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**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 3**

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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**March 22, 2011**

The next monthly General Board Meeting of Staten Island Community Board #3 will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the **CYO/MIV COMMUNITY CENTER AT MOUNT LORETTO**, 6451 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10309 at 7:30 p.m. The full calendar of meetings and agendas can be viewed at [www.nyc.gov/sicb3](http://www.nyc.gov/sicb3).

The Agenda for the General Board Meeting will be as follows:

1. Attendance
2. Community Contact Session
3. Minutes
4. Officer's Reports

Chairman of the Board  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairwoman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Frank Morano  
John Donohue  
Phyllis Catania  
Thomas Barlotta  
Maribel Sansone  
Frank Contrera

5. District Manager's Report
6. Committee Reports

Charlene Wagner

Budget  
Environmental  
Ethics, Rules, Bylaws & Regulations  
Human Resources  
Land Use, Planning and Zoning  
Parks and Recreation  
Public Service  
Traffic and Transportation  
Youth Services Planning/Education

Albert Esposito  
Frank Santarpia  
Thomas Uttaro  
John Cassese  
Thomas Barlotta  
John Donohue  
Patricia Conway  
Frank Contrera  
Harold Kozak

7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Please note: All Committee Chairmen MUST submit written reports at least one week prior to the regular Board Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify the District Manager or Chairman at (718) 356-7900.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:**

Ajello, Daniel  
Amerosi, Gerald  
Barlotta, Thomas  
Canlon, Edward  
Capucci, Charles  
Cassese, John  
Catania, Phyllis  
Coghlan, Robert  
Contrera, Frank  
Conway, Patricia  
Derosa, Frank  
DiPilato, Michael  
Donahue, Patrick  
Donahue, John  
Esposito, Albert  
Frag, Sherif  
Fehling, George  
Felicetti, John  
Gallagher, James  
Kozak, Harold  
Lauria, Verna  
Maresca, Patricia  
Morano, Frank  
Napoli, Helen  
Peruggia, Diane  
Ruch, Alice  
Sansone, Maribel  
Tanzi, John  
Venuto, Danny  
Zablocki, Thomas

**Members Absent:**

Bodnar, Marie  
Calamia, Vincent  
Centineo, Philip  
Gaeta, Kasey  
Goodstein, Judy  
Killips, William  
Mahaney, James  
McKeon, Dennis  
Raner, Dawn  
Rapaglia, Mario  
Romagnolo, Joseph  
Tabacco, Todd  
Uttaro, Thomas

**Community Board Staff Present:**

Charlene Wagner, District Manager  
Stacey Wertheim, Community Associate

**Guests:**

Jason Razefsky, representing Borough President James Molinaro  
Tom Ambrosio, representing Assemblyman Lou Tobacco  
Paul Marrone, representing Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis  
Rob Avaltroni, representing Councilman Vincent Ignizio  
Frank Santarpia, representing Councilman James Oddo  
Mark Murphy, Staten Island representative The Office of the Public Advocate  
Michele Rowan, area resident  
Mitchell Bass, The World Trade Center Medical Monitoring & Treatment Program  
Eric Palatnik, representing Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center  
Ottavio Savo, owner of Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center  
Jacqueline Junttonew, representing Transportation Alternatives  
Vincent Todislo, area resident  
Harold Kozak, concerned resident

## **PUBLIC CONTACT SESSION**

### **Presentation by: Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center**

#### ***Erik Palatnik, attorney representative and Ottavio Savo, owner of Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center***

Erik Palatnik displayed conceptual drawings and described the proposed plans for Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center. The plan to expand and develop Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center began in 2003 as an initiative that would offer the character of a “town square” and would improve the present unsuitable parking conditions, align egress traffic flow and provide interior sidewalks for safety. The proposal includes:

- Reconfiguration of the parking lot to increase parking from 185 to 309 which includes parking under the two proposed commercial / office buildings.
- Relocation of the Designated Open Space to the corner of Rossville Avenue and Woodrow Road.
- Adding a traffic signal at the proposed exit on Woodrow Road.
- Creating direct sidewalk corridors from exterior of the shopping plaza to the interior.
- Bike racks will also be added in compliance to new zoning regulations.
- Perimeter sidewalk plantings on Rossville Avenue and Alverson Avenue, as well as, plantings throughout the interior to meet the landscaping requirements for commercial lots.
- A storm water retention and drainage system known as a “bioswale”, to contain storm water.
- Construct two separate two-story buildings at the corner of Woodrow Road and Rossville Avenue with 18,000 sq. ft. of available retail space on the first floor and 18,000 sq. ft. of office space on the second floors, totaling 36,000 sq. ft. of space.
- Garbage dumpsters will be located in the rear (parking lot side) and shielded for visual appeal.

