

Community Board 1 Virtual Full Board Meeting, October 11, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom, Excused
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown
Celeste Bute-Holmes
Christopher Campbell
Sandy Carles, Absent
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas, Absent
Samir Farag
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain
Lillian Lagazzo
Ali Mir Masum, Absent
John McBeth
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige
Mohan Radhakrishna, Excused
Francine Reali
Chris Rooney
Anthony Scutari, Excused
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Shiel
Nicholas Siclari
George Turner
Kevin Washington
James West
Daniel Williams, Absent
Steven Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Office Staff

Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Guests

Charles Fall, Assemblyman
Viomo Emmanuel, AM Charles Fall's Office
John Rinaudo, CW Nicole Malliotakis' Office
Ruben Sibri, NYS Comptroller's Office
Donald DeRosa, NYC Comptroller's Office
Amy Rose Napolitano - AM Michael Tannousis
Marie LaFrancesca, Borough President's Office
Elena Brady, CM David Carr's Office
David Pena, CW Kamillah Hank's Office
Agnes McBeth, RCDA
Matthew Stupp, ADA
Adam Beckerman, DCP
Jermaine Williams, SI NYPD Ambassador
Frank Fontana, DOB
Victoria Carstensen, DOT
Kelly Yim, Manager, Stapleton Library
Antoinette Lawrence
Andy Levison, CTV
Bruce Lauria
Ulysses Grosso
Prince Cobbina, CCRB
David Shehadeh
Genesis
Harold Wagner
David Poleshuck
Eric Patterson
Ethan Brown
Linda Daller
Martha Bromelmeier
Mary Bullock
Michael Morrell
Miriam Arnold
Ms. Ballard
Nicole Brooks, Parks Department
Sarah Gowell
Tiffany Arguello
Deyanira Gomez
Everett Wattley

Meeting to Order 6:36 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call Attendance

Loretta Cauldwell mentioned the new board members, Andre Ciprut and Anthony Sgarlato.
We have a Quorum.

Motion to accept the minutes

Public Session:

Ulysses Grosso - Community Partner Director for Manhattan & Staten Island Thank you to Larry Beslow and Lisa Crosby who helped me in the past. Workforce I Career Center in St. George. Working with a lot of employers on the island with diversified jobs. It's been a rough two years. Contact: ugrosso@edsisolutions.com.

Prince Cobbina, Outreach Coordinator at CCRB (Civilian Complaint Review Board) - Independent City Agency from the NYPD. We investigate and mediate complaints on NYPD officers in a mutual and unbiased manner. Use of force, abuse of authority offensive language, biased-based policing and racial profiling. I would like to invite everyone to a Public Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 P.M. at Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street. It will be in person and virtual. Topic will be Police/Community Relations. Contact: pcobbina@ccrb.nyc.gov.

Agnes McBeth, RCDA - Richmond County DA's office. GLA continues to be on the rise. Lock your cars and be mindful to park in well-lit areas. Two events, one was postponed because of rain. A Mile in Their Shoes rescheduled to Saturday, October 29th, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Willowbrook Park. Sowing Seeds of Hope, October 27th, 11:00 A.M. Brookfield Park. In remembrance and recognition of those struggling with Drug Abuse. Talk about addiction and celebrate those in recovery. Rainbow-colored Fentanyl pills is targeted to kids. Spread awareness.

Matthew Stupp, ADA Domestic Violence Bureau. Introduced himself. I have been here for two years. I will be here if any issues come up.

Frank Fontana, DOB - Last week it was announced that the 90-day commission. Mayor and Buildings will be working together on how to improve our processes. We will be working with small business owners. Remind everyone to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms for the winter coming.

David Pena, CW Kamillah Hank's Office - \$26.2 million for District 49. \$215,000 to DSNY for mechanical groom service and litter patrol. If you see any areas with a lot of trash, please let our office know. Legislative items we've been working on Catalytic converter etching kits. Hasn't passed yet, hopefully soon. Property tax rebate for lower- and middle-income homeowners, checks went out this past summer. Pier 1 has been cleaned up. We worked with NYCEDC. We are aware of the Waterfront issues, and it is a long-term process. Projects put off way too long. We will keep CB1 informed of the progress we make.

