

Community Board #1 Virtual Full Board Meeting, February 8, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

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John Guzzo
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Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
John McBeth
Mohan Radhakrishna
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Olaf Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
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Guests

Lily Zafaranloo, Rep. Nicole Malliotakis' Office
Hanane Dbajat, Michael Tannousis' Office
David Carr, Councilmember
Donald DeRosa, NYC Comptroller
Agnes McBeth, Richmond Cty District Atty Office
Jermaine Williams, NYPD, SI Ambassador
Frank Fontana, DOB
Adam Beckerman, DCP CB1 Liaison
Joan Byrnes-Daly, DSNY Director of Comm. Affairs
Mark Anderson
Miriam Arnold
Elena Brady
Martha Bromelmeier
Mary Bullock
Nicole Brooks
Dorothea Cernera
Justine Cuccia
Christopher Dantoni, Jr.
Taylor Goodspeed
Troy McGhie
Catherine Hicks
Kenneth King
Bruce Lauria
Lillian Lagazzo
Andy Levison
Michael Morrell
Priscilla Marco
Henrietta Morris
Ms. Newton
Eric Patterson
David Pena
Jason Price
Noah Pfefferblit
Angela Ramo, College of SI
Barbara Sanchez
Fitim Shabani
Sam Schiff
Carmen Torres
Jessica Vodoor, Snug Harbor
Everett Wattle
Martha Bromelmeier

Nick Siclari: Calling meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Attendance

Motion to accept the minutes.

Presentation:

Joan Byrnes-Daly - New Director of Community Affairs for The Department of Sanitation. I have been with Sanitation for the last 7 years in recycling and sustainability. Born and raised in Brooklyn and currently living in Queens. In January, I moved over to Community Affairs replacing Henry Earhart. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the community organizations, community boards and elected officials. I know Steve Caruso in my office comes out to many Staten Island events. We are here for your assistance. Please reach out.

Joseph Carroll said, "it's good to meet you, Henry was great. Sunny, our public services chairman, do you have anything to inquire about to our new Director?"

Sunny Jain said it was nice to meet her. "We had an email exchange back and forth about the snow. They did a great job. We will be keeping in touch. It would be great if you can come to our monthly meetings and we can have some interaction."

Ms. Byrnes-Daly said she couldn't make promises on monthly but definitely more frequently.

Kevin Washington said Good Luck with your new position. He said he was confused about the pickup of electronic devices. Sometimes they say there is a central site you can bring them. I see people putting them to the curb.

Ms. Byrnes-Daly said currently DSNY has multiple options to get rid of electronics. They have their special waste drop-off site. It's open every Saturday and the last Friday of the month between 10:00am and 4:00pm. It is within Fresh Kills. I don't have the exact location. She will get that to us. There are safe disposal events. They will be in Staten Island in the Spring in May or June. The date will go out to the community board when they have one. You can call 311 and make an appointment for curbside e-waste collection. We are the only borough that was restored after the Covid19 budget cuts. The funding is there through June. We will see what 2023's budget brings.

Kevin said the landfill drop-off site is hard to believe. It's like getting into Fort Knox.

Lisa Crosby asked if the electronics should be in a bag? Joan answered it doesn't have to be bagged.

Ms. Byrnes-Daly said the special waste drop-off site for Staten Island is located off the Muldoon exit of the Southbound West Shore Expressway just passed the DSNY security booth. Joan will put the information in the chat.

Vinny Accornero asked about the Christmas tree pickup. It seems like every year there is a certain window for pickup but I see trees sitting there for quite a few weeks after that window. Are they being picked up for compost or are some getting picked up on regular pickups.

Ms. Byrnes-Daly said with the snow it's complicated for us to stick to the schedule. When snow operations interfere with the Christmas tree days, it has to be rescheduled. They all do get composted.

Mr. Accornero asked if it can be scheduled earlier. It seems like December 26th, that tree is out of the house already.

Ms. Byrnes-Daly said she will talk to the collections operations area to see how they make the determination on the pickup dates and we will make a determination for next year.

