

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –

TUESDAY, November 14th – 6:30 P.M.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310

SESSION OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call Attendance, Acceptance of Minutes, Public Session

PUBLIC SESSION: Prince Cobbina, Jermaine Williams, Mary Bullock, Alicia Boyd, Mary Stitchwitch, Perveen Agarwat, Mike Morrell

Nicholas Ragucci from St. Teresa, Boy Scout Troop 37 will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement by Chairman Nicholas Siclari.

PRESENTATIONS:

---First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino

---Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth

---Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe

---Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell

---Treasurer, Sunny Jain

---Chairman, Nicholas Siclari

--- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

---Land Use, George Turner – Peter Rampulla will be on hand to answer questions re: 191 Edgewater St.

---Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom

---Public Services, Sunny Jain

---Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna

---Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth

---Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino

---Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov

---Small Business & Non-Profit Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

AD HOC COMMITTEE

---Labor, Robert Holst

---Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino

---Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari

---Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

---West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff, Anthony Cosentino

---Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth

---Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo

---Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner

---Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or e-mail Loretta Cauldwell or the Board Office **prior** to the meeting at [1-718-981-6900](tel:1-718-981-6900)/Linda Maffeo - lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov

Virtual Meeting open
15 minutes before
meeting starts

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and will be e-mailed

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5.	6. Small Business & Non-Profit Committee Meeting – 6-8 PM - Mariachi Restaurant, 10 Minthorne St. 	7. 	8.	9. Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Board Office 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217	10. Veterans Day Observed 	11.
12.	13.	14. Full Board Meeting, 6:30 PM - St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue. <hr/>	15. Silver Lake, Sunnyside, Grymes Hill, Westerleigh, Willowbrook Committee Mtg., 6:30 PM – Safari Realty - 1958 Victory Blvd.	16. Clifton/Concord/ Stapleton Committee Mtg., 6:30 PM, Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street	17.	18.
19.	20.	21. West New Brighton/St. George Committee & Parks Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, RUMC, 355 Bard Avenue, Sipp Auditorium. Rosebank /Fort Wadsworth/Shore Acres Area Meeting – 6:30 PM Location TBD.	22.	23. 	24.	25.
26.	27. Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington Committee Mtg., 7:00 PM Zoom link to follow	28. Waterfront Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM – Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217.	29. Youth Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM - via Zoom – Link to follow.	30.		

**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 10th – 6:30 P.M.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church – 347 Davis Avenue**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom ab
Michelle Akyempong
Arguello, Tatiana
Berksteiner, Dora
Berksteiner, Doreen
Joseph Bird ex
Allison Brown ab
Telee Brown ex
Christopher Campbell
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut ex
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo ab
Anthony Cosentino
Claudette Duff ex
Samir Farag
Omar Ferriera ab
Timothy Forsyth
Selina Grey ab
John Guzzo ab
Robert Holst
Linda Huff ab
Vincent Innocente ex
Sunny Jain
Linda Juarbe

Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Ali Lula
David McGoy
Nicole Meyers
Mohan Radhakrishna
Alina Nevradakis
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige ab
Francine Reali ex
Joshua Renta ab
Cindy Salzillo
Catherine Schiavone
Anthony Scutari
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil
Nicholas Siclari
Jaclyn Tacoronte
George Turner
Siyda Williams ab
Steven Williams ex
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guest/Presentations

Christine Quinn – Executive Director of WIN & Jocelyn Carter, DHS Administrator, Diana Switaj & Munro Johnson of NYCEDC & Antoun Sawires of the Office of CM Hanks, Judah Asimov, VP NYCEDC, Peter Lisi, Clifton/Concord/Stapleton Chair.

Guests

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, David Pena, Marie LaFrancesca, BP Vito Fossella's Office, Cathleen Kenny, Assemblyman Sam Pirozzolo's Office, David Penna, CM Hank's Office, John McBeth, George Doyle, Zhana Krot, Mario Buonviaggio, Prince Cobbina, Alice Dow, Rhonda Hogan-Brock, Dolores Brennan-Prichard, Deborah Klingele, Antoun Sawires, Sarah Gowell, Jermaine Williams, Nicole Brooks, Makeda Campbell, Eric Patterson, Ricia Augusty, Amy Obonaga, Geraldine Swanson, Annmarie Calitri, Henry Ferranti, Agustin Tonnes, Bette Russell, Theo Dorian, Charlie Olson, Kelly Yim, Derrick Ailsen, Tracey Brown, Sam Clarke, Marianne McFarland, Jeannie Kelly, Mary Bullock, Michael Harwood, Marsha Russell, Flynn Ferguson.

Meeting to Order 6:35 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Nick Siclari introduced Jocelyn Carter, DHS Administrator to introduce Christine Quinn, President & CEO of WIN.

Jocelyn Carter – DHS Administrator since 2017 along with DHS and DSS team. Talking about the new shelter opening in about a month. This shelter was purpose built with 200 beds for families with children. We at DHS made a commitment to have high-quality shelters to NYC and not retrofit buildings for shelters. Individual apartments where they cook their own food. Every family gets an individual assessment. It's not a "one size fits all". It's called an Independent Living Plan. Introduced Christine Quinn.

