

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD. – 7:30 P.M.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Joe Ahlstrom  
Ali Mir Masum  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird, Absent  
Telee Brown  
Sandy Carles  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anastasia Ciluffo  
Anthony Cosentino, Excused  
Megan Delmar, Excused  
George Doyle  
Claudette Duff  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth, Excused  
Victoria Gillen, Excused  
John Guzzo  
Celeste Holmes  
Robert Holst  
Sunny Jain  
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused  
Norman Light  
Priscilla Marco  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky  
Mohan Radhakrishna, Excused  
Friday Ogbewe  
Olaf Olsen, Excused  
Ernest Paige, Excused  
Catherine Paradiso  
Amy Poirer  
Fran Reali, Absent  
Chris Rooney  
Marjorie Ryan, Absent  
James Samuels, Absent  
Anthony Scaturi  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Sona, Absent  
Hakan Tale  
George Turner  
Kevin Washington, Excused  
Daniel Williams, Excused  
Camille Zarrelli  
Bob Zion  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor Deblasio, CAU  
Rowland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo  
Ralph Porzio, Rep. Senator Lanza  
Victoria Mecca, Rep. Senator Savino  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo  
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone  
Donald DeRosa, Rep. NYC Comptroller Stringer  
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration  
Jermaine Williams, NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene  
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney McMahon  
Kevin Linehan, Hellenic Classical Charter School  
Barbara Sanchez, Rosebank Resident  
Kelly Villar, St. George Resident  
James Smitt, Port Richmond Resident  
Michael Harwood, St. George Resident  
Mario Buoriviaggic, Port Richmond Resident  
Cathie-Marie Roca, Port Richmond Resident  
Phillip Coard, Port Richmond Strong  
Anthony Rondinelli, West Brighton Resident  
Theo Dorian, Pres, St. George Civic  
Kennan Willis, Citizens Committee  
Robert Gibbs, St. George Library  
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks and Recreation  
Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Resident  
Guy Petersen, Port Richmond Resident  
Kathleen Bielsa, Northfield LDC  
Laura Barlament, Transportation Alternatives  
Joe Dicks, West Brighton Resident  
Bianca Caberera, Proxima Academy Charter School  
Jessica Calvello, Resident  
Colin Snyder, Jump Bikes  
Aaron Kauffman, Hudson Companies  
Marklee Busching-Truscott, Hudson Companies  
Pedrqui Majdari, Hudson Companies  
Rev. Terry Troika, Project Hospitality  
Ellana Sandoral, Clifton Avenue Resident  
Alp Karyegdi, Furnes Place Resident  
Anthony Rotunnu, Cortlandt Street Resident  
Jessica Calvello, Ordell Avenue resident  
Marjorie Gumbs  
Barbara Sanchez, Rosebank Resident  
Christine Cassus  
Saul Porter, Port Richmond Resident  
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing Resident  
Theo Dorian, St. George Civic President  
Michael Harwood, St. George Civic

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

In Honor of Veteran's day we have 4 boy scouts from troop 160 present to earn their citizenship badge, they led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept October 2018 Full Board Minutes.

Mr. John McBeth called Veronica Gambone and Sarah Blas. Ms. Gambone mentioned that Ms. Blas started Richmond Terrace Therapeutic Garden in the New Brighton neighborhood. Sarah did more than just start a garden, she started a movement. The garden was a means to an end. She started it in front of 456 on Richmond Terrace and the council members and residents have asked was that part of the North Shore. Sarah tells a story, she started it with a spoon from the kitchen. They didn't have any garden tools. From that she brought in programming and resources for the residents of the Richmond Terrace houses. In just 6 months, the garden spread up Westervelt and then Jersey Street, all based on donations. No funding from NYCHA, none from the residents association.

Sarah Blas – Thank you for honoring me today. Very grateful. We've accomplished so much in the last 6 months and very excited for the future. This is just the beginning. Thank you.

Mr. McBeth presented Ms. Blas with a certificate of Recognition from the Board and Councilwoman Rose.

Mr. Bob Zion introduced Sam Colts from Veteran's Affairs. Mr. Colts helps veterans get their benefits. Help them to find resources. If a veteran passes a way, the wife can get some compensation. If a veteran owns a home on Staten Island, if you didn't serve in combat, you get 15% off the property tax. If you served during combat, you get 25%. If you have a disability, you get more of a percentage off.

Chairman Siclari thanked all the veterans in the room for their service.