Mr. Carroll asked if there was any textile recycling going on? Joan said there are many different options for textiles. If you go to [NYC.Gov/textiles](https://www.nyc.gov/textiles), it would give you a map of all the drop-off locations around the city where they collect textiles. The city also works with RefashionNYC which is collection in 10+ unit buildings. I know there isn't a huge high density in Staten Island. We do have donateNYC app where you put in your location, what you want to donate and we will connect you with a nonprofit that does that. You can also check our donateNYC events calendar for the exact links to the locations and times and dates. I will share a link for that as well. "Thank you so much. It was nice meeting everyone."

Nick Siclari said thank you and welcome aboard.

Public Session:

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong. Good evening everyone. Port Richmond Strong is deeply concerned that our government is not taking appropriate action in fighting gun violence by prosecuting criminals with possession of deadly weapons because of the reckless NYS Bail Reform. This civic group told our NYS electives in February 2019 that this Bail Reform Bill was dangerous but nobody listened. A recent example was there was an arrest for a home invasion on Port Richmond Avenue early Sunday, January 2nd. The suspect was released. The criminals name is Maurice Holden. He has numerous felony arrests including robbery, felony assault and now home invasion in which the victim was injured. This criminal has been issued over 70 summonses. New

York is the only state that does not give its judges discretion to hold potentially dangerous individuals. Bail Reform is supposed to benefit black and brown individuals with a fair chance within the criminal justice system but this bill has actually hurt them since the majority of the violent complaints comes from that same community. No one is immune to violence. NYS electives can wash their hands all they want but the blood of all these victims will not come off. We are planning an action that we will make very soon.

On another topic, Port Richmond Strong enthusiastically endorses renaming P.S. 70 for Evelyn King, a choice that is well-deserved. Thank you.

Carmen Torres, introduced herself. I would like to tell you my interests of wanting to be connected with CB1. I purchased a co-op in Staten Island about two years ago by way of Sunset Park, by way of Long Island, Suffolk County. I have a law enforcement background and looking to go back to law enforcement once I finish my PhD in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice. We are having some issues in the area behind 120 Precinct with addicts. We are seeing the elderly afraid to come out of their homes. These people are threatening them for money. I'm looking to get on CB1 since I came from CB7. I do have experience. I was on quite few boards in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. If you know of any openings. I'm currently working as a supervisor in a law firm but once I finish my PhD I would like to transition back to law enforcement. I have my Masters', Bachelors' and I come from NYPD. I also come from the Department of Justice as an officer. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My information is in the chat.

Joseph Carroll asked where are the addicts attacking the senior citizens, on Stuyvesant Place?

Ms. Torres said yes on Stuyvesant Place.

Agnes McBeth, Richmond County DA's Office. Good evening everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to share a few moments about two new initiatives that are occurring at the Staten Island District Attorney's Office. The first one launched yesterday. It's the DA's office in partnership with the Hate Crimes Task Force which we know as Staten Islanders against hate. We are calling it with Rise Above with SI Love. It's an effort to combat hate, intolerance, bigotry and overall negativity on Staten Island. You can find information about it on our Facebook page. We are asking everyone for this entire week on Valentine's Day to share something you love about Staten Island, living on Staten Island and your neighborhood or about a leader you want to lift up. It's to spread shared community of Staten Island. Again, you will find that on our Facebook page.

Also, on Thursday, we will be launching our Anti-bullying Schools Initiative. This is our 6th year doing this initiative. We are calling it Stand Up, Stop Bullying. For the elementary schools and middle schools we are having an Art Contest and Writing Contest. For High Schools we are doing it differently. We want high school students to talk about what they're experiencing. We want to give them resources. It's also an Art Contest that we will be judging. They will be displayed at the St. George Terminal. We want to create a forum for the students to explain what's happening in terms of gun violence,

hate, intimidation, and fear that's happening amongst students. We want to start the dialogue. A child shouldn't suffer in silence. If you have school-aged children, they will get information about it pretty soon through Pupil Path, or Google Classroom, however the schools wish to distribute it. We will be putting posters up all over Staten Island the way we distribute SI Hope which is a great resource for someone who is drug addicted. We are excited to help build our community and bring us together. I want to introduce another member of our team, a wonderful ADA Taylor Goodspeed. The DA said it's very important that the ADA's are involved in the communities which they serve.