Antoinette Lawrence, Cora Hoffman Day-Habilitation Center. United Cerebral Palsy of NYS. Prior to Covid, individuals would come. Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Wheelchair Clinics, Podiatrists, Medical Clinic attached. Budgetary constraints and lack of bus drivers have limited the

access for those people. We need other places for Recreational Activities, Gym, Arts, etc. Ideas to get these individuals out of their homes. We have a shortage of bus drivers. If anyone is interested in joining our transportation force please contact me, alawrence@cpofnys.org.

David Shehadeh, Owner of Olive Tree Marketplace, Clove Road & Tioga Street. Took away left turn. This is hurting my business, lost 25%. Re-routing the traffic away from the store. I employ over 25 employees. Please put the left turn signal back.

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Transportation Chair - To Mr. David Shehadeh, let's get together and work on this issue. Introducing our planning person this year, Ethan Brown, Graduate Student doing a class project. It's a wonderful resource paid for by the Forge Foundation.

Viamo Emmanuel, Assemblyman Charles Fall's Office - Building Generational Wealth Series, November 3rd. Our office and Canvas Institute. Help locals lay out their financial goals. Keys to saving, interest rates, etc. Contact: emmanuel@nyassembly.gov.

Lisa Crosby welcomed Charles Fall who is also in attendance.

Charles Fall, Assemblyman - Thank you to everyone who helped out with our cleanup in Port Richmond, Hooker and Trantor Place. Collected over 200 bags of garbage.

Jermaine Williams, SI NYPD Ambassador - NYPD having an Active Shooter Alert Training on October 12th at 1020 Targee Street, 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. at the Christian Pentecostal Church. The NYPD Community Outreach Division having a NYPD Community Baby Shower for any expected moms, 651 Broadway, YMCA, Saturday, November 12th, 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. To reach me, text 917-826-6797.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino -

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth - No report.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe - No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell - No report.

Treasurer, Larry Below - Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari - Welcome our new board members, Dr. Anthony Sgarlato and Andre Ciprut. See what committees you're interested in. George Turner will touch on Land Use. EDC was in the newspaper. Our old Land Use Chair, Vincent Accornero was always on EDC about concerts at the Ballpark and never happened. Lighthouse Pointe's lease was extended to 99 years. They wasted 10 years for Phase I. We have to stay on top of them.

Marie LaFrancesca, BP Vito Fossella's office swore the new members into Community Board 1 with the Oath of Office.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner - Land Use meeting last week. EDC made a presentation. They told us they were starting off again with Phase 1. Once that is completed, they would carry on with Phase II. All information is in the packet.

Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom - Tim Forsyth speaking on Mr. Ahlstrom's behalf. Lighthouse Pointe getting the lease extension to 99 years. They didn't give the Lighthouse Museum an extension and took away the parking. Secondly, Pier 1, we know the Councilwoman is on it and wants to see it open to the public. Survey of findings of the underwater structure. Thank you to Mr. Ahlstrom for the hosting of Princess Anne and her entourage. Good turnout for Staten Island and boost for the Lighthouse Museum.

Public Services, Sunny Jain - I encourage the new members to join our committee.

Youth Services, Ernest Paige - No meeting due to Yom Kippur. Look forward to meeting next month.

Rules & Legislative, Chris Rooney - No meeting.

District Manager -

Budget & Finance - Anthony Cosentino - Chris Rooney on Mr. Cosentino's behalf. We had a Budget & Steering meeting on October 6th. Went over the budget requests of the previous year. There were some changes in the packet. Pier 1 was added as #9. New roof for P.S. 29 is now #3. Item #2, 120 Precinct is still there. We didn't have a Quorum. We had less than 1/2 the chairs.

Motion now to approve as presented. Loretta Cauldwell with Roll Call.
Vote passes with 1 abstention.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov - "DOT turning this North Shore neighborhood into a Vision Zero Hellscape", from Tom Wroblewski, Staten Island Advance on September 10th. He is mad at Stop Signs on Occident Avenue which is a "rat run" used to avoid the traffic light on Cebra Avenue and St. Paul's. The silly speed bumps on Howard Avenue have led drivers to sway dangerously into the other lane. We can have a good laugh on the North Shore.

We haven't had any Transportation meetings this month. We are doing joint meetings. Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 P.M., we will join the Waterfront Committee in person at the Board Office to meet John Garvey who is the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer of the Staten Island Ferry. Waterfront has questions about the

maintenance operations on the Waterfront. Transportation has questions on the getting the new contract done, night boats which were canceled again tonight and customer service which is awful.