Chairman Siclari congratulated Ralph Porzio who has been elected Surrogate Court Judge.

Ms. Carey Boss from Project Hospitality spoke of a new development in Port Richmond along with Ms. Marlee Busching-Truscott, Mr. Aaron Koffman and Ms. Pedram Manhdari of Hudson Companies who gave a background of their organization. Hudson is a private developer in NYC over 30 year organization, 6,400 units of residential housing ranging from supportive housing from the formerly homeless to luxury condominiums. 320,000 square feet of commercial space. Commitment to environmental sustainability, to improving neighborhoods. We are partnering with project hospitality.

Hudson is partnering with Project Hospitality. The site is at the corner of Castleton Avenue and Port Richmond Avenue. Currently on the site is 1-story retail commercial and a small house that project hospitality uses to operate a few different programs and services. With the new project, some programs will stay and some will go elsewhere.

There will be 48 Affordable housing development units are being proposed and will have a minimum 1 year rent-stabilized leases. So you cannot sign a lease and live in that building for less than 1 year. We hope they stay there long-term. Of the 48, 18 of them are through the lottery system. You apply based on your income with NYC Housing Connect. 50% of the 18 will be for Community Board #1 residents. The Other 29 units will be reserved for the homeless residents who are qualified for independent living who have been through Project Hospitalities Service Programs. There will be 1 unit for a live-in Superintendent, with an attended lobby to welcome guests and residents. Laundry room on site. A gym, a lounge and a roof terrace where tenants can spend time outdoors. Maybe some urban gardening in the future.

There will be offices on site. Case managers and social workers on site. Build resumes and employment development. Resources and benefits to improve their lives.

2,000 square foot Community Center. Provide food pantry, public benefits, maybe for community meetings in the future. (Castleton & Port Richmond Avenue).

6 stories, 5 stores along street front. High Quality, Beautiful Housing.

Adding trees along sidewalk. Lights along sidewalk.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Bianca Cabrera speaker spoke of a proposed K-8 Charter School, Proxima Academy to open in the fall 2020 in the Stapleton and Park Hill Area.

Mr. Devin Lenihan Speaker spoke of a proposed Charter School on the north shore. There is currently a school in Park Slope, Brooklyn. The Hellenic Classical school is proposed to open in September 2019, K-1<sup>st</sup> grade. Know more in December 2019.

Mr. Kyle Thomas spoke of Jump Bikes. These are the green and red bikes that you see on the street. The pilot program has been extended through February 2019. These are dock less E-Bikes. You can dock the bikes at the end of the trip. Approximately 20,000 trips have been made usually for ferry, train station, and hopefully the beach in the summer.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez spoke against the City Planning. Bay Street Corridor applications. She feels the voice of people will be ignored. CB1 should demand the time we are promised. Don't allow this to be jammed down our throats.

Ms. Kelly Vilar mentioned with the Bay Street Corridor applications that we have an opportunity to be heard for stuff along waterfront. The Wheel, not happening, discussions needs to be had what is to be done with that property now? We have all the chips on our side. We have to standup. If we don't it will get by us. We have a jewel we can't give away. Visit website: [SIUrbancenter.org](http://SIUrbancenter.org).

Mr. James Smith a resident of Port Richmond for over 70 years. – Within 3 block area there are two Senior Citizens Apt. buildings. The area has CYO, Camelot, and PS 20 and underperforming public school. Mr. Claims there is a conflict of interest on the appraisal of the building, who owned it and who sold it? Was it a gift to Project Hospitality?

Mr. Michael Harwood a resident of St. George. Who rents affordable Housing is against The Bay Street Corridor rezoning. He mentioned we should not give away the Waterfront. This happened 5 years ago with the outlet mall to a private developer; nothing happened with transportation issues, a plan needs to happen for traffic.

Mr. Mario Buoriviaggie stated that the meetings need to address more to community members. Make sure community knows what's going on at all times. Zombie houses and maybe Port Richmond can have their own area committee?

Ms. Catherine-Marie Roca a resident of Port Richmond spoke against the proposed hotels with Port Richmond Strong. Ms. Roca claims that the hotels will harm current residents of Port Richmond. The will not be hosting tourists and there will be drug trafficking.

Mr. Philip Coord a teacher and homeowner of Port Richmond. Requested CB1 against homeless shelters, etc. oversaturation in the Port Richmond area.