Taylor Goodspeed, ADA. Hello everyone, it's good to be here. I have been a ADA for about 8 months now. I live in Rosebank which makes the commute very easy for me in the morning to avoid the rush hour. I've lived in Staten Island for about 5 years now. This is my first job out of law school. I feel very lucky to be under the leadership of DA McMahon with the initiatives he has put forward and the strong stance he is taking to continue to prosecute crimes and pursue Bail Reform in the midst of what's going on in NYS that was touched on earlier.

Agnes McBeth added: If you have any opportunities for community partnerships, we are always interested. My information is in the chat.

Joseph Carroll said your boss was the one who determined that the Ground Hog predicted an early Spring. Please remind him to keep that promise because this weather is horrible. He called it. He watched the little thing come out of its hole.

Frank Fontana, Department of Buildings. Live Q&A sessions with the project managers. If any member of the public has any questions about buildings, construction-related questions, violations, etc. an logon virtually to the seminar and speak to a project advocate. February 15th from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. I will put the link in the chat.

Secondly is the Homeowner Relief Program. This was issued sometime in November. That pertains to 1-2 family homes. If a 1-2 family home receives a violation, class 2 or class 3, we will allow them to make the repair within 60 days. If they make the repair and certify the correction, we will then dismiss the old penalty. This is really helpful. It does not apply to class 1, already legal conversions. I will put the link in the chat. Some may have seen our Commissioner Melanie LaRocca, she has been named our Efficiency Czar. No updates as to who will be named the new Commissioner for the Buildings Department.

There has been some information about the "All-Electric Buildings Act". That's a bill that is being proposed right now that will ban natural gas hook-ups starting in 2024. It has to go to the public review process. If it passes, new construction will have to have electric stoves and furnaces and will ban natural gas. I will give you more information as we receive it.

Vincent Accornero asked if electric is Citywide or only for Manhattan? Frank answered that he will double check. He thought it was Citywide.

Priscilla Marco, President of the Van Duzer Civic Association. Good evening. I am the President of the Van Duzer Civic Association which is the civic association of Stapleton. I am here to talk about the renaming of P.S. 70 to Evelyn King. She is a Staten Island woman of achievement. A past President of SI AACP and a long time Stapleton resident and educator. The school is scheduled to open in September of 2022. We are going to devote the next meeting of the Van Duzer Civic Association to discussion of the school. We are inviting the two acting Principals who will speak at the meeting as well as the School Construction Authority to give an update. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1st on Zoom at 7:30 PM. We have a petition on Facebook under [change.org](https://www.change.org) to name the school after Evelyn King. She is the most qualified person and the person that the community supports. I am asking the individual board members to sign this petition. We are up to 757 signatures and we would like to get to 1,000. She is definitely worthy of this. You will be hearing from Kenneth King who is a relative of Ms. King also seeking your approval of this. Thank you.

Joseph Carroll said we already sent a letter requesting this.

Ms. Marco said she knows but the process for getting a school named is a little bit different. It's in the discretion of the Chancellor and Superintendent. I think everyone's voice needs to be heard.

Mr. Carroll said it's with the Council member which can't be discredited. I'm sure the Council member has a lot to say about it. CB1 already asked

Ms. Marco said she would like to see the letter that was sent.

Lisa Crosby said she will send the letter on Friday.

Jermaine Williams, NYPD, Staten Island Ambassador. It's a pleasure seeing you guys. At the Community Council Meeting, Inspector Kinsella made an announcement of the neighborhood safety going on in the Precinct, how she selected and the protocols going forward with the main focus getting illegal guns off the street. As a community, we can also help. We have a lot of parents out there with kids may or not be into certain things. You may want to see what is being stored in their room. You can anonymously get rid of it by calling NYPD or reaching out to me. Sometimes the situation with domestic violence concerns or domestic issues, sometimes parents are afraid. A lot of things outside of ACS reporting, etc. It will take the community and NYPD to take care of this gun issue we have.