Christine Quinn – Executive Director of WIN. The shelter will open by the end of November. This is a 200 unit shelter for families. The North Shore has the highest homelessness rate on Staten Island. These are not for migrants. We are calling this the Audre Lorde Shelter. Since 90% are single mothers, we are naming our shelters after women of color who made a contribution in this city, state & country. This will be our 14th shelter. There will be 99 staff including 37 security staff, 22 maintenance staff, 11 direct care social services staff, 15 counseling staff, 8 childcare/recreation and 2 drivers. We have 24 hour security, extensive CCTV everywhere except the private units. We have a wrap around model called the Way to Win which includes case management, childcare, in-come building which is a job training and placement program. We saw income go up by \$4 dollars. We have family placed in permanent housing who have not returned to a shelter a year after. All the services are within the shelter. There are concerns about the schools. When opening the shelter, you get 20 families the first week, 20 the second week, etc. Mostly children going to childcare and not public schools. The first floor of the shelter will be commercial. There will be a playground. We want to hire as many residents of Staten Island for the shelter. We were at two job fairs last week. There are concerns about the park that's close by and traffic at the intersection. We are speaking to Parks and DOT about this.

Q&A – (no microphone – can't hear the questions) If there is a second parent, they can be in the shelter. 90% of our families are single women. I will have a conversation with the developers who do their own hiring between provider and developer and their contract. I can only speak about WIN employees. Security guards recently became members of 32 BJ. Ms. Carter said the real estate is between the provider and developer. Ms. Quinn said the city is in contract with Helm Equities who are the developers. The city comes to an agreement about the rent amount. We like to put families in the borough that they come from. Ms. Quinn said they have 24 hour security and work with every precinct with WIN. TV cameras on the outside and in all common areas. In any of the other places open, we have not seen crime spike related to the shelters. People can't move forward if they can't feel safe. If you see anything we should be aware of, let us know. There will be a curfew set. 30% of the adults are working. The phone number to the shelter will be public and you can call anytime including after hours.

Marie LaFrancesca – New members sworn in: Nicole Meyers, Alina Nevradakis, Michelle Akyempong, Cindy Salzillo.

Loretta Cauldwell, Secretary with roll call attendance and we have a quorum.

Chairman Siclari welcomed and thanked the new board members for their service.

Public Session, Friday Ogbewe

George Doyle – I would like to thank the Executive Committee and board members for honoring John McBeth for his service during the pandemic and allowing us to use his Zoom account. Would like the board to be on the lookout for the Department of Sanitation's Composting Program. Starting in March. Nothing is coming out as to how its going to be done. Do we get containers? How will it work? (I have called Department of Sanitation and they will come talk to us at one of our meetings prior to March). 300 migrants at the old Hungerford School, are keeping the grounds dirty, scooters parked on sidewalks blocking pedestrians. Are they required to participate in fire drills at the school. When will the school construction authority go back in the school to continue for the Eagle Academy.

Zhana Krot – Police Commissioner Liaison Unit, I cover the Staten Island & Russian speaking communities of the city. I'm here if you have any questions.

Mary Bullock – Port Richmond Strong – "Do They Think We Are Stupid?" September 27th City Planning Zoom Meeting for the City of Yes Housing Opportunity. It is the "same garbage" Governor Hochul tried to shove down our throats twice. This time it comes from Mayor Adams. The concept is build a little more housing in every neighborhood. This is the mutant monster offspring of Fair Share and just as useless. They say if we create more housing in every neighborhood, we can ensure every New Yorker has the opportunity for affordable housing. What makes City Planning think one of these new units will be affordable? They say lifting parking makes lower rents. Nothing lowers rent. They say allowing accessory dwelling units like backyard cottages, garage conversions and basement apartments can give homeowners extra cash or provide more space for multi-generational families, a proven strategy to help lower housing costs. Investors and absentee landlords will pursue that extra cash. If we swallow these ideas, we will indeed be stupid.

Mario Buonviaggio – Port Richmond North Shore Alliance – I want to extend a congratulations to Ms. Joan Cusack. Since her appointed position at CB#1, I've had several conversations with her online. We had never personally met. Her position has paid off in dividends. We no longer get a one-line response, she is engaged in conversation, supports our efforts and is concerned about many of our issues. I look forward to working with you and wish you the best. We are glad BP Fossella read our detailed letter with our concerns of many members of Community Board #1. He read it, listened and appointed the right person. That is why you had such a fierce opposition which was very distasteful but you are a "breath of fresh air" for the North Shore. Congratulations.

Alice Dow – Chair of the Social Service Committee of the St. George Civic Association. Two years ago when I joined, the Shelter situation was on the screen. There was a lot of push back. Difficulty understanding what the shelter would mean for the community. I come from a past of running a non-profit in a third-world country where I saw the need to support the underprivileged. I think in the end this will be a blessing. I have seen a lack of communication from the city officials and WIN regarding this shelter. We want to be involved. Christine Quinn offered to speak to our Civic Association. Working together and listening to each other is the only way to have a healthy community.

