

Environmental Committee
Community Board Ten
October 19, 2006

Present: Fran Vella-Marrone, Greg Ahl, Anna DeMetz, Mary Nolan, Larry Stelter

Excused: Judith Grimpladi

Absent: Elaine Guido, Stella Kokolis, Gloria Melnick, Joanne Seminara

A quorum was not met.

Guests Present: Josephine Beckman (District Manager), Alan Bortnick (CB 10 Member), Stephanie Gevinco (Councilman Gentile), Eleanor Schiano (CB 10 Member), Mary Ann Walsh (CB 10 Member), Kate Carberry (Senator Golden) LT. Gracia (DSNY), SGT. R. Ortega (DSNY), Anthony Ceretti (Resident) and Harriet Rosenberg (CB 10 Member).

Meeting Location: Community Board Ten Office

The Meeting commenced at 7:10 PM and closed at 8:00 PM.

The meeting was held to address the matter of illegal posting in the Community Board Ten boundaries. Specifically, flyers and posters advertising various businesses affixed to street light poles. Representatives of Sanitation enforcement were present and provided information on their procedures and operations.

The DSNY will summons anyone they observe in the act of illegal posting. Also, when informed of locations with illegal posting they will visit the locations remove the posted material and investigate the entities on the advertisement. They have conducted sting operations and have subpoenaed phone records in an effort to identify and summons those at fault. They do both day an evening surveillance and have issued 40,361 summonses in 2005 and so far this year they have issued 22,928 summonses. Many times the people who are fined are employees of the businesses or the businesses are not legitimate and in these cases the summonses will go unpaid and the judgments will go into default. However, DSNY is not responsible for enforcement of the judgments. This is the responsibility of the Environmental Control Board.

A discussion ensued as to what can be done to stop the illegal posting. The committee voted to recommend that Community Board Ten write to the City Council asking that they pass legislation to address the matter. Recommendations for inclusion in such legislation is as follows:

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-Give power to Sanitation Enforcement Officers to arrest those participating in illegal posting.

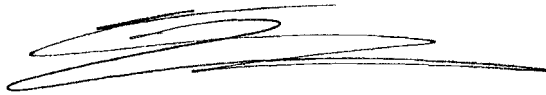
-Better enforcement of judgments by the Environmental Control Board and the City Sheriff.

-No Posting signs on the street light poles.

-Extend the curb law to include cleanliness of the street light poles.

The DSNY representatives also informed the committee that the sanitation enforcement staff will be increased by 116 by the end of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances T. Vella-Marrone
Environmental Committee Chair