

**Environmental Committee  
Community Board Ten  
January 7, 2009**

Present: Greg Ahl, Allen Bortnick, Tim Cross, Anna DeMetz, Ron Gross, Scott Klein, Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter, Fran Vella-Marrone

Excused: Kevin Peter Carroll, Dean Rasinya, CB10 Chair, Mary Ann Walsh, Vice Chair

Absent: Stella Kokolis

A quorum was met.

Susan Tirota, a representative from Assemblywoman Jenell Hyer-Spencer's office, and Stephanie Giovinno, a representative from the office of Councilman Vincent Gentile's office were also present.

Meeting Location: Community Board 10 Office

The Meeting commenced at 7:12 p.m.

There were 3 items that were discussed at the meeting:

1. **69<sup>th</sup> Street Update**
2. **Ft. Hamilton Parkway Odors**
3. **Owl's Head Update**

1. **69<sup>th</sup> Street Update**

Iggy Terranova, from the Department of Sanitation, was unable to come to the meeting due to illness. An update will be given at next month's meeting.

2. **Ft. Hamilton Parkway Odors**

The Department of Environmental Protection now has "as built's", and are not done looking them over. A report will be ready by next's month's meeting

3. **Owl's Head Update**

- a) Contract OH-33

The temporary holding area for the containers of grit has been taken down. The piles and the foundation for the new residual building are now complete, and the project should be completed by 2010 or 2011.

b) Primary Tank Covers

In 2006 Owl's Head installed temporary covers of laminated plywood and off-the-shelf carbon canisters that are too small, and have a short replacement cycle. Permanent covers will be installed, which are made of air-tight aluminum with additional odor filters will be installed this year by Hallsten Corporation. They should last 20 to 25 years, and should be completed this year.

Cost of Covers: \$470,000.

Cost of Filters: \$220,000.

c) Other Odor Sources

Better duct work on Bar Screen Building has been done, and a new digester gas flare has been installed. A contractor has been employed to cover channel grating and splitter boxes. As soon as the materials arrive, they will be installed, and will be tied into the odor control system.

d) 311

It seems that 311 has made some improvements. I have called, and actually gotten the correct department. They have added such terms as Owl's Head, and "sewer treatment plant in Bay Ridge". Some calls went to a supervisor or Department of Environmental Protection. Also, sewerage odor complaints and sewerage treatment plant odor complaints get evaluated by Department of Environmental Protection.

e) Paging System

The paging system was re-adjusted in November to a lower level. As soon as the weather gets warmer, and people have their windows open, we should know if this adjustment was sufficient.

f) Commissioner of DEP

There were some questions about the progress in picking a replacement for the Commissioner of DEP, and only one interview so far. Alan Bortnick said he was DEFINITELY not interested in the position.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Greg Ahl  
Environmental Committee, Chair