

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, APRIL 9, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor DeBlasio, CAU
Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Odco
Saman Mamooou, Rep. Congressman Rose
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Hanane Dbajat, Rep. Assemblywoman Malliotakis
Victoria Mecca, Rep. Senator Savino
Joan Cusack, Executive Director Human Resources Administration
Jermaine Williams, NYC Health and Mental Hygiene
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks and Recreation
Robert Gibbs, New York Public Library
Craig Baernard, NYC DOT
Victoria Giordano, NYC DOT
Anthony Incarnato, Red Cross
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Frank Marra, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Leticia Remauro, Downtown SI Alliance
Professor Dr. Marguerite Rivas, CUNY
Beth Gorrie, SI OutLoud
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing Resident
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing Resident
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Miriam Arnold, Occident Avenue resident
Diana Caughell, Non-Board Member WB/St. George
OFFICE STAFF
Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept March 2019 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Katherine Cognata spoke of the local greenmarkets in Staten Island which includes more than vegetables. There are food scrap collections every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. – 1 P.M., Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Workshops and health bucks back for fresh fruits and vegetables. Flyers were left and you can reach Ms. Cognata at Kcognata@grownyc.gov or check out their website at www.GrownNYC.org/ourmarkets

Hakeem Elliot spoke about the Census and uncounted areas. You can reach Mr. Elliot at helliott@mec.cuny.edu. (A presentation will be given by Partnership Specialist Marianne Maloney from the Census Bureau under presentations)

Mr. Jermaine Williams spoke about the Community Health Profile which looks into the health of NYC. Mr. Williams provided a few copies of the Community Board #1 areas to the Community Board #1 office. You can also go on line to nyc.gov and search for community health profiles or e-mail profiles@health.nyc.gov

Ms. Leticia Remauro, Downtown SI Alliance spoke regarding the pending lawsuit for the proposed homeless shelter at 44 Victory Blvd. Donations are needed a link is being set up for the cause to pay for court costs etc. (Here is the link to donate for the law suit against housing 200 mostly woman and children at 44 Victory Blvd. Ms. Remauro mentioned that we do not get fair share for services in Staten Island. Our tolls have just been raised, we have limited bus service – we do not have recreational facilities on the north shore for children. These shelters are not being thought through they are just being sited wherever they can put them. We need affordable housing not homeless shelters. We must urge our Elected Officials not to cave in on the homeless shelters and fight for affordable housing.

<http://www.statenislanddowntownalliance.com/say-no-to-homeless-shelter.html>

Ms. Mary Bullock – There will be a free performance on April 20, 2019 – 3:00 P.M. The Crucifixion a musical adaptation of the poem by James Weldon Johnson.

Mr. Troy McGhie spoke of Councilwoman Rose's participatory budget over 2,000 votes were submitted. A future announcement will be made as to who will be receiving funds.

There is a free health and dental screening this Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Gerard Carter Center from 10-2. All are welcome.

Mr. George Best, Deputy Chief Staten Island Borough Office introduced himself to all in attendance. If anyone has any issues please contact the Board Office or call 311. Store owners need to keep in front of their establishments clean; homeowners need also to keep in front of

their homes clean. There are problems with overflowing litter baskets. Auto body shops many times disregard materials car parts out into the street.

Mr. Craig Baernard, NYC DOT and Ms. Victoria Giordano gave a presentation for improvements to Vanderbilt Avenue and Broad Street to install bike lanes and other safety measures. Many members complained of speed humps and bumps that are installed on the north shore that are inadequate.

Mr. Baernard mentioned DOT is working on a pilot program of speed cushions – speed cushions have been installed on Henderson Avenue by St. Peter’s Boys High School.

Chairman Siclari announced that DOT previously went to Stapleton and CB#1 Transportation Committee will review and bring a motion at the May Board Meeting.