Mr. Williams addressed Ms. McBeth. You mentioned hate crime and bullying, the NYPD does have an initiative with that where they go to schools and talk to kids. Please let me know if there's any information you need on that. I can get an officer to represent an event if you have one set up to come out and talk to the kids. Agnes McBeth said she will connect with him on that. Ms. Torres I'm sure Mr. Carroll will get in

touch with the Precinct about your concern but that is something we can do also. If Joseph Carroll does it first then he can reach out to me to follow-up on it. People shouldn't be afraid to walk home. Anything we can do to help that, we will definitely do.

Lastly, on February 28th, they are bringing out citizen training. Citizens can actually get an idea of what officers go through and how to patrol your neighborhood. It is a 6-week training. It's about 5-8pm. Let me know if you are interested. I will send you a form to fill out. Please stay safe and thank you again.

Hanane Dbajat, Assemblyman, Michael Tannousis Office. Good evening. My information is in the chat. Our door is always open. Please reach out. Happy Valentine's Day.

Adam Beckerman, DCP. Hello, I am from DCP. I will be the new CB1 Liaison. Previously it was Joe Helferty. He is still around and may show up as well. Look forward to working with all of you. Please reach out if you have any land use questions, etc. it's the beginning of a new administration and excited to connect on new initiatives. Thank you.

John McBeth, Chairman, Stapleton/Port Richmond Area. I am currently serving as a new member of the Board of Directors for New World Preparatory School in Port Richmond and various other campuses throughout the North Shore of Staten Island. Anything that would come up for a vote with New World Prep and in relation to Project Hospitality, another board that I serve on, I am not permitted to vote on it or advocate for it. I am also the Outreach Liaison so you will hear information regarding New World Prep as a citizen and not as a community board member.

Joseph Carroll said you are allowed to engage in conversation about it John.

John said yes, conversation but not advocacy.

David Pena, Representative for CB1 from Councilwoman Kamillah Hanks office. It's a pleasure meeting you. I want to give you some updates. We finally have our newsletter up and running. You can reach out to tell us about things going happening on Staten Island. Please let us know and I can sign you up. I have left my contacts in the chat.

It is Fire Safety Awareness Month. We will be planning an event with the FDNY soon. We know with the recent fires in the Bronx, there has been concern. We want to inform the public in a general sense of what's being done. Several NYCHA public housing on the North Shore have been without heating, cooking stoves, etc. Our staff is on it. We sent a letter, we have been on site in discussion and trying to get them what we can. We have been in contact with the FDNY to try to get them the heat they need. We are ready to work with everyone and will hear any feedback we can get. Thank you for having me and I look forward to meeting everyone in person soon.

Joseph Carroll said he was glad to hear about NYCHA. We tried with the prior administration. It's very hard to get that resolved. I'm glad to see that you are working on that right out of the gate. That's good news. There has been a lot of community support of the people. It's helpful but certainly not the answer. Your involvement could prove to be the answer.

Mr. Pena said you're absolutely right Joe. It was the first thing that came up on our agenda. We had several complaints from people not having heating and having to resort to secondary means to getting heat using their ovens. At a senior center we heard people had to go to the hospital due to developing Pneumonia from the cold. These were within the first few days of us being in the office. That's our primary objective right now. We are in communication with NYCHA on a daily basis. We are trying to get everything done in a timely matter.

Mr. Carroll said that's great. No one should be cold or hungry in New York City.

Kenneth King. Good evening members of Community Board 1. This is not normally what I do. I am speaking about the new school in Stapleton on Targee Street, P.S. 70, to be named in honor of a former resident of Stapleton, teacher, community activist and educator, Mrs. Evelyn King. As a member of the family and the community, we are seeking your assistance in the form of a community solution in supporting Mrs. King's name. I understand that you already submitted something. I thank you. We would like your support as the magnificent community board that you are as well as an individual support with signatures on the current petition that is circulating. Go to [change.org](https://www.change.org) online or I can bring you one in person. We would also like to thank your esteemed member, Mr. George Doyle. At a meeting, when another name was suggested for this school, Mr. Doyle responded, "if there is a school in Stapleton, the only name that should go on that school is that of Evelyn King. Thank you Mr. George Doyle and thank you Community Board 1.

Kevin Washington said, "Kenny, good seeing you. I want to say not only was Evelyn strong in the community with strong roots in the community, her offspring, her son and daughter are retired NYC Fireman and medical doctor. That is the kind of family this school would be named after. Again Kenny, it's great to see you and I hope all is well."

