

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2013
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD. – 8:00 P.-M.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice, Excused
Larry Beslow, Excused
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, leave
John Keiser, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Pearl Minsky
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewele
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Fran Reali, Excused
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
George Turner, Excused
George Wonica, Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli, Excused
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Hon. Debi Rose, Councilwoman
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Sylvia Ancrum, Rep. MOA Titone
P.O. Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Jermaine Williams, HRA
Patricia Kettles, NYPL
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Laura Barlament, Transportation Alternatives
Neela Nickrenysingle, Port Richmond/Elm Park Resident
Joe Polimeni, Joe's Broadway, 2178 Forest Avenue
Robert De Biase, Transportation Alternatives
George and Donna Cusick, Westerleigh Residents
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Association
Aaron Aber
Frank Marra, Clove Lake Civic
Richard Burbridge, Investor Suites, Trans Pacific Partnership
Sherli Allen, New Brighton Resident
John Jankowski, Protected Bike Lane Richmond Terrace
Andrew Blancero, Mulchfest Christmas Trees- Parks and DSNY

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Sequell Cotto, Curtis HS Intern
William Lleras, Curtis HS Intern
Donovan Santiago, Curtis HS Intern

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Nathaniel Dizkey and Beltina Serfot, both from the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene explained that there is a notice of intent Application No. N 140186 PXR. The proposed acquisition of approximately 13,000 square feet of office space at 135 Canal Street is for the consolidation of two Staten Island Offices. The DOHMH plans to relinquish a City-owned building at 51 Stuyvesant Place and vacate space it currently leases at 2971 Hylan Blvd.

There will be approximately 39 full-time DOHMH personnel on site and approximately 50 visitors per day. The office will be open from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

There will be six different units operating out of 135 Canal Street; appointments are suggested for most of the services, although drop-ins are usually accommodated.

Bureau of School Health: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Pest Control: Environmental Health & Bureau of Veterinary; Office of Health Insurance Services: Health Care Access and Improvement, Primary Care Access and Planning; Bureau of Tobacco Control: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control: Disease Control and Bureau of Early Intervention.

Chairman Accornero inquired as to why the Health Department was giving up space when there are services such as an ECB Hearing Office that are needed locally on SI.

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:55 P.M.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the Full Board Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken. Quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept November 2013 Full Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Robert DeBiase and John Jankowski, Transportation Alternatives both spoke requesting CB#1 support for a protected bike lane on Richmond Terrace.

Mr. Richard Burbridge spoke of the Trans Pacific Partnership which is a free trade agreement currently being negotiated by nine countries: The United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. TPP covers a wide range of issues.

Ms. Sherli Allen spoke of an empty lot next to her home on Corson Avenue that is zoned residential with a commercial overlay. Ms. Allen is asking for advice on how to change the zoning to Residential only, eliminating the overlay.

Neela Wickremesinghe, Elm Park Resident mentioned that the Port Authority has been using the 3.5 acres of land next to the Bayonne Bridge on Innis Street for a staging area and for parking the

construction vehicles. After the construction is completed, Ms. Wickremesinghe would like to have the land restored and possibly turned into an official type of field, baseball etc.

Mr. Joe Polimeni of Joe Broadways located at 2178 spoke of his establishment and how he has been working with the local area committee in being a good neighbor. Since he has taken over the establishment about a year ago, there have been no problems. If anyone has any problems they can contact Mr. Polimeni directly 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week at 646-529-6610.

Mr. Andrew Blancero spoke of Mulchfest events Saturday and Sunday, January 11th and 12th. Residents can bring their Christmas trees to be recycled. If you drop your tree off at a chipping site you can receive mulch. A full list is of chipping sites and drop off locations are available at the Board Office, can call 311 or www.nyc.gov, search "Mulchfest"

OFFICERS REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO - Anthony Cosentino wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY - Mr. Rooney also wished the same as above to all.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELLE – Mr. Ogbewele thanked all the area committee chairs and members for their hard work this year.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO - Chairwoman responded to Transportation Alternatives that Community Board #1 would not support the bike lane on Richmond Terrace because this board has been advocated for the North Shore Greenway which will include bike lanes and walkways on Richmond Terrace. Chairwoman Remauro invited all to stay after the meeting to celebrate the holidays with refreshments.

Chairwoman Remauro brought up Mr. Michael Bryantsev, who has been the liaison for Borough President Molinaro to the Community Boards. Mr. Bryantsev has been so helpful to Community Board #1 with his knowledge of the budget process and so many other things. A big thank you was given to him. Newly Elected Borough President James Oddo will have his doors open to all on New Year's Day to meet him, speak with him or to just get a look at the inside of Borough Hall if anyone has never been.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Mr. Carroll wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Debi Rose thanked everyone for all of their hard work that was put in to the wheel and the outlets. Councilwoman Rose thanked everyone for their patience with her while she was meeting and working with all of the parties concerned regarding all of our items requested in our resolution. It was really a well thought out resolution and she wanted to insure that the items requested in the resolution were agreed upon.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO

Community Board #1 voted unanimously to recommend approval of the above referenced application with the condition that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene acquire space to accommodate Staten Island residents with services that they now need to travel outer borough.

DOH to provide an ECB hearing office on Staten Island for food safety and other health violations. It is unfair that any resident or business owner who receives a DOH violation must travel to Manhattan for a hearing.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN, LISA LATTANZIO – The meeting of last month's meeting is included in the packet. Staten Island Parks Commissioner Adena Long and a representative from the Capital Project Division were in attendance tonight, the minutes will be included in next month's packet.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – The minutes of the meeting from tonight will be included in next month's packet.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - No meeting, no report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAPLETON/CLIFTON/CONCORD, LARRY BESLOW – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

WEST BRIGHTON/NEW BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes were sent in, omitted from the packet.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The Minutes were included in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI & TIMOTHY FORSYTH – The minutes were included in the packet.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/ShORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Loretta Cauldwell thanked everyone that brought in gifts for the annual visit to RUMC which is going to be on December 16, 2013 – everyone is to meet in the lobby at 7:00 P.M. You can still bring an unwrapped gift to the Board Office or you can drop it off at the West Brighton LDC.

Meeting adjourned.