Ms. Marianne Maloney, Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau gave a presentation on the upcoming census. You will now be able to fill out the census on line or on the phone. The Census will be April 1, 2020. Census is important for government, last census New York lost 2 members in the House of Representatives. These numbers determine what services are received. Hospitals, schools, social services. To receive any presentations from Ms. Maloney or to get more information please e-mail her at marianne.maloney@2020census.gov.

Mr. Anthony Incarnato from the American Red Cross mentioned they are looking for volunteers for the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross helps out families that have been affected by fires, by housing, food, they are there for national disasters. To reach Mr. Incarnato e-mail him at anthony.incarnato@redcross.org.

Ms. Pearl Minsky introduced Dr. Marguerite Maria Rivas. Ms. Minsky thanked Victoria Gillen for reaching out to Dr. Marguerite Maria Rivas and having her read 2 poems for National Poetry Month.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, MEGAN DELMAR – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney who is the Boards representative for Snug Harbor stated that Snug Harbor is proposing to make improvements to the Kissel Avenue gate including new pathways. The Parks Committee will hear this at their next meeting.

In addition Snug Harbor will be holding a meeting on May 1, 2019 in building P to discuss a Master Plan for the site, all are invited to attend. It is National Unicorn Day today.

Lastly, there are talks of a charter school going to 1197 Clove Road – The Smith Valentine House.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – Ms. Anjail asked for nominations from the floor to run for an Executive Committee positions. Ms. Anjail called for Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Third Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Call for Candidate forms can be submitted up to the start of the May meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor again in May and closed at that time.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW - The report is in the packet.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Chairman Siclari thanked the members for their patience at last month's meeting to give the public a chance to speak and express their concerns and disdain to the proposal for 200 homeless families at 44 Victory Blvd. As you heard from Leticia Remauro, it is important that donations are received for the law suit due to court filings and other costs. Everyone should be writing and calling the Mayor opposing the size and the location of the proposed shelter.

JOSEPH CARROLL, DISTRICT MANAGER – May 5th is the 5 Borough Bike Tour. All of the information is on our Facebook Page.

Mr. Carroll, Ole Olsen and Victoria Gillen attended a meeting at Howland Hook regarding the last phase of the Port Improvement Plan. Howland Hook is exploring the possibility with the State to use the port to assemble wind power equipment and to house longterm maintenance and operations of the windmills. When an update is received the information will be passed on.

Mr. Carroll wished everyone a Happy Passover and Easter.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no meeting, no report. Chairman Siclari gave kudos to Vincent Accornero for the great job he does.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – No meeting, no report.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – On April 30, 2019 at Christ Church at 7:00 P.M. will have a licensed Physician there to speak of diet, nutrition, and more plant based diets. 36 turkeys have been given out to communities in need. By Thursday, 80 turkeys will be given out in thanks to Costco.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – No meeting, no report.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The homeless shelter was discussed and the impact it will have on the youth in the area.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION – Fleet week will be at the end of May. There will be free concerts at 40 Minthorne Street from 12 PM – 6 PM.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Ms. Minsky spoke of Building Bridges where all different races, nationalities get together mingle. For the first time ever they will be putting on a show, time and date and location will be announced.

LABOR, PRISCILLA MARCO/VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting. Priscilla Marco went to a rally at the Amazon warehouse a few weeks ago, about 350 people attended. There are a lot of things going on there. Workers are getting harassed for trying to unionize. They are not getting enough time to eat, to use bathroom facilities etc. They are going to start meeting on a monthly basis.

PARKS, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report. There will be a joint meeting with Stapleton on April 18th, 2019 at the Central Family Life, 59 Wright Street regarding temporary art installation at the Stapleton Homeport.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN - The City has released a new data base of information so a meeting will be arranged in the next month or so.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/ SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The meeting consisted of the way the north shore is being treated unfairly by having the homeless shelter placed on the north shore, tolls being raised etc.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – Minutes of the meeting is in the packet.

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

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Condolences were wished to Mr. Forsyth who was not in attendance due to the passing of his mother.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.