Michael Harwood – St. George neighborhood resident for 30 years. The representative from the Homeless Services said everyone must be treated how I want to be treated. WIN or DHS has not treated the community with that mantra. We have heard nothing back since the meeting at the Staaten. Alice Dow met with them and had questions but they haven't been answered. I ask the community board to adopt a resolution tonight calling on WIN and DHS to have a meeting on a quarterly basis. Like Christine Quinn said the only way this works is if the community knows what's going on.

Agnes McBeth – RCDA – Announcements from the DA's office. This past weekend was rough in our community. Violence with and against our young people. Our office takes Juvenile justice very seriously. The event that happened on the bus with the 13 year-old who died is being handled in our office and being prosecuted. The 17 year-old from Stapleton unfortunately lost her life is being investigated. These are taken very seriously especially because of the age of the offenders, you will not be privy to a lot of information. We are having a catalytic converter etching event on October 20th.

Jermaine Williams – NYPD Ambassador for SI – NYPD is having a baby shower on October 14th at two locations. The first is at the YMCA at 651 Broadway from 12-3 pm and the other is at 132 Canal Street from 12-4 pm.

Makeda Campbell of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office – We have our mobile office that we do on a weekly basis (flyer). We go out to the community. Place ourselves in locations where the community is familiar such as libraries, supermarkets, etc. Senator Scarcella-Spanton and Senator Lanza are hosting a Veteran's BBQ. October 15th, 1-4PM at the Elks Lounge.

Office #718-727-9406 if you're interested. We collaborate with the DA's office on scam and crime prevention. Thursday, October 26th at 11:00 AM. Cassidy Coles Neighborhood Adult Center, 125 Cassidy Place.

Rhonda Hogan-Brock, resident of Stapleton and new member of the Van Duzer Civic Association under President Peter Lisi – Urban Hope Literacy Program. Partners with Elementary Schools in under-resourced neighborhoods to equip students with the ability to read to their grade level by getting tutoring. They are seeking volunteers for the 2023-2024 Academic year. Tutoring and mentoring from Kindergarten to the 2nd grade. The literacy program runs from November to June being a 20-week program in total. One child, once a week for one hour, from 10AM to 1PM during their lunch period or the afternoon from 2PM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. Urban Hope has serviced P.S. 44, 31, 19, 68, 78, and the Lavelle School. Requirements are free fingerprints required by the company and model the format from NYC Department of Education. Everyone is welcomed 15 and over. Director is Ms. Ruiz.

Kelly Yim, Stapleton Library Manager – October 13th from 10AM – 11:30AM Big Playdate. We are inviting parents, caregivers, babies and toddlers to come to the library for a day of play. Games, Story Time, tunnels, sandboxes, etc. October 14th, the library will be hosting a baby shower from 12PM to 4PM. Janine Kelly is our social worker intern and she will be available in our branch Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 5PM to 7PM and all day on Saturdays to help people find services and resources they may need.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari – Commenting on Michael Harwood's resolution, I received a phone call from Christine Quinn a week before our meeting at the Staaten and that was it. As far as getting a quarterly meeting together, we can have the area committee meet with them. We still don't know what's going in on the first floor. We were promised Starbucks, high-end supermarket, etc. We will be on top of the WIN situation.

There were a few questions without the microphone. If a speaker wants to be heard, they must use the microphone. Going forward, we will pass around the second microphone for questions.

PRESENTATIONS:

Diana Switaj & Munro Johnson, NYCEDC & Antoun Sawires from CM Hank's Office –

Diana Switaj spoke regarding the Staten Island North Shore Action Plan. It was released in September. We are here for an overview of the plan. I will come on a quarterly basis for updates. We want to return the waterfront to the public. The Mayor spoke about this in his 2023 City Address and he is committed to working with Councilmember Hanks.

Antoun Sawires – Land Use & Technology Director at the Office of Councilmember Kamillah Hanks.

Thank you to EDC for coming tonight. Since in office, Councilmember Kamillah Hanks made it her goal to bring change to the North Shore Waterfront, bringing out Mayor Eric Adams multiple times for a walking tour and meetings with EDC. We now have a roadmap to build a vibrant waterfront for all Staten Islanders to enjoy.

Munro Johnson, VP in the Neighborhood Strategies Division of EDC. I started when Urby was breaking ground. I have presented on the individual projects. We are here to speak about many of the projects and how they all fit together.