### **Presentation by: The World Trade Center Medical Monitoring & Treatment Program**

#### ***Mitchell Bass, representative***

9/11 responders can join the program for free, to have confidential and regular medical monitoring examinations. People who qualify include rescue and recovery workers, clean-up workers, anyone who performed essential restoration services, morgue personnel, and those who worked on the Fresh Kills landfill and barges. To find out whether you are eligible, call 888-702-0630. Participants in the program are entitled to an extensive medical monitoring examination every 12 months.

- Physical examination by a doctor
- Routine blood and urine tests (no drug or HIV testing)
- Breathing tests
- Interview by doctor or nurse about your medical history
- Mental health questionnaire
- Questionnaire about your occupational exposures
- Referral for treatment, if necessary

- Advice on Workers' Compensation and other benefit programs, if necessary
- Register online at [www.wtcexams.org](http://www.wtcexams.org)
- The Mount Sinai WTC Program Clinical Center on Staten Island  
Richmond University Medical Center  
690 Castleton Ave (corner of Hoyt Avenue/with entry on Hoyt)  
2nd floor  
Staten Island, NY 11801  
Telephone: (212) 241-1554

**Public Advocate for the City of New York**

***Mark Murphy, Staten Island Representative***

Mark Murphy, a representative from Bill de Blasio's office, discussed issues on Staten Island and the role of the Public Advocate's office. Fundamentally, the job of the Public Advocate is that of a watchdog, ensuring that all New Yorkers receive the City services they deserve and have a voice in shaping the policies of their government.

**Transportation Alternatives**

***Jacqueline Juntonew, member***

Transportation Alternatives is involved in every aspect of traveling around New York City. From bike routes and bus lanes to pedestrian crossings and car parking, they fight for safer, smarter transportation and a healthier city. When Transportation Alternatives was founded in 1973, New York City's cycling population was a fifth of what it is now and the number of pedestrians killed each year by cars was more than twice as high. Since then, they have been laying the paving stones of a safer city – pedestrian plazas, parking-protected bike lanes, the very philosophy of the livable street – and pushing city agencies and elected officials to introduce this innovation into the urban landscape. They see New York City as a web of streets and green spaces that viewed as a whole, are the foundation of a city with a greater quality of life.

**Vincent Todislo, area resident**

Mr. Todislo addressed the board regarding Express Bus Service, specifically the discontinuance of the AE7. Chairman Frank Morano stated that Councilman Vincent Ignizio and the Borough President met with MTA officials and they are looking for a solution.

**Harold Kozak, area resident**

Mr. Kozak voiced his concerns regarding the renovations at the St. George Ferry Terminal. The long isolated distance and poorly illuminated walkway to the parking lots is unsafe and poses security issues for commuters. The Shuttle Bus to the parking lots should not be stopped at 10:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Frank Morano “to accept the General Board Minutes of January 25, 2011”

**SECOND:** James Gallagher

**VOTE:** 30-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

**MOTION:** by Frank Morano *“to accept the General Board Minutes of February 22, 2011”*  
**SECOND:** Charles Cappucci  
**VOTE:** 30-0-0  
**MOTION:** PASSED

**Chairman’s Report – Frank Morano**

● **Councilman James Oddo looking into Campaign Finance Board practices.**

In a bid to save the city money during times of fiscal crisis, City Councilman James Oddo is taking aim at the city Campaign Finance Board (CFB). Councilman James Oddo and the Council’s GOP delegation are offering a bill that would slash from 6-1 to 2-1 the ratio of matching funds given to candidates for city office whenever the city budget deficit is \$2 billion or higher.