On November 2nd we will be joining the Transportation and Traffic Committee of CB3 to listen to the MTA on Revised Monopoles. We have voted with other Community Boards and Elected Officials against these gigantic monopoles.

Regarding Crystal Avenue, between Watchogue Road and Victory Blvd. DOT sent a response to a resident there. The resident had obtained a petition from everyone on his block requesting a one-way street. This is what they said, "Our Borough Engineering office has completed their on-site investigation converting Crystal Avenue into a one-way operation is not feasible at this time due to the negative traffic impact in the surrounding area. It has been found that parking restrictions exist along the narrow portions of the roadway in accordance with our records. Motorists are urged to use caution while navigating residential streets."

I will work with the Borough Commissioner to talk about this and get back to the resident to say this is not over.

Fran Reali asked about how much notice is given because within a two-week time the overpasses at Bradley and Woolley Avenues were converted to one-ways the opposite ways. The traffic is horrendous. Their plan is through 2024 will it take until 2026?

Mr. Zvegintzov said we thought it was a reasonable plan because they made a compromise to work on the bridge.

George Doyle said Governor Hochul put it in the Advance two months before the construction started.

Chris Rooney said at the Intersection of Martling Avenue and Manor Road traffic is backing up at night.

Fran Reali and Lisa Crosby said two lanes are needed on Martling Avenue. Also, the timing of the light needs to be changed.

Victoria Carstensen of DOT said she will look into it.

Labor, Robert Holst - Nothing this month.

Parks and Recreation, Anthony Cosentino - No meeting. Looking forward to October 28th.

Lisa Crosby said we received an email from DDC about Cromwell Center. Building Cromwell Center next to Lyon's Pool. Parks and West Brighton/St. George with Waterfront will be setting up a joint meeting.

Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari - Away in Europe.

Health & Human Services, Fran Reali - No meeting. I tried to have one but was delayed at an appointment and apologized. Hopefully we will have one on Wednesday, October 26th. Ribbon-Cutting for the New Emergency Room at RUMC on October 25th. All invited. We will have my sons Memorial Dinner that night at the Staaten.

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell - We had a joint meeting with Land Use and Waterfront already reported concerning Lighthouse Pointe and Pier 1.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth & Camille Zarrelli - No meeting. We will have one next month.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo - We had a meeting with no attendance. Sunny is running the committee to find a new District Manager. Many questions about this.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth - We had a meeting. We will be meeting next week, and Anjail has volunteered to run the meeting due to it being my Anniversary, 18 years married.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Below - No meeting, no report. George Doyle said there will be a joint meeting next month with Waterfront and St. George, we should be involved in that. Mr. Beslow agreed.

Public Services, Sunny Jain - We met one time. We have four resumes for review. We have taken the job posting down and will meet one more time. Our committee is suggesting the best candidates and then the Board will vote. Chris Rooney said anyone from the Board can make a nomination from the floor.

Loretta Cauldwell said the committee was formed in May and this is October which is 5 months. I understand the process but also Lisa Crosby has been doing all the District Manager's work. I would like to make a motion that Ms. Crosby be Interim District

Manager until this is settled. Many seconded the motion. John Guzzo said I also think Ms. Crosby should be compensated for the work she has done. George Doyle said Ms. Crosby has put her heart and soul into working for this Board for many years.

Nicholas Zvegintzov said he is unhappy to have this discussion in public. This is embarrassing. It is a public meeting.

Camille Zarrelli said we should have an in-person meeting. We want to give the candidates the opportunity to present themselves to the full board.

Lisa Crosby said she shouldn't be on this, and the public shouldn't be on this. Ms. Crosby continued, "you need to go into an Executive Session and anyone who is not a board member, please sign-off. I don't know anything about this."

Nicholas Siclari said we had a Steering-Budget meeting and John Guzzo had a Rosebank meeting that no-one turned out for. We should have an in-person November meeting where this topic should be debated and resolved. I need attendance at the in-person meetings.

Old Business -

New Business -

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss motion on the table to make Lisa Crosby Interim District Manager and compensate her for the past five months of work.

Public meeting adjourned.

Executive Session resumed.

