchants of Third Avenue were in attendance. They are as follows:

Joe Condagorta- Dept. of Sanitation  
Erik Bergstol-Dept. of Sanitation  
P.O. Jimmy Gallo-68<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct  
Anthony DeCrescenzo-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Merchants Association  
Josephine Maurello-Fort Hamilton Parkway Board of Trade  
Basil Capetanakas-Fifth Avenue Board of Trade  
Seth Kruckon-Fifth Avenue Board of Trade  
Bob Howe-Merchants of Third Avenue  
Chuck Otey-Merchants of Third Avenue

Also in attendance were Community Board Ten Chairman, Craig Eaton, Community Board Ten District Manager, Josephine Beckmann, and Jotham Sederstrom of the Bay Ridge Paper.

The meeting led with a discussion regarding the problem of overflowing litter baskets and whether or not Community Board Ten should consider a pilot program to remove litter baskets from a select location. The representatives of the merchants associations present were all opposed to the removal of litter baskets. The majority of the committee was also opposed. This prompted further discussion on the matter and what can be done to improve the situation that resulted in the following requests made to the representatives of the Department of Sanitation who were present at the meeting.

- 1) Increased and targeted enforcement of litter basket violations.
- 2) Street Signs informing the public of the fines associated with litter basket violations.
- 3) An advertising campaign to educate the public, especially apartment dwellers above stores, of the rules and regulations pertaining to litter baskets and the fines associated with violating these regulations.
- 4) Extra sanitation pick-ups for litter baskets.
- 5) Steam-Clean litter baskets.
- 6) Summons motorists who litter the streets. (This may be a matter for both the Department of Sanitation and the Police Department)

The committee recommends that the Board write a letter to the Department of Sanitation requesting the implementation of the aforementioned.

The second agenda item was the issue of graffiti. All agreed that enforcement and the removal of the graffiti are vital to keeping control of this matter.


P.O. Gallo reported on the arrests made in the community and how affective the precinct has been. He also stressed that it is important that graffiti victims proceed with pressing charges against the graffiti vandals.

The committee impressed upon the representatives of the merchants associations the importance of cleaning up the graffiti on the walls, gates and storefronts of the community's businesses. Authorization forms for graffiti removal were distributed to the representatives of the merchants associations asking that they return them to the Community Board office for processing.

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A third issue discussed by the committee was the Department of Sanitation proposal of a new solid Waste Management Plan for the next 20-Year planning period. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was reviewed and discussed by the committee. The committee raised objection to the potential for the construction of an intermodal barge to rail facility to be placed at the 65<sup>th</sup> Street Railyard. The deadline for comments were due at 5:00 P.M. on January 24, 2005 prior to the full Board Meeting that evening. So as to not miss the deadline for comments, it was agreed that Board Chairman Eaton would address a letter to the Department of Sanitation expressing the views of the committee and stating that the Board would vote to ratify this position at our full Board Meeting on January 24, 2005. In order to receive approval and conformation from the full Board regarding this action, Chairman Eaton stated that he would email all board members with an explanation of why we needed to proceed in this manner and solicit feedback as well as consult with the Board Officers and Executive Board members.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances T. Vella-Marrone  
Chairwoman  
Environmental Committee  
Community Board Ten