**MOTION:** by Frank Morano *“to have Community Board #3 send a letter backing Councilman James Oddo’s Introduction of the Bill”*

**SECOND:** Helen Napoli

**VOTE:** 29-1-0 (Thomas Zablocki opposed)

**MOTION:** PASSED

● **U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand’s tough standards for novice drivers.**

Legislation that sets national standards for states to implement graduated driver’s license programs to make for safer roads and save lives was announced by U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand. This bill would require states to implement a three-step licensing process, beginning with a learner’s permit no earlier than age 16 followed by an intermediate phase and then, finally, full, non-restricted driver’s licensing no earlier than age 18. States would have three years to comply — or risk losing out on federal transportation dollars — as little as 3 percent of their federal highway funding in the first year of non-compliance, or as much as 10 percent after three years of non-compliance. The legislation, the Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection Act (STAND UP), would prohibit night driving during the intermediate stage, carry passenger restrictions during the learner’s permit and intermediate stages, and prohibit the non-emergency use of cell phones and other communication devices during those two stages.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – John Donohue**

No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Phyllis Catania**

No Report

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Thomas Barlotta**

No Report

**Secretary – Frank Contrera**

No Report

**Treasurer – Maribel Sansone**

No Report

**District Manager's Report – Charlene Wagner**

- Woodrow Shopping Plaza Updates
  - ✓ Parking lot lights in rear and back parking lots have been repaired.
  - ✓ Gates to rear entrance are closed at 10:00 p.m.
  - ✓ A request was made to NYC Parks & Recreation to replace dead and missing trees on Alerverson Avenue.
  - ✓ Stop sign was installed at exit of rear lot on Alverson Avenue.
- Genesse Park, located in a residential area just above the Korean War Veterans Parkway, bounded by Genesee Avenue, Drumgoole Road East, and Annadale Road will be renamed The Wegener Park. The Wegener family owned and farmed this land prior to the City acquiring this triangular property in 1961 as a part of land purchases for the Richmond Parkway (now the Korean War Veterans Parkway). Area residents began to use the land as an unofficial play area. Parks gained jurisdiction in May 1964. In addition to the Environmental Meeting agenda members questioned Melissa Farley regarding MTA issues including the discontinued AE7 Express bus service. Danny Venuto reported a large depression at the entrance to the new Charleston Bus Annex on Arthur Kill Road. The MTA listened and the road was repaired last week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET – Albert Esposito**

Self-Explanatory

**ENVIRONMENTAL – Edward Canlon**

Self-Explanatory

**MOTION:** by Chairman Frank Morano “*motion to nominate Edward Canlon Chairperson of Environmental Committee*”

**SECOND:** John Donohue

**VOTE:** 30-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

**HUMAN RESOURCES – John Cassese**

Self-Explanatory

John Cassese discussed the pending NY State Assembly Bills, A3806 and A3807, sponsored by Assemblymen Cusick and Tobacco to amend the public health law, to establish a prescription monitory program.

- Allow pharmacies to request access to certain New York’s Prescription Drug Monitory Program data, in order to determine a prescription’s authenticity, whether it was already filled by another pharmacy or physician, and whether the patient has engaged in “doctor shopping”. New York’s physicians already have this ability.

- Establish a new prescription-monitoring program that requires medical professionals and pharmacists to report and track prescriptions of controlled substances.

**MOTION:** by John Cassese “to send a letter to Assemblyman Michael Cusick and Assemblyman Lou Tobacco in support of Bill A3806 and A3807”  
**SECOND:** Sherif Farag  
**VOTE:** 30-0-0  
**MOTION:** PASSED

**LAND USE** – Thomas Barlotta

- **Application 198-00BZ 4641 Hylan Boulevard, Block 5386 Lot 76, Staten Island, N.Y. 10312** is hereby made to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a Legalization and Extension of Term of the Special Permit for continued use, Use Group 4, for medical and cellar space, for a term of 10 years (expiration date 12/12/10).