Judah Asimov, Assistant VP in the Neighborhood Strategies Division of EDC. In Stapleton, the city is investing roughly \$260 million in public infrastructure for 2,000 new homes and 12 acres of open space focusing on the New Stapleton Waterfront with the 32-acre Navy base. For the Southern Phase, EDC will be releasing an RFP in a few months for mixed income housing. We will be breaking ground this Fall on 6 additional acres of open space to compliment the park already there. For Tompkinsville, 300 new homes with 3 acres of open space with \$300 million dollars for public infrastructure. I want to highlight Tompkinsville Esplanade because I see people from Bay Street Landing here. Two acre open space between the New Stapleton Waterfront and the Ferry. Pier 1 has been an important project to make it structurally safe. St. George, 4 acres of open space and roughly 500,000 square feet of new commercial space with \$50 Million on public infrastructure. The 7 acre "NY Wheel" site, completed parking lots and terminal building. An RFP will be released this Fall as well. The St. George Esplanade will be reopened to the public again. This is a bridge to bridge vision from the Verrazzano to the Bayonne. This plan is focused on 4 years until 2027. The Parks Department will be breaking ground on the Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center. A new RFP for Jersey Street Garage for new housing.

Munro Johnson – How does it all fit together? Different pieces of the Esplanade popping up here and there. We can stitch it altogether to one continuous 2 mile, 20 acre Waterfront Amenity for the North Shore.

Q&A – (Again we need the microphone to hear the questions). Most of the housing is going on the new Stapleton Waterfront, multi-family construction. The Urby building that is the first of a two-phase project. 570 units and still have another 300+ units to go. The RFP by HPD was in 2021 during Covid with a vision of another 300+ units of housing/multi-family. I don't have the details of the former Jersey Street garage but it's 200 units.

There is no more rezoning on the books.

The sink hole came up. EDC has been in touch with Parks and DOT. They are coming up with a cost estimate. It is an urgent issue.

If there is any kind of contamination it will be remediated before any development.

Peter Lisi - Updating our SICB1 Website – Vote was taken and passed unanimously. (Work In Progress). (No microphone). Chairman Siclari thanked Peter Lisi for running the Stapleton meeting.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – I would like to thank the public, members of our board, Chairman and District Manager for their leadership in keeping our meetings a safe environment and conducted in an orderly fashion in contrast to what I witnessed elsewhere. I would like us to think about the tragedy in the mid-east and those being held hostage, for their release, particularly our own United States citizens.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No comments.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – I would like to welcome the new members. I agree with Mario Buonviaggio that Joan Cusack has been a great asset and has been moving things along and Linda Maffeo is also doing a great job.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain – Report in packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – I run a quick meeting. I'm on the boat at 5:00 AM so I don't want to be here passed 9:00 PM. We do our business. I don't want to waste anyone's time. We deal with a lot of important issues, I want to thank everyone for speaking. I want to welcome the new board members. We voted on Salem Church. We received an email from someone of the LGBTQ+ about the church, that is not all-inclusive. We are a city agency that has to be all-inclusive. We would be violating the city charter. St. Mary's is the heart of our district. When we have too many people it can get a little tight. "Discretion is the better part of valor". We have to use our discretion as a city agency. Next month we will try Wagner College. (St. Mary's in November and Wagner College in December and so on). Sunny Jain will be the point of the WIN contact. I had an issue with Lakeside Manor, called up and it was cleaned right away. We will be on top of WIN.

District Manager, Joan Cusack – I want to thank everyone. We do our job. We talked to each other all day and run everything by each other. Thank you Linda for saving this place during a hard time. Right now we are working on the Budget Priorities for the District. It's a busy time with the State Liquor Authority. The office building we work in needs work but we have a beautiful view that makes up for it.

Chairman Siclari said to reach out to Joan & Linda in the office. Let's get issues resolved before the next board meeting and we can have an answer for the next board meeting.

Land Use, George Turner – We had two applications this month.

1st - 1197 Clove Road across the street from Clove Lake Park. John King Vanderbilt House, a Landmark structure. The whole site is a Landmark site. Ron Vittorio, AIA has a proposal to add two new single-family residences on a portion of the site that's along Waldron Avenue. They can build them as long as they renovate the John King Vanderbilt House first. Ron Vittorio is a very good architect and it's a very nice plan. It's possible Waldron Avenue will be opened up from a dead end street but it's not part of their plan.

The Land Use Committee voted unanimously to accept.

Vote: Passes unanimously to accept. 27 Yes, 0 No, 0 Ab, 0 Incl.

2nd - 90 Marion Avenue (corner of Occident Avenue)- Special Hillside Preservation District - Presentation made by Calvanico. Architects propose to add a parking pad in front of the building which is permitted.

Proposal is for two parking spots, 18 feet x 18 feet for an existing 1 family house with no parking presently. They have to consult with City Planning Commission because it's on a steep slope which more than 25% requires that. Proposing drywall's to handle the storm control.

Vote: Passes unanimously to accept. 25 Yes, 1 No, 1 Ab, 0 Incl.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom – Peter Lisi spoke on Joe Ahlstrom's behalf. Fast Ferry to Bay Ridge. Reverse Roll Call. Passes unanimously.