Mr. King said it's good to see you Kevin but this is on her own merit. What she meant to the community back in the 60's, 70's and 80's. Thank you Kevin and Community Board 1.

Jessica Vodoor, New President and CEO of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden. I just wanted to introduce myself. I am excited to be in my new role here at Snug Harbor. I know that relations with the Community Board is very important. Thank you for your service. I look forward to working with all of you in the future. Things are happening here at Snug Harbor. In the month of February, we do have some events happening. There are several compost tours happening at our compost

demonstration center. We have an event at the end of February celebrating Black History Month. I would like to invite all of you to participate in the events at Snug Harbor. Very nice to meet and welcome you and thank you to Lisa Crosby for adding me to your agenda.

Joseph Carroll said Chris Rooney is our liaison for Snug Harbor. If you have issues or concerns, Mr. Rooney is more than capable to work with you to sort all that out.

Chris Rooney said he would personally like to welcome you, Jessica. I was late to the December meeting and was unable to introduce myself. We had a good relationship with the last two administrations and would like to continue that.

Ms. Vodoor said absolutely. I look forward to working with you and meeting everyone in the community. Thank you.

Public session concluded.

Nicholas Siclari thanked Friday Ogbewe.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino - No report. I have motion from Parks I would like to present. It's about Norman Light. I knew Norman since we were 9 years of age. We went to Grammar and High School together. We lived on the same block. Our lives paralleled in many ways. When we were little, we learned how to pitch baseball and that was done on Royal Oak Road and Victory Blvd, that small field. Today they have backstop and benches and it's fixed up nicely. Currently it is called Royal Oak Little League Field. Norman's dream was to become known as a great pitcher on Staten Island and he achieved that. He did become an avid pitcher and it all began at that field. I have a motion to put in a name change to Norman H. Light Little League Field.

Everyone agreed it is a good idea. Nick Siclari said he didn't think we will have any objection to this renaming. A reverse roll call was done and it passed unanimously. Mr. Siclari addressed Mr. Cosentino and said it was a great idea.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth - Absent.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe - No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell - No report.

Treasurer, Larry Beslow - Lisa Crosby said the Treasurers' Report is in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari - We had an extensive public session. Just anticipate that we can finally go in person in March. We will have more details to follow.

District Manager, Joseph Carroll - Chris Rooney is going to talk to you about the bad news. Once again the legislature and the Governor are trying to tinker with zoning. We had to fight this last year when the Speaker of the Council tried something similar although complex. Now we are not only getting it from the Governor's office but the legislature. That's the bad news. That's going to prove to be a real fight. Chris is working on language for a resolution to display our position. The good news is that Adam Beckerman introduced himself. We met with him last night with Adam and his team and city planning has now agreed to look very vigorously at areas we proposed for affordable housing and we've also found out that Adam is an expert on waterfront and industrial uses which is, as Mr. Vinny Accornero mentioned, very important to us and the board and to job creation. Hopefully the good news outweighs the bad news and we will see what the future brings.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, Vincent Accornero - Good evening ladies and gentlemen. We have no specific land use agenda to report. We did meet with City Planning officials, we were introduced to Adam Beckerman. We spoke the Local Director, Chris Hadwin. There is a new Chairman for the City Planning Commission for Department of City Planning and is a former City Council Member, Daniel Garodnick. He is just getting into that position and hopefully at some point we will have a meet and greet with him. As Mr. Carroll mentioned, Mr. Beckerman is working as a Liaison to Community Board 1. He has had some history with industrial zoning and waterfront zoning. He is also a member of the Liaison team between City Planning and the State, Department of Environmental Conservation. We had some discussion last night about some proposals that the Governor making regarding Wetlands Preservation and how that might affect some sites on Staten Island. We chatted briefly about the South Avenue, Forest Avenue Development that there has been substantial discussion about in the past regarding that proposal. The DEC is considering reviewing that. We did mention to City Planning to reach out. I think it would be a good idea for us to reach out directly to DEC to see if they had any conversations where the Governor's new mandates might affect the site and it going forward. It's preliminary but it's something to consider. As Mr. Joseph Carroll also mentioned, Mr. Chris Rooney has been reviewing some other legislation proposed on state level regarding zoning statewide and the elimination or severe restriction on single family residential zoning. He is going to propose a motion to that effect.

