

Community Board #1 – Minutes of Silver Lake/Westerleigh Area Committee Meeting  
February 20, 2008

In Attendance:

Ken Tirado, Chairperson	Commander Dave Martin, Wagner College
George Wonica, CB#1	David Brisbee, for Wagner College
Kurt Ward, CB#1	Larry Kennedy, Clove Lakes Civic Association
Camille T. Zarelli, CB#1 (excused)	Patricia Schwimmer, Clove Lakes Civic Association
Jeanne Hogan, CB#1	Phyllis Saverese, Clove Lakes Civic Assoc. (excused)
Leticia Remauro, CB#1	Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Richard Zichettello, CB#1	Mary Vitale Selznuit, Clove Lakes Civic Assoc.
Timothy Forsyth, CB#1	Mary Eberhardt
Francine Galvez	Del Eberhardt
	Ray Ferragamo
	Ms. Chang, Tokyo Sushi

The meeting came to order at 7:35 PM

Chairman Tirado spoke briefly of the scope of the Clove Road Water Main project. The late night work is soon to commence with deep hole boring.

A Ms. Chang, from Tokyo Sushi Restaurant, appeared to meet the committee for her liquor license renewal. It was unanimously approved by the committee.

Two other liquor license applications were received, 1815 Victory Boulevard (determined to be Danny Boy's Tavern) and MBQ Superette of 956 Richmond Avenue. Since no representation was present from either establishment, the committee unanimously decided to reject both applications.

A fourth renewal was received from King's Restaurant & Pizzeria, 2212 Victory Blvd. Since King's representation was interviewed over the phone by the committee chair, and there was no community opposition, their renewal was unanimously approved.

Commander Dave Martin, of Wagner College, and Architect David Brisbee made a presentation asking for committee approval for the construction of a 4-story residence hall on the site of a present baseball diamond and field. After several minutes of questions and answers the committee unanimously approved the project as presented.

Mary Eberhardt again presented the committee with a petition from the neighbors of Revere Street and Lakewood Road asking for our support in requesting that the NYC Parks Department include the Lakewood Road area of Silver Lake Park be included on the list of approved "off-leash" areas for dog owners during the early mornings and late evenings.

After discussion, Leticia Remauro brought forth a motion supporting the petition. It was seconded by Richard Zichettello. After some discussion Curt Ward added a friendly amendment that the request also include the Brookside Avenue field area of Clove Lakes Park. The Motion received 5 YES votes and 5 NO votes, which according to Parliamentarian Remauro, becomes a failed motion.

After continued debate, a new motion was presented which supported the petition – without any friendly amendments – and with the additional caveat that dogs will not be off-leash after 8:30 am and before 9:00 pm, and they will be away from the ball park. This motion also failed after another 5 – 5 tie.

It was agreed that after more information is gathered, and more opinions are sought, the committee will address this topic again at a future meeting.

The Clove Lakes Civic Association spoke of losing their meeting place at the Swedish Home for the Aged and asked for help in locating a new meeting place.

Mike Morrell, of the Westerleigh Improvement Society, spoke of their progress in their down-zoning. Mr. Morrell also spoke of the early formation of a Victory Boulevard business improvement district, which segued directly into the announcement of the joint Transportation – Westerleigh area committee traffic hearing scheduled for March 12, at St. Teresa's at 7:00 pm.

The DDC schedule for street milling was passed around.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Tirado