Mr. Anthony Rondinelli spoke of the liquor license for an establishment at Oakwood Avenue and Kissel. No more liquor licenses. People are screaming and yelling at 1 am to 2 am. Mr. Rondinelli has to park 3 blocks away from his house. There are currently 5 bars in a 2 block area.

Mr. Theo Dorian – President of the St. George Civic announced the meeting of the civic association which is at 7pm on November 14, 2018 at Curtis High School in the Library. They will discuss The Bay

Street Corridor. Mr. Dorian mentioned they saw Nick Zvegintzov video which they thought was fabulous.

We need to have economic development like what happened in Manhattan and Brooklyn and not have more gated communities.

Mr. Keenen Willis, Citizens Committee New York spoke of neighborhood grants for block cleanup or Garden entries due January 21, 2019, flyers were left in back of room.

Mr. Jermaine Williams New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene announced that starting In December, Food Carts and Food Truck letter grade inspections.

Ms. Mary Bullock spoke of over saturation of social services in Port Richmond. Map that shows it. She will have a meeting with decorations, food, and drink and vendor raffles.

Guy Peterson stated both his son and daughter both serving in the military in the Middle East. Port Richmond residents need to stand together and say enough is enough.

Ms. Kathleen Bielsa from Northfield Community Local Development Corporation spoke of environmental cleanup and a revitalization plan being written. Balance of affordable housing. Port Richmond needs to bring more life to community. Recommendation – Identify needs of affordable housing. Work more closely with CB needs.

Ms. Laura Barlament, Transportation Alternatives is seeking safer streets and cycling along the Goethals Bridge. We need the path for cyclists and pedestrians open. We asked port Authority to immediately provide a short term solution while creating a long term solution.

Mr. Joe Dicks a West Brighton resident is against a 240 seat restaurant. Stop liquor license. 427 Forest Avenue. Congestion, traffic, parking and noise. Thurs, Friday, Saturday nights. 6 active liquor licenses. Within 500 feet. No more than 3 within 500 feet. Committee was not aware of these provisions? No quorum present. Rules to follow, we are not living up to them. Mr. Dicks further complained of the area committee not having a full quorum at their meetings when making their recommendations.

Mr. Robert Gibbs the managing Librarian at the St. George Library encouraged everyone come in for library Cards if you don't have them already. Services available: E-books, museum passes, Programs for all ages, etc. at the Stapleton Library on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Tompkinsville Park Discussion.

Ms. Jessica Calvello expressed concern of the proposed Port Richmond development and that they will not help the residents that live there. Not safe for kids playing outside, walking to school. We need jobs, money programs.

Ms. Jenny Fishman representing District Attorney Michael McMahon. Introduced a new Assistant Attorney. December is domestic violence month, dating violence, health in relationships vs. toxic ones.

Mr. Donald De Rosa, NYC Comptroller Staten Island Borough Director stated there will be a meeting in Comptroller Scott Stringers office. November 26<sup>th</sup> event. Charter Review Commission. 3 questions on Election Day. 65 recommend of NYC Charter, Flyers in back of the room.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, MEGAN DELMAR** – No report.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** is in charge of the area committees and mentioned that we are an advisory board and can only recommend not issuing a liquor license. We cannot do anything about renewal liquor licenses, only the police can recommend that they are not renewed after violations or arrests have been made.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – Ms. Rice asked Ms. Minsky to collect for the Sunshine Club, announced we are collecting unwrapped presents at the December Meeting to give gifts to children and lastly, attendance needs to improve. People not showing up.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The Treasurer's report is in the packet.

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI**– Chairman Siclari reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot proposal on term limits. The clock is ticking, April 20, 2019. George Doyle, Vinny Accornero and John Guzzo are the oldest members on the Board over 25 years each. Now there is going to be term limits. Members appointed or reappointed after April 2019 will be limited to four consecutive two-year terms commencing on April 1, 2020.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL**- Last Saturday night, was the 40th Anniversary of the First Central, Baptist Church, Pastor Carolina. On Friday at 5 pm the Department of City Planning called to say they certified the Bay Street Corridor Applications and not to tell anyone. This morning they sent a press release to the advance saying we are going to hear it tonight, which is not accurate.

Finally Happy Thanksgiving. Try to take care of people who don't have enough to eat.

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** - There are no applications. As you heard previously the Bay Street Corridor Applications have been certified. We have not received the applications. Board Members and the public were allotted a ground tour of the Bay Street Corridor, Stapleton to St. George. Hope you took advantage of it. After certification, we start the 60 day period for community input and review. We will use all 60 days. All comments will be heard. Hearing in January Stapleton & St. George Area Committee and all Civics and residents.

