

**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual/Zoom.**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom ex	Lillian Lagazzo
Michelle Akyempong ex	Peter Lisi
Arguello, Tatiana	Ali Lula ab
Berksteiner, Dora ex	Nicole Meyers ab
Berksteiner, Doreen	Mohan Radhakrishna
Joseph Bird	Alina Nevradakis ab
Allison Brown	Friday Ogbewe
Tele Brown a	Ernest Paige ab
Christopher Campbell	Francine Reali
Loretta Cauldwell	Joshua Renta
Andre Ciprut	Cindy Salzillo ab
Kathleen Coen ex	Catherine Schiavone
Christopher Corbo ab	Anthony Scutari
Anthony Cosentino	Anthony Sgarlato
Claudette Duff	Sean Sheil ex
Samir Farag ab	Nicholas Siclari
Timothy Forsyth	Jaclyn Tacoronte ab
Selina Grey ab	George Turner
John Guzzo ab	Steven Williams
Robert Holst	
Linda Huff ab	
Sunny Jain	
Linda Juarbe	

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Marie LaFrancesca, Michael Arvanites, Makeda Campbell, Agnes McBeth, Elena Brady, Cathleen Kenny, Gigi Li, Judah Asimov, Beth Meehan, Catherine Hicks, Rosemary Algerio, Ryan Palkowski, Sgt. Quania Rios, Shellise Rogers, Suzanne Dvells, Vincent Atkinson, Nancy DeLorenzo, Rob Reid, Robert Mauceri, Rose, Pam, Patrick Timoney, Patty Sarantakos, Pete, Peter J. Cea, Peter Levine, Prince Cobbina, R.V. Augusty, Rasika Deostall, Isenk, Mathilda Adeniji, Michael Morrell, Mimi Spillane, Lindy Peter Crescitelli, Neil Anastasio, Nicole Brooks, Karen Ustick, Kathleen Sforza, Kim Robledo, Laura McCarthy, Lisa Barbieri, Lisa Crosby, Jermaine Williams, Joann's Iphone, Joe Pikiewicz, Joe Pollack, John Caropreso, John Luisi, John McBeth, Frank M., George Todorovic, Geraldine Swanson, Gio Barton, Hanane Dbajat, Heather Butts, Helen Levin, HF, Diane Duberstein, Jacqueline Smith, Mario Buonviaggio, Christine Cea, Darwin Yip, Eileen Harrington, Eric Patterson, Geraldine Swanson, Anjail Ameen-Rice, Antoinette Donegan, Brianna Joerger, Bruce Lauria, Ajamu B., Alex Rau, Andrews Iphone, Anisa Bektessi, Saul Porter, Ariana Topallaj, Ben Buzbee, Robin Hatchett.

Meeting called to order by Nicholas Siclari, Chair – 6:30PM
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Robert Holst
Skipping the roll call/attendance – 3 members short of a quorum.

Public Session - Friday Ogbewe

Agnes McBeth, Education and Youth Liaison in DA McMahon's office with ADA Denise Trerotola in Criminal Court – Denise graduated Law School in May 2024. We handle low-level crimes and misdemeanors.

Charles Fall – Assemblymember – Committed to fight for our community, public safety and affordability. Last week the Mayor was in Albany. Bus Rapid Transit and improvements of the Tompkinsville station were brought up. We reached out to EDC over helicopter concerns. Empire Outlets is a complete failure. MTA Chairman testified in Albany. DSNY Container Rules. Some of the policies don't make sense. Transformation Fitness Studio partnered with my office donated fitness equipment to the FDNY Engine 58 on Harbor Road. During the Transportation Hearing last week, a request was made for the HOV lane to be extended on the SI Expressway with the bottleneck on Bradley Avenue. 10 years ago when there was Federal Funding for this project, that should have been considered.

Cathleen Kenny – Assemblyman, Sam Pirrozolo Office – Sam is in Albany and opposed to reckless spending. Partnering with Mike Reilly and Michael Tannousis Valentine's for Veterans. He is opposed to all Cannabis Dispensaries.