**MOTION:** by Thomas Barlotta “to accept Application 198-00BZ”  
**SECOND:** Charles Cappucci  
**VOTE:** 30-0-0  
**MOTION:** PASSED

- **Applications N 080483 ZRR, N 080484 RAR and N 080486 RCR** - Submitted by Eric Palatnik, on behalf of Ottavio Savo and Leonello Savo, are being considered by the City Planning Commission to amend the zoning text to remove Designated Open Space (DOS) within the Special South Richmond District, provide certification for a site alteration on a lot containing designated open space pursuant to Section 107-22 of the Zoning Resolution, and authorize a modification of existing topography pursuant to Section 107-65 of the Zoning Resolution to facilitate a site alteration that will provide a reconfigured parking area for the existing Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center (Block 6145, Tax Lots 40 & 300.)
  - ✓ Install “No Left Turn” signs at the Rossville Avenue and Alverson Avenue exits of the shopping plaza.
  - ✓ Close the Alverson Avenue gate entrance after 10:00 p.m.
  - ✓ Regulate maintenance and landscaping operations prohibiting work before 6:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** by Thomas Barlotta “to accept the application with the declared conditions”  
**SECOND:** Michael DiPilato  
**VOTE:** 30-0-0  
**MOTION:** PASSED

- **Applications C 080482 ZMR, N 080485 RAR, and N 110040 RAR** from the same applicant are being considered for a zoning map change to create a new C2-2 commercial overlay in an existing R3 Zoning District and for Special South Richmond District authorizations pursuant to Sections 107-64, 107-65, and 107-68 of the Zoning Resolution to authorize removal of trees, modification of existing topography, and modification of group parking facility and access regulations in order to facilitate the construction of two new commercial buildings and required accessory parking in an adjoining, vacant zoning lot to the south (Block 6145, Tax Lots 13 & 16) of the existing Woodrow Plaza Shopping Center.
  - ✓ Install “No Left Turn” signs at the Rossville Avenue and Alverson Avenue exits of the shopping plaza.
  - ✓ Close the Alverson Avenue gate entrance after 10:00 p.m.
  - ✓ Regulate maintenance and landscaping operations prohibiting work before 6:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** by **Thomas Barlotta** “*to accept the application with the declared conditions*”  
**SECOND:** **Danny Venuto**  
**VOTE:** **30-0-0**  
**MOTION:** **PASSED**

**PARKS & RECREATION** – **John Donohue**

**MOTION:** by **John Donohue** “*to accept the plans as presented for Lt. John H. Martinson Playground (PS 55).*”  
**SECOND:** **Phyllis Catania**  
**VOTE:** **30-0-0**  
**MOTION:** **PASSED**

**MOTION:** by **John Donohue** “*to accept the plans for Crescent Beach Park on Tennyson Drive between Robinson Avenue and Wiman Avenue*” with a declaration stating *Community Board 3 remains resolute in their stand to have the closed portions of Tennyson Drive opened and developed to the full mapped width of the street. Adjoining the segment at Armstrong Avenue, and the section between Cleveland Avenue and Wiman Avenue will provide a continuous route along the shoreline.*  
**SECOND:** **Thomas Barlotta**  
**VOTE:** **30-0-0**  
**MOTION:** **PASSED**

**PUBLIC SERVICE** – **Patricia Conway**

Self-Explanatory

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION** – **Frank Contrera**

Self – Explanatory

**MOTION:** by Frank Contrera *“to send a letter to MTA requesting they attend a public meeting to acknowledge the emergency condition created by Atlantic Express discontinuing the AE7, to respond to the public directly, and put forward an acceptable solution.”*

**SECOND:** Frank DeRosa

**VOTE:** 30-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

- Frank Contrera also discussed the Mayor’s New York Congestion Pricing. New York congestion pricing is a proposed traffic congestion fee for vehicles traveling into or within the Manhattan central business district of New York City. The congestion pricing charge is one component of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's plan to improve the city's future environmental sustainability while planning for population growth, entitled PlaNYC 2030: A Greener, Greater New York. Councilmen Vincent Ignizio and James Oddo voted against the measure, deeming the Island wasn't getting enough out of the deal in terms of protection from pricing fees and promised infrastructure improvements.

**MOTION:** by Frank Contrera *“to send a letter to Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Christine Quinn and Transportation Chair James Vacca supporting Councilmen Ignizio and Oddo’s vote against the proposal.”*

**SECOND:** James Gallagher

**VOTE:** 30-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

### **YOUTH & EDUCATION – Harold Kozak**

Self-Explanatory

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Sherif Farag reminded everyone that March Is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The Cancer Services Program, based in SIUH provides free colorectal and other types of cancer screenings to the borough’s underinsured and uninsured at the Ocean Breeze hospital, as well as Richmond University Medical Center.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: Frank Morano**

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank Contrera*  
Frank Contrera  
Secretary