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – Mr. Zvegintzov announced the 5 Boro ferry, citywide St. George on list next time ferry to Brooklyn. Site in Arlington (?) to South shore. John, I hope we can come to your meeting next Tuesday. Presentation about Connecting Clove Road to Bay Street for pedestrians and cyclists. Closed since the expressway was built.

Propose motion for Millers Launch, Marine business foot of Hannah Street. Lease from EDC. Having trouble getting lease renewed. We don't want to lose their business in the harbor.

Mr. John Guzzo mentioned that Miller's Launch did a lot during and after Sandy. Millers launch did a lot during Sandy.

Nicholas Zvegintzov asked that a letter of support to the Mayor be sent giving Miller's Launch long term lease – **Hand vote taken, vote passed unanimously.**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER** – reported on Gotham Medical – Vanderbilt & Tompkins Avenues – they have had tours of the facility. There is a shelter for women and other services. They will be extending their hours to 9 pm. Ms. Poirer attending the Ribbon Cutting for breast center on victory and clove. Primary care facility. Men should do self-exams; there is a rise in breast cancer for men.

There will be a meeting on December 12, 2018 Richmond Terrace meeting – Human Rights – December 5 new members, work for Administration of Children Services.

Ms. Poirer asked that in addition to the toys that everyone bring in a new pair of pajamas to give to kids in the hospital or kids in the City system.

Lastly a dinner for veterans was held at Meryl Post – Cary Avenue. Self-funded. District Attorney Michael McMahon was there, Ms. Jenny Fischman helped. Assemblyman Michael Cusick helped get the word out. There were 45 volunteers on site and 10 volunteers dropped off supplies to my home.



**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** - The Department of Sanitation will be invited to the December Board Meeting to discuss their snow removal plan.

**YOUTH SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** - Minutes in Packet.

**RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – No report.

Mr. Accornero asked Mr. Rooney about the proposal to abolish the position of Public advocate? Mr. Rooney responded that he did not see it but would look into it.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR**– No report.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPROTS**

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY** – Snug Harbor is putting on a show and is looking for regular people not actors, if anyone is interested please see Ms. Minsky.

**VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION** – Chairman Siclari thanked Mr. Zion for arranging a speaker for the meeting tonight.

**LABOR COMMITTEE, PRISCILLA MARCO/VICTORIA GILLEN** – No report.

**PARKS COMMITTEE, MEGAN DELMAR/NORMAN LIGHT** – There was no meeting in November. Ms. Brooks from the NYC Parks Department mentioned the following construction projects: – McDonalds & DeMatti construction will begin on or about October 9<sup>th</sup> and will last for approximately 18 months. The pool will be brought back in Stapleton Park, no fountain in Stapleton

Mr. Accornero mentioned that the Parks without borders that Commissioner Silver proposed will not work for all parks especially in residential neighborhoods. Many parks should not be open 24/7.

Vinny A. – Parks without borders – Some parks should not be open 24/7. Put commissioner on notice.

**CIVIC COMMITTEE, VICTORIA GILLEN** – The report is in the packet.

#### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH** – Minutes are in the packet. The next meeting will be on November 20, 2018 at 250 Park Avenue; Anjail Ameen-Rice will chair the meeting.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – The meeting is this Thursday at 7:30 at the Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street.

Mr. Doyle asked about the homeless shelter on Vanderbilt Avenue.

Rev. Terry Troia was in attendance and responded that 411 Vanderbilt Avenue is a 16 studio apt building purchased October 2017 and opened. Anyone interested is welcome to tour the building.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – There has been no quorum at the September or October Board Meeting. There will be no meeting in November. There are no liquor licenses proposed for the area, please attend the area meetings.

Mr. Rooney mentioned that the Executive committee is going to crack down on attendance and if members do not attend they will be removed.

**ROSEBANK, JOHN GUZZO** – The meeting was held at the Board Office, the next meeting will be held November 20, 2018 and will be meeting back at Mr. Carmel Hall, 36 Amity Street.

Mr. Doyle asked that there needs to put a do not block the box on Hylan Blvd. at Tompkins Avenue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Doyle mentioned many many years ago Rev. Troia was supposed to look in the other 2 community boards to site instead of CB#1— Years ago, Terry Troia doing business, she was supposed to go to two other community boards to put homeless individuals.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion to adjourn, seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.