Agnes McBeth, ADA Michael McMahon's office – Introduced Brianna Joerger, ADA since 2023, Criminal Court and Misdemeanor cases. Crime numbers are in the right direction but it's early in the year. Murders and Grand Larceny down. Events: 9th Annual Anti-bullying Writing Contest with 800 submissions. Please see the SI Advance for launch. Partnered with Uber for Discounts for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Long prison sentence, 5 years for Hilton Little.

Jermaine Williams – New Program - Police Missing Persons Squad – Avonte Oquendo, autistic child who left school and was found in the East River. Safety Home Brochure for the Developmental Disabilities Program with no age limit. A unique number is assigned after sign-up and receive a wrist band. We need a photograph for the system. System is open 24/7 – 7 days a week.

Makeda Campbell, Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office – Events – Mobile Offices twice a month AM/PM, on the Weekly Newsletter. 2/18 at the Senior Center and 2/19 at the SI Zoo. Black History Month acknowledging Excellence in Education, Flyer available. NYS Youth Recognition Award for High School Students. Deadline March 19th. Homeowners Event in St. George for Property Tax Exemption. Very successful event.

Mario Buonviaggio – Port Richmond North Shore Alliance – Homeless Shelter proposed in a Hotel in Port Richmond for 87 people. Developer not returning phone calls. Conversation with Former BP and Board Member with the mismanaged Non-Profit. Sunny Jain spoke about the project. Please reverse this decision and remove yourself from this mismanaged non-profit.

Prince Cobbina, CCRB- Annual Report is out for 2024 with statistics of last year. Go to NYC.Gov/CCRB.

Anthony Scutari – Food Drive on Friday April 11th, Blessed Sacrament at 7AM. Saturday at Farrell H.S. at 7:30AM. Distribute food to Staten Island and Brooklyn. Last year there were 27 Staten Island Recipients and 15 Brooklyn Recipients. "No child should go to bed hungry". SI schools are participating. Last year 30,000 pieces of food went out. Nick Siclari and Robert Holst were there.

Michael Arvenites – Councilmember Kamillah Hanks Office - We are excited to hear about the North Shore Action Plan. Along Front Street, they are installing sewers and electric grids. We are doing a Transportation MTA Survey. There's a 10% increase on our local buses. Ferry ridership has doubled since the Pandemic. There are no extra buses added. With Congestion pricing people are using more mass transit. The coordination with DOT and MTA is non-existent. We need the surveys to give the report to the MTA.

Hanane Dbajat, Assemblyman Tannousis Office – Thank you for the participation in the Valentine's Veteran's Project. Assemblyman Tannousis' is hosting an Agency Day in the District Office in partnership

with DOB, February 28th. Hosting a Read Across America Day on behalf of Sam Pirozzolo partnering with Barnes and Noble at the SI Mall on March 1st. Girl Scout Cookie season. Please support.

Saul Porter, Northfield LDC – Tax Lien Sale is coming into fruition. It has been paused since 2021. If you are behind on your property taxes, you will be on this list. They will be advised of organizations they can go to for assistance. Be careful with the scams. If you're not sure, contact the Finance Department, Councilwoman's office or Northfield LDC. Dept. of Finance will be hosting events throughout the boroughs. March 15th deadline on Property Tax Exemptions.

Nicole Brooks, Parks Department – Lifeguards Qualifying Tests Registration at Curtis H.S. on March 10th.

Rasika Deosthali, DCP – Temporary office at 60 Bay Street, 4th Floor. Accepting visits by appointment only.

George Todorovic, DCP – For City of Yes updates, go to our website: [NYC.Gov/site/planning/index.page](https://nyc.gov/site/planning/index.page)
Some are: City of Yes adopted by City Council on December 5, 2024. Changes/Improvements: 5 Billion dollars for infrastructure and enforcement. Improving flood maps and Flood Center Program. 200 new staff members. ADU restrictions: Not allowed in flood zone or R1-2, R2A or R3A Districts which there are some in Mariner's Harbor, Port Richmond and West Brighton. 1 story (not 2-stories unless over a garage). The homeowner must be living there. Parking mandates/flexible parking.