Chairman Siclari said that Sunny Jain has volunteered for the WIN quarterly meetings.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – Coordinate with WIN for quarterly meetings. We will continue as need be. If anyone is interested in attending these meetings, please email me or the office. Winter is coming, if you have a street that is ignored with snow removal we can let sanitation know.

Chairman Siclari commented on Sunny Jain's Game of Thrones reference to Winter is coming. Sanitation has the small snow plows for the smaller streets.

Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna – No report. First meeting will be 10/25/23.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth – Tony said corresponded with the board office and are together doing a good job.

Chairman Siclari said every year we go through a wish list with Budget & Finance that we submit to the city. Anthony Cosentino has the patience to go through it.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – Anthony Cosentino said he had a meeting with the office staff for about 3 hours. We have the Expense Budget for up to \$30,000 and the Capital Budget for beyond that amount. We had a great meeting with a lot of input. It was supposed to be presented tonight but there was an administrative snag with the city so instead it will be presented to next months full board meeting.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov – Report is in the packet. The second page highlights the transportation alternatives organization which is giving us a model on how we should be monitoring our streets. To make systematic requests for such things as street lights, cross walks, stop signs, etc. There are open cases listed in the back of my report. We need to write it and argue for it. There is going to be a spooky walk starting at Tysen and Richmond Terrace, October 22nd at 6:00 PM. This month we received a nastygram from the city regarding Parking Meter Rates are going up. Anthony Cosentino & Kathleen Coen reminded me of this as it wasn't in my report. I'm asking my committee if we should have a meeting to protest. I believe we would have moral persuasion. We will research this. Question: Why are there no express buses in St. George? Nicholas Zvegintzov will find out but it maybe a "secret agreement".

Small Business & Non-Profit Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte – Meeting on September 27th hosted by Christopher Campbell. Parking increases will begin on November 28th. Regarding the BID Outreach Collaboration. The website is very antiquated. We discussed all content that needs to be promoted or pushed out for your small business or non-profit. The board office, Linda Maffeo can put it on FB. In the packet you'll see tons of restaurants that are renewing their liquor licenses. We discussed a protocol to coordinate with the applicants if the applications are incomplete. Joan will speak with the applicants and Linda will make the corrections. Following up to last month's meeting, the Governor's office will be circling back with us on the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative) funds that were remaining, \$1.9 million dollars. I asked about two businesses. One is the Stapleton Business Improvement District and the Northshore Business Improvement District. We will know what is going to happen in the next 30 days.

We voted for Christopher Campbell to be the Vice Chair for the Small Business & Non-Profit Committee being he has 30+ years of experience. Dates to remember. October 19th, Non-Profit Staten Island will be hosting its annual conference at the Old Bermuda Inn. Deadline is Friday if you want tickets. Port Richmond La Colmena announced a 6-week small business program both in English and Spanish if you want to sign up. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 6th at Mariachi Restaurant at 10 Minthorne Street (this meeting was canceled). The owner is a huge community advocate, very nice and Latina. October 16th, second module for the NYC Digital Media Center will begin its collaboration and partnership with Maker Park Radio. If you have a High School student that is interested in learning about online broadcasting we will conclude at Hot 97.1 with MC Milk. He is part of the 50th Hip Hop Alliance. It is an award-winning program by yours truly and we open it to the public for free.

Chairman Siclari said that Robert Holst asked a question to Christine Quinn that the workers who built the Homeless Shelter who may not even be able to afford it.

Labor, Robert Holst – (No microphone).

Parks Committee, Anthony Cosentino – No meeting.

Cultural Affairs Committee, Anthony Scutari – (No microphone).

Health & Human Services, Fran Reali – No meeting.

West New Brighton/St. George Committee, Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino – Report is in the packet.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh – Timothy Forsyth – Report in the packet.

Chairman Siclari said State Senator, Jessica Scarcella-Spanton is having a webinar on October 17th. CB13, CB15 and we were invited to the Environmental Bond Act Educational. Please sign up.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth/Shore Acres – John Guzzo – No report.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington – Port Richmond Mural Painting email sent out.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi – Our meeting is the third Thursday of every month at the Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street. (no Microphone).

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Motion to adjourn – 8:31 PM

Items to be Voted On

CB#1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

For Land Use:

George Turner, AIA, Chair

1. **191 Edgewater Street** - BSA Cal. No. 2023-36-BZ – Philip L. Rampulla, Principal/Urban Planner – Zoning Variance Request to the NYC Board of Standard and Appeals to convert a vacant waterfront manufacturing building into market rate 2-bedroom condominiums.

Land Use Committee Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Ab

2. **180 Campus Road** – Steven Simicich, Esq. (steven@slg.law), Managing Partner, SL Law Group - Special Hillside Preservation District – Horizontal enlargement to a single-family home.

Land Use Committee Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Ab

For West New Brighton/St. George Area Committee Meeting:

Claudette Duff, Co-Chair

Anthony Cosentino, Co-Chair

1. Tot Park within the confines of Mahoney Park bounded by Jersey Street, Cleveland Street, Beechwood Avenue and Crescent Avenue. Requesting a letter of support.



