

**Joint Committee Meeting
Zoning and Land Use Committee and
Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Meeting: January 15, 2009
7:00 pm, Community Board 10 District Office**

The Zoning and Land Use Committee and the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee met on January 15, 2009. Present were ZALUC Members Bob Cascara, Ron Gross, Steve Harrison, Scott Klein, Fran Vella-Marrone, Susan Pulaski, Mary Ann Walsh and Joanne Seminara, Chair; and Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Members Tom Colasuonno, Heather McCown, and Dilia Schack, Chair.

The meeting was held concerning a proposal by the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) to develop a new, approximately 680-seat Primary School Facility within Community School District No. 20, to be known as P.S. 680 at the former site of the "Green Church" on a portion of the site known as 7002 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, Block 5891, Lot 48. The Committees were notified of the proposal pursuant to section 1731 of the New York City School Construction Authority Act which provides for and requires that a public hearing with sufficient public notice be held by the affected Community Board within 30 days of the notice, and that, within 45 days of the notice, each affected Community Board shall submit comments on the site plan to the SCA. Further, public comments may be submitted until February 27, 2009.

All information about the proposal was presented by representatives of the SCA. The proposed site is on the southwest corner of Fourth Avenue and Ovington Avenue, in an R7B zoning district. The proposed school will cover most of the site. [A much smaller portion of the site on the south east corner thereof toward the midblock will be used for redevelopment of a sanctuary for the members of the former Church.] The school will be 4 or 5 stories with schoolyard space and likely house approximately 75 special needs students out of some 680 students. The timetable to completion of the school is 4 years, with 1 year for design and bidding, and will be preceded by a full City Environmental Quality Review Study (CEQR). Construction of this school will allow the SCA to utilize already existing, dedicated funding for the last group of 2,000 new public school seats planned and needed to accommodate children in the community. The project will undergo review by the Department of City Planning and ultimately be the subject of a NYC Council public hearing.

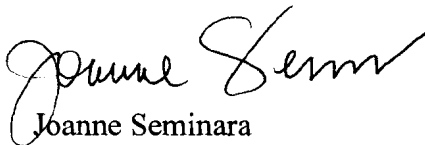
Several members of the public attended the meeting and one resident who lives across the street from the site spoke about the traffic impacts of the surrounding area which he believes to be already overburdened by traffic.

Following the presentation, committee members held a discussion about the history of SCA's interest in the site, traffic concerns regarding dropping off and picking up students and movement down the side street, the lack of parking available for parking and staff, the possible use of the school auditorium for community events and the desire to have the design of the school as well some feature of its interior reflect the historical and aesthetic importance of the site to the community. The design of the building has not been planned and therefore could not be discussed in detail.

After discussion, the committee members present passed a motion by a vote of 11 in favor, 1 in opposition, in support of the site plan provided that the design of the school show a sensitivity to the former use and aesthetic importance of the site to the community and provided that the SCA allow

Community Board 10 to provide early stage input with regard to the design, configuration of the building, traffic congestion and parking concerns and other matters of future concern to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Seminara".

Joanne Seminara
Chair, Zoning and Land Use Committee

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