Terry Troia, PH – Would like to invite anyone with issues of hunger on Friday, February 21st for a breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stapleton, 10:00AM. Sponsored by the Staten Island Hunger Task Force and Food for All Campaign. Elected officials will be there and City/State Hunger Advocates. New World Prep Charter School open house on the grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Saturday, March 8th at 10:00AM. September 2025 opening new campus at 2230 Richmond Terrace at Sharpe Avenue. Location of the Old St. Mary's of Assumption Church. Open House on March 6th at 4PM for Young people and families.

Giomely Barton – January 1, 2025, Commission on Human Rights. People who have been discriminated against (flyer is available).

Robin Hatchett – Resident of West Brighton. Commercial property, Brooklyn Auto Sales, 161 Marion Street, SI, 10310. Taking over all the parking and parking illegally in front of fire hydrant. They are operating beyond the scope of their license.

End of Public Session

Roll Call Attendance by Loretta Cauldwell, Secretary. We have a quorum.

Chairman Siclari said we will be in person next month, March 11th.

Presentation: Staten Island North Shore Action Plan – Q1 - Quarterly Progress Update
Gigi Li – EDC's Government and Relations Team.

Presentation:

- Overview of North Shore Action Plan by Judah Asimov, EDC – Tompkinsville Esplanade will begin construction in the Spring 2025.

Staten Island North Shore Action Plan was released by Mayor Adams, EDC and Councilmember Hanks office in the Fall of 2023 for a vibrant mixed-use waterfront community focusing on public waterfront access, housing and development, and projects across several neighborhoods on the North Shore. We are committed to make quarterly progress updates to CB1 and this is the first of the year. Tompkinsville Esplanade is a 1/2 mile long with pedestrian and bike paths. The Bay Street

Landing Promenade will start construction in the next few months. 35 acre masterplan for the Stapleton Waterfront. There is an open space for a school, housing and retail. We broke ground last year. Shoreline work should be completed by Q2. Mary Cali Dalton is a Parks and DDC Project. Started last year and should be completed by 2026. Pier 1 - Partially closed since 2017. We have secured full funding for renovations. We will host a public design meeting in the next few months. St. George Esplanade is 3 acres, damaged during Sandy. We will restore waterfront access. We will have a design meeting in the next few months. A new building in St. George with a 150 apartments and retail space, Lighthouse Point, is almost complete. There will be a ribbon-cutting this Spring. St. George Ferry Refreshments. Dunkin is operating on the newer boats and will be rolled out to the rest of the ferries. They are looking to secure their liquor license. RFP Commitments. Jersey Street Sanitation Garage to 232 affordable homes, southernmost piece of the Stapleton Waterfront & St. George Ferry Terminal Leasing with vendors.

- Update on New Stapleton Waterfront by Patty Sarantakos from LiRo-Hill

StapletonCCL@gmail.com - Construction Community Liaison: Revitalize US Navy Homeport. Northern Phase and Southern Phase. Shoreline Stabilization and Rehabilitation. Reconstructed and realigned Front Street with new sewer lines, new water mains, etc. Seven acres of new open space, parks, public restrooms, playgrounds and dedicated paths for pedestrians and cyclists as well as a NYC Parks Maintenance Facility. The Shoreline is in progress completed in the Spring of 2025. Infrastructure began in Q4 of 2024. In progress is sewer and water main installation. Roadway reconstruction will follow. Southern phase completion in the Q4 of 2026. A contractor was selected for the development of open spaces. Park construction will start in Spring 2025. Overall, the project will be completed in 2027.

- Update on Tompkinsville Esplanade & Pier by Nancy DeLorenzo from Skanska

Tompkinsville Esplanade & Pier Project, Nancy DeLorenzo, TBK@skanska.com - Sign up for our newsletter. Two sub-projects, Esplanade between Hannah Street and Pier 1 & DOT Pier with a new 2-story maintenance building. Esplanade, starting Q1 of 2025, DOT pier, Q2, Both will be completed in late 2027 with project closeout in 2028. We will setting up our temporary fencing to secure the area, then demo and removal of debris. Then utility work, installation of piles, restoring the street and new bike path. We have our trailers setup at the end of Victory Blvd. Limited access for residents only and emergency vehicles. There will be a pedestrian detour to Bay Street, noise, working hours 7AM - 3:30PM. We will have quarterly newsletters.