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District Manager: Joan Cusack

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM

CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Land Use Committee

George Turner, AIA – Chair
Nicholas Siclari, Ex-Officio
Loretta Cauldwell, Ex.
Anthony Cosentino, Ex.
John Guzzo
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Friday Ogbewe
Michelle Akyempong, Ex.
Nicole Meyers, Ex.
George Doyle – Non-Board Member
Phil Farinacci – Non-Board Member, Ex.
Charlie Olson – Non-Board Member
Lisa Barbieri – Non-Board Member

Guest

Phil Rampulla, AIA, Urban Planner
Steven Simicich, Managing Partner, SL Law Group

Presentations:

1. **191 Edgewater Street** - BSA Cal. No. 2023-36-BZ – Philip L. Rampulla, Principal/Urban Planner – Zoning Variance Request to the NYC Board of Standard and Appeals to convert a vacant waterfront manufacturing building into market rate 2-bedroom condominiums, 7 stories on one side and 4 stories on the other above flood level. Old Wrigley Gum Building which has been abandoned for 20+ years. There will be 33 parking spaces under the building. 190 Edgewater Street which is the lot across the street will be a parking garage. 20-foot side yard for public access. Rear of the building, waterside, there will be a Kayak launch. Sprinkler System & fire hydrant.

Motion: To Accept the Proposal as Presented. - Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Ab

2. **180 Campus Road** – Steven Simicich, Esq. (steven@slg.law), Managing Partner, SL Law Group – for the applicant Jesus Rivera. Special Hillside Preservation District – Horizontal enlargement to a single-family home. Interior work. Enlargement of the garage and the room above the garage. Deck is not part of this proposal, but it is falling apart.

Motion: To approve enlargement structurally sound and to include the deck made structurally sound/rebuilt entirely. Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Ab

Motion to Adjourn, 8:42 PM.

Treasurer's Report - FY 2024 November 2023

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/23</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00 – \$90.99	\$ 1,504.01
101 Printing Expense	200.00	200.00
110 Food & Forage	1,150.00	1,150.00
117 Postage	200.00	200.00
199 Data Process Suppl.	450.00	450.00
300 General Equip.	50.00	50.00
314 Office Furniture	140.00	140.00
315 Office Equipment	250.00	250.00
332 Data Process Equip.	294.00	294.00
337 Book Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
400 Contractual Svces.	1,500.00	1,500.00
40B Communication (Paid by OTI for our telephone bills – not our budget spending money)	(3,013.00)	(3,013.00)
403 Office Services	150.00	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	\$3,470.00-\$624.59	2,845.41
451 Carfare	0	0
452 Special Event	0	0
622 Contractor	0	0
700 Chase Imprest Fund (Money for Imprest Checks only- not our budget spending money)	500.00	500.00
TOTAL:	\$10,049-\$715.58	\$ 9,333.42

PLEASE NOTE: EACH CODE IS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER CODES AS LONG AS THE TOTAL ALLOCATION IS THE SAME.

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West New Brighton/St. George Area Committee Minutes, October 17, 2023

Pledge Of Allegiance

Sign-In Sheets at Board Office

Presentations:

1. Presentation by Parks Dept on Tot Lot Reconstruction. A Letter of Support to be voted on by Full Board on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023.
2. Presentation by CRSI Community Resources Staten Island - Est. 1953. Their mission is to provide opportunities and experiences that all people of all ages and levels of ability need to reach their potential, and highest level of independence. CRSI has 24 sites across Staten Island with 400 full and part-time employees. They're opening a new adult home at 243 Sumner Avenue, SI, NY 10301. The age group will be 21 through 27 years only. Staffing will be available 24/7. They will also offer off-street parking.

The committee also heard liquor license application from The Pointe Tavern on Elizabeth Street. The corner of Forest Avenue. Represented by an owner Mr. John Mulvey. A letter of support to be sent to the State Liquor Authority.

The owner of Casa Blanca Restaurant at 155 Lafayette Avenue asked for a renewal on his liquor license. He states he has been at the same location for 20 years without any problems and CB1 found none. A letter of support will be forwarded to the State Liquor Authority.

This Committee also heard presentations from (3) Cannabis-license applicants. The potential addresses are 415 Jersey St., 465 Forest Ave., and 22 Westervelt Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Cosentino
First Vice Chair
Co-Chair West New Brighton/St. George Area Committee

Claudette Duff
Co-Chair West New Brighton/Area Committee



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West/New Brighton Committee Meeting

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, November 21, 2023, 7:00 PM

RUMC, Sipp Auditorium

MEETING AGENDA

Presentations:

Liquor Licenses Invited & Attending:

Bota – 402 St. Mark's Place

Morelos Deli – 6 Cebra Avenue

Beso – 11 Schuyler Street

Old Business:

New Business:

Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino

Area Committee Co-Chair

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Community Board 1 Staten Island

Clifton, Concord, Stapleton Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:30 PM, Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street.