Chris Rooney said as Mr. Carroll and Mr. Accornero mentioned, there is legislation proposed by the Governor in the state of the state message to fix outdated land use regulations that hold back the development of new residential housing. The actual effect of that would be to eliminate single use zoning throughout the state. The good news is that we received an email from Paul Graziano late this afternoon that said the bill that was scheduled for a hearing this morning, for that legislation, was not held. The bill has been tabled or upheld but it appears that opposition has developed for that legislation. Nevertheless, I think we should proceed with the motion which reads as follows. This is on behalf of both Land Use and the Rules of the Legislation Committees:

“Whereas in her state to state message, to fix outdated land use laws that hold back housing supply,”

Whereas legislation has already proposed in the legislature

(Lisa, Can this be inserted)

On behalf of the Committees, Land Use and Rules of the Legislation Committees, I submit that motion for discussion.

Mr. Accornero said that obviously Mr. Rooney stopped reading the motion. You all received it. The only tweak I would make is that we propose sending out that resolution to the other two Staten Island Community Boards.

Mr. Rooney said that is part of the motion. It's at the end of the motion. We are sending it to all of our state and city representatives with copies to the Governor, the Mayor, the Borough President and the other two Community Boards.

Mr. Accornero said he would send it to all the Community Boards citywide because it affects all the districts citywide, mostly Staten Island, Queens and parts of the Bronx, but it still does affect everyone. It also affects other parts of the state but that is up to them. This will also affect R3-1 Districts not just R1 and R2.

Mr. Nicholas Zvegintzov shared a screen. Basically, I think this motion is a bit garbled and we are being buffaloed into it. Most of Staten Island is R2 and R3 and it is already scheduled for multi-family dwellings. It usually takes the form of knocking down one house and putting in 6 Townhouses on a private street. We do have R1's in Randall Manor, Shore Acres and a few other places. There are very few. I don't think this is our fight. Our fight is that we are over-zoned. One of the clauses in the motion as I received it is a completely different form about transit hubs. The transit hubs that we have, we are already zoned for 24 story buildings around St. George and Stapleton and 18 story buildings around Tompkinsville, Stapleton and Clifton. We have a giant thing scheduled that they passed around our offices in Edgewater. I would say this is premature and a bit over-worrying.

Mr. Rooney said he drafted the motion because of the serious affect on the single family zoning. However, it involves all zoning including multi-family and it validates development of multiple dwelling units.

Mr. Zvegintzov said it hardly needs this zoning in an R3, R6 or R7 zoning. I don't think it's affecting anything except the R1 zoning.

Mr. Rooney said a large portion of Community Board 1 is not located along Arthur Kill or the Bay. We extend to Westerleigh, Silver Lake, West Brighton and all the other areas, single family residential areas all the way up to the expressway.

Mr. Zvegintzov said all the areas on the map were R2 or more. Mr. Rooney said R2 is also single family. It's just a different lot size. I live in R2 and fought very hard to make this area R2 when I first joined the board.

Mr. Accornero said it's not just R1 and R2. It's R3-1, R3 X's. Theoretically the greater argument might be that for the state to blanketly zone from Albany, you have such a vary disparity of the geography and topography amongst New York City and compared to Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, etc. Mr. Rooney said forget the cities, it's eliminating single-family zoning across the state. Every city, village and town is involved. Mr. Accornero said there needs to be a mechanism for local municipalities to still manage their own zoning and density. It's too much for the state to take up.

Mr. Carroll said it permits far more bulk districts and it doesn't matter what zoning district you're in. All of Staten Island is opposed to bulk. We saw the fight of the community for the project in St. George. That is a very sinister aspect of all of this. They can just say the bulk is going to be whatever we say it is. Mr. Accornero said to Mr. Mike Morrell, this eliminates the home rule message. Mr. Rooney said he tried to highlight the most offensive portions but there is a whole lot of others that are involved. You don't need an accessory C of O. You don't need a parking space. It just goes on.