Questions: Will there be parking? There will be less parking due to staging and materials and upon completion, there will be street parking on Front Street. There will not be too much room for parking around Tompkinsville. Robert Holst asked if local contractors and employers could reach out to the emails provided? The answer is yes but most of the work is already procured. Josh Renta - Maritime Middle School? - No feedback on the letter we sent. Lillian Lagazzo asked about the Bike Race in May. Gigi said for any permitted races, marathons, etc., there will always be coordination with events and will be communicated with the community. Kayak access in Stapleton Park - At present

we don't have a kayak launch but are continuing to evaluate opportunities in the future. This project does not include Empire Outlets. We will present that to you at a later date.

Officers' Reports in the packet.

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – Fence is down at Martling Avenue Dam Bridge. Let's keep an eye on Silver Lake.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – No report.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain – Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – "Not one snowflake". Tony said there is an icy mix in the air.

District Manager, Joan Cusack – Everything is good.

Functional Committee Reports:

Land Use, George Turner – - 78 Fort Place, Phil Rampulla presented. The St. George civic wanted to have a presentation first and respond. We tabled it until the March Land Use Meeting.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom – Meeting on Zoom. SI Ferry will present on 2/25/25.

Public Services, Sunny Jain –

Youth Services, Katheleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna – Next meeting on 2/26/25.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth – Questions for the Dispensary Guidelines. We will develop the proper questions and format. Nick Siclari said we will try to get OCM to a meeting and invite the civics. They want a virtual meeting.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Parliamentarian, Catherine Schiavone – No report.

Transportation, Joseph Bird – No report. Email is in the packet.

Small Business & Non-Profit, -

Labor, Robert Holst – No report.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato – We will have a quarterly meeting on 2/24/25.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali – Most recently I put a request out in January and February for a mobile van to come and do mammograms free for those women who didn't have one in 2 years. It is state funded and it was canceled both times. The other unit is with Mt. Sinai in Long Island. We had over 40 people requesting mammograms. Yesterday, the mobile van canceled again because they couldn't get a tech. I am working with Northwell and said their mobile van is years away. RUMC is non-existent. No service in Staten Island although other areas have them. I will call a meeting next month. If anyone can help in trying to get a mobile van on Staten Island, please do.

This is very important. Nick said we can ask Charles Fall. Fran said she is working with Jessica Scarcella-Spanton.

West Brighton/Randall Manor, Anthony Cosentino – No meeting. Working on the Forest Avenue Dispensary.

New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff – Meeting last month. Minutes are in the package. Meeting on 2/18. The Ferry Hawks will present

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Grymes Hill/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth – Inclusive St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 2nd.

Rosebank/Shore Acres, John Guzzo –

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

Stapleton/Clifton/Concord, Peter Lisi- Stapleton/Clifton/Concord - meets every third Thursday of the month at the Stapleton Library in person and on Zoom. We had a couple of liquor license applications. They are in the minutes. Taxi license was approved. Speaker Partnership for Parks, a Summer Stage Concert in the 5 boroughs. Free outdoor performances. Speaker commission of human rights. A lot of resources for free. Complaints to NYPD about commercial tractor trailers parked illegally. Schools are not disposing of their garbage properly. We talk to the DOS. Vacant lots owned by the NYPD on Hill Street. Do something with that lot. Large empty lot in Clifton. Former Bayley Seton Hospital site always comes up. We almost had a Kroc Center with the McDonald Family but that was canceled. Next meeting 2/20/25. North Shore Action Plan was promised and is now happening. We see elected officials collaborating. Quote: Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much, Helen Keller. A little more persistence, a little more effort and what seems like hopeless failure can be success, Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Meeting Adjourned – 7:58 PM