Attendance:

Community Board Members:

Peter Lisi, Chair - Present
Joseph Bird - Absent
Omar Ferreira - Absent
Friday Ogbewe - Present
George Turner - Absent

Non Board Voting Members:

Miriam Arnold - Absent
Dorothy Brown - Absent
Linda Gallo - Present
George Doyle - Present
Linda Pernell - Present

Guests Present:

Yana
Daniel Ortiz
Efrain Rivera
Patsy
Heidi Reese
Carol Cappillo
Melinda Lamar
Peter Dimiceli
Kelly Yim - Stapleton Library

Previous meeting minutes were accepted.

Open Agenda Items:

Illegally parked tractor trailer trucks on Front St, complaints 68 Canal Street, 21 Broad St, Cars being broken into and broken windows on Brunell St. Tappen Park: Prostitutes and drug use in and around Park, public urination, Request rep. Meth Clinic on Canal St to attend a future meeting. Sidewalk shed at 520 Bay St still needs to be removed. Double parking on Broad St between Targee St and Tompkins Ave is still an issue. MTA Bus riders safety waiting at bus stops on Bay St & Broad St.

Liquor License Renewal:

LatinGrooves Bar and Lounge LLC
67-74 Canal Street, Staten Island, NY 10304



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On October 17, 2023, NYC.Parks Department presented to the Staten Island Community Board #1's West New Brighton/St. George Area Committee, a scope of the reconstruction of this Tot Park within the confines of Mahoney Park bounded by Jersey St, Cleveland St, Beechwood Ave. and Crescent Ave. You requested a letter of support and we are offering same herein.

This Tot Park intends to serve two to five-year-olds. The project size is .23 acres and the cost estimated to be \$1.93 million dollars. Just a few of the features to be installed are ADA accessibility route, shaded areas with trees, add color, ground cover, 7 foot high swings, seating and bottle fillers to accommodate various heights.

Respectfully,

Anthony Cosentino
SI CB1 First Vice Chair
SI CB1 Parks Chair
SI CB1 West.New Brighton/St. George Co-Chair

Claudette Duff
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Greetings Committee

No Report this month. (But I did promise to answer the question 'Why are there no Express buses from St. George to Manhattan?')

But now I want to update you that we failed to get a graduate student Planning Fellow for the Transportation Committee for this year.

You probably remember that I tried to get one to work on 'desire lines' on the North Shore, i.e., where do people in our District *want* to go?

Knowing this would help with the question of where transit *should* go (a SI Bus Redesign is in the MTA's planning), and also, since just about nobody wants traffic streaming through their neighborhood, the question of discriminating through-channels from traffic backwaters.

We didn't get a Planning Fellow. It partly depends on the specialties of the grad students who apply for these grants. I checked out the new 18 successful Fellows and nobody looked like much of a data- or map-cruncher and none of them was a Traffic Planner, so we didn't lose a good prospect.

There are outfits that (claim to) identity journeys. I'm willing to try to persuade some to funnel us some data. I know that many people's eyes glaze over at data and maps, but if any of you are interested in participating, please speak up. Who knows, it may be an eye-opener!

Cheers - Nicholas Z.



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CB 1 Youth Services Committee

Minutes of October 25, 2023 Meeting

Meeting Held Via Zoom

Present: Doreen Berkstein

Katheleen Coen

Anthony Cosentino

Joan Cusack

Peter Lisi

Linda Maffeo

Mohan Ramakrishna

Anthony Scutari

Steven Williams

Excused: Jaclyn Tacoronte

The meeting began at 5:30 with a discussion led by PO Jason Boreman, the Youth Services Officer of the 120 PCT. Officer Boreman discussed efforts of the 120 to engage youth of the community through sporting and social activities. The committee plans to meet again on Wednesday November 29 via a Zoom link provided by Mohan Rahmaknishna (Co-Chair).

Respectfully submitted,

Katheleen Coen (Co-Chair)



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Staten Island Community Board 1

Youth Services Committee Meeting, November 29, 2023

Agenda

The meeting will be held at 5:30pm and be conducted via Zoom. The link will be sent out separately.

- Old Minutes will be approved.
- Ms. Dana Vitolo, The Staten Island Parks Director for Youth Coordination will speak about her efforts to reach Staten Island youth via the First Lego Robotics program, and other after school activities.
- Mr. Al Kurland, an author and researcher on the subject of minimum voting ages as they relate to democracy, will address us on the matter of appropriate voting ages in New York.
- New Business

Meeting will adjourn by 6:30

Respectfully submitted, Katheleen Coen



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Community Board 1 Staten Island Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:30 PM,
CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza

Attendance:

Community Board Members:

Joe Ahlstrom, Chair - Excused
Christopher Campbell - Present
Anthony Cosentino - Present
Claudette Duff - Excused
Timothy Forsyth - Absent
Linda Juarbe - Absent
Lillian Lagazzo - Excused
Peter Lisi - Present

Guests Present:

Charlie Olson

Meeting called to order.

Joe Ahlstrom, Claudette Duff, Lillian Lagazzo absence is excused from the meeting.