Jack Bombeck said he attended a meeting last week with Paul Graziano. Everyone is concerned about this bill. We realize that it will harm all neighborhoods. Once you start housing people in basements, etc., we all know what happened with Hurricane Sandy. It's harmful. Also school seats, lack of parking, congestion and the most important home room. This is really a bad bill. It's important for all the community boards to band together. We have to protect our community and quality of life.

Reverse roll call. It passes with 1 opposition.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov - Information in the packet. We are going to have a Public Hearing on Transportation Infrastructure on the North Shore. An idea from one of my colleagues, Kevin Washington, which I think is a good idea. We are going to call the executive branches, DOT, MTA, EDC and maybe a couple of others to comment on all the things the money ought to go to on the North Shore. We have 9. I think we are getting cooperation from the agencies. It is two weeks from today on February 22nd at 6pm. I hope to see you all. Thank you for your support on all these issues.

Mr. George Doyle said, today on Hillside Avenue and Van Duzer, a flat-bed truck coming down Hillside Avenue from Howard Avenue, careened through a stop light and into a one-way street on Hillside going towards Richmond Road. It overturned and demolished several cars. Thankfully, nobody was seriously hurt. I would like the Transportation Committee to take up the idea of turning Hillside Avenue to a one-way street going up the hill towards Howard Avenue instead of having the two-way traffic coming down and up. Mr. Zvegintzov answered that we have tried in the past to work on the issues of Howard Avenue being a 'rat run' for the people directed by their GPS. I will get back to

that. I have talked to various people that live on the hill. We have speed bumps. People use the hill as a short-cut.

Mr. Accornero said he had a conversation with city planning last night. We talked about development along Richmond Terrace. There is discussion regarding the proposed BRT line. They didn't have any updates from the MTA. Do you have anything to add to that? Do you have anything we can incorporate into zoning proposals with the BRT being put there. Anything about land-swapping for where the tracks currently are? Mr. Zvegintzov said we are going to get someone from the MTA. I don't know if it's a zoning issue. The swapping is mostly an agreement between the waterfront.

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell - No meeting. No minutes.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth & Camille Zarrelli - Lisa Crosby said no meeting. No report.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo - Lisa Crosby said, no meeting. No report.

Public Services, Sunny Jain - As far as the snow, Saturday night it was rough, but Sunday morning it was clean. They had done a good job. If anyone has any issues, let us know. I called a few people with difficult streets and they said they were all taken care of.

Mr. Siclari said he didn't understand when there is an impending storm, when do they stop garbage collection and start storm preparation. It seems like hours before the storm, there is salt on street corners. There has to be a time where Sanitation men do sanitation and then change over. I would love to know the process. Mr. Jain said depending on the number of inches of snow expected and the forecast, the decisions are made fairly late. I think if there is only a few inches, the garbage collection continues. We get the information late because they don't have all the information. Loretta Cauldwell added it would be nice to know when they are resuming trash pickup, because people don't put it out due to the snow. Then the pickup is missed. Mr. Rooney said if your recycle collection is on the storm day, it would be nice if they did it the next day after they finish with the snow. We had recycle out there for two weeks. The pickups are not consistent. Mohan Radhakrishna said they have to take care of the icy roads first. Mr. Jain said this past weather was a challenge. They do work very hard with 12 hour shifts and all. We can bring up the issues to them.

Jack Bombeck said Sanitation only picks up the waste baskets one day a week. It used to be twice a week. The waste baskets overflow. Can they go back to picking up twice a week? Mr. Carroll said we need to have locations and times.

Marine's Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth - We had a meeting with little discussion. We had a couple of licenses. We will be meeting next Tuesday. Mr. Siclari said John has the record on most consecutive meetings. Congratulations.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow - Lisa Crosby said no meeting, no report.

Old Business

New Business

Nick Siclari said our staff is going to be proactive, if we do finally meet in March. Send in your vaccination cards please. Mr. Carroll said we will send all the rules in advance several times so everyone knows what they are. Mr. Siclari said it's going to be a big area, a big hall. We can socially distance for people with concern. We have to get back to normal. John McBeth said we will still be broadcasting although communication will be difficult. Mr. Carroll said it will be hard for people on computers to participate. They will be able to hear which is the main thing.

Motion to Adjourn.