Charlie Olson is interested in joining the waterfront committee as a non-board member. There was no objection.

Letter was sent and received to NYC EDC about the communities and committees request to add fast ferry service from Staten Island to Brooklyn.

NYC Mayor Eric Adams visited the National Lighthouse Museum last week and a request was made to open the garage in the Triangle Equities project. The Mayor stated the museum, Pier 1 and the surrounding area was a Staten Island's hidden gem.

Waterfront Committee would like to honor a former CB1 member who has passed away during his CB term. He was accredited to creating CB1's Waterfront Committee as well as starting the long anticipated revitalization of the North Shore Waterfront. Suggestions included a street naming or something along the waterfront in his honor.

A letter address to CB1 from NYC EDC concerning Stapleton Northern Esplanade update:

Hi SICB1- thanks for having us at your full board meeting this week to report on the Action Plan. I wanted to share some updates on the work going on at Stapleton. Demolition is now underway on the derelict buildings to make way for the Stapleton northern phase infrastructure and esplanade work to complete the public open space along that stretch of the waterfront (I included a site plan below for your reference). I've added some progress photos below. Nine structures in total will be coming down. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or would like to discuss. Thanks! Diana







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**WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
10:00AM-2:00PM**

**WHERE: OCEAN BREEZE ATHLETIC COMPLEX
625 FATHER CAPODANNO BOULEVARD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10305**

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT JAMES CLINTON AT
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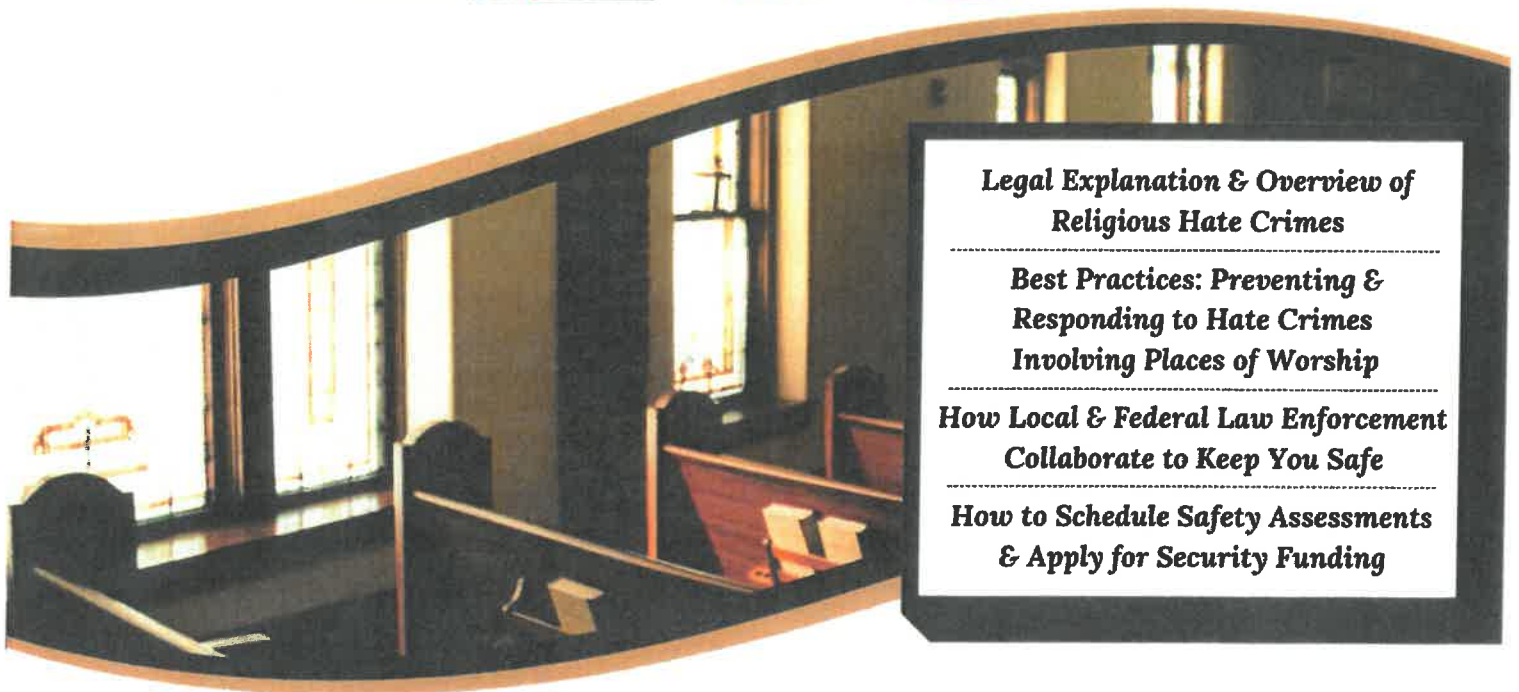
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300 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301**



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6:00PM - 8:30PM

Please RSVP to Ryan Crimmins at
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