

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 OCTOBER 13, 2020 VIRTUAL FULL BOARD MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Joe Ahlstrom  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anastasia Ciluffo, Excused  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar, Excused  
George Doyle  
Claudette Duff, Absent  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
John Guzzo, Absent  
Celeste Holmes, Absent  
Robert Holst  
Sunny Jain  
Lisa Lattanzio, Absent  
Norman Light  
Ali Mir Masum  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky, Excused  
Friday Ogbewe  
Ole Olsen  
Ernest Paige  
Catherine Paradiso  
Amy Poirer  
Mohan Radharkrishn  
Fran Reali  
Chris Rooney  
Anthony Scutari  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Sona, Excused  
George Turner, Absent  
Kevin Washington  
Daniel Williams, Absent  
Steven Williams  
Camille Zarrelli  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Deputy Inspector Tania Kinsella, Commander 120 Pct.  
Tom Cocola, SI DOT Commissioner  
Victoria Giordano, SI DOT Asst. Commissioner  
Edward Jackson, Rep. CAU, Mayor DeBlasio, CAU  
Setonji Agosa, Rep. MOA Fall+  
Lisa Thompson, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon  
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Steven Matteo  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Frank Fontana, Department of Buildings  
Nicole Brooks, Parks Department  
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA  
Jermaine Williams, Borough Coordinator HRA  
Ernie Stiletto, Non-Bd. Member Land Use  
Sam Schiff, Non-Bd, Member, Land Use  
Mario Buonviaggio  
Mary Bullock  
Eric Palatnik, Jasmine Way  
Elyse Foladare, Jasmine Way  
Lillian Lagazzo, Bay Street Landing  
Ashlee Olsen  
Joe Helferty, Dept, of City Planning  
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing  
Mark Anderson, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Andrew Olsen  
Eric Patterson

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manger  
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator  
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.  
Secretary Loretta Caudwell took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Ms. Anjail Amen-Rice asked for a moment of silence to honor the grandmother of Ms. Ashlynn Reed the 8-year-old that we honored last year for her quick response in calling 911 when her grandmother had a stroke. Her grandmother passed on October 1, 2020,

Chairman Nicholas Siclari asked for a motion to accept September 2020 minutes, John McBeth seconded, motion passes.

Commander Tania Kinsella of the 120 Pct. thanked the Board for welcoming her back to Staten Island and back as the new Commander of the 120 Pct. She looks forward to working with the Board and the community.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Donald DeRosa from Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office mentioned their office sent letters to the Mayor and the School Chancellor regarding homeless students' needs for learning remotely, free broadband internet service and the lack of high-speed connection. The Comptroller's reopening recommendation to the Department of Education.

There is a school reopening guide for parents on-line in multiple languages. There are also resources for mental health and safety on the Comptroller's website.

Mr. Robert Gibbs from the New York Public Library, Managing Librarian for the St. George Library reported that libraries are open on a limited basis. St. George, Stapleton, Todt Hill, New Dorp, Richmondtown and Huguenot offer grab and go service for pick-up and returns. You can request items at NYPL.org or call 917-ASK-NYPL (917-275-6975). There is no computer usage at this time due to COVID.

Mario Buonviaggio from Port Richmond Strong – Mr. Buonviaggio thanked Senator Savino for helping out on a couple of issues, one in Arlington and one in the Port Richmond Area, she reached out to City Agencies that were unresponsive. Mr. Buonviaggio thanked Sanitation for picking up a trailer in the Park Hill area that was there for three months. Clean-ups have occurred such as an abandoned home on Catherine Street where several hundred gallons of stagnant purple water was removed. Mr. Buonviaggio asked for members of the Board to assist in the clean-ups.

Mr. Devon Parnell from Assemblyman's Fall Office announced some events coming up; on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at noon there will be a community clean up on Van Name Avenue on an empty lot and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October they will tarp and mulch.

On October 22, 2020 there will be a small business Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Facebook. You can call 718-442-9932 for more information.

Mariner's Harbor Greenway Festival on October 25, 2020 from 2-4 at 312 Union Avenue. Free pumpkins, arts and crafts books and more.

Ms. Lisa Thompson from District Attorney McMahon's Office welcomed back and congratulated Deputy Inspector Tania Kinsella.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month tomorrow there will be a virtual panel discussion at 3:00 P.M. lead by the District Attorney's Office, SI Family Justice Center, SI Legal Services and Richmond County Domestic Violence Task Force to talk about the criminal and civil legal processes for domestic violence cases, services that are provided to the victims, Registration is mandatory.

On October 22, 2020 is "Go Purple Day" – wear purple to show your solidarity for survivors and victims of domestic violence.

A Power Point Presentation was given by representatives from BERYL Bike Share based in London. An RFP went out, many proposals were submitted and looked at for safety, maintenance and operation.

The bikes will include lights and brake lights; pricing is as you ride and day pass; placement will be every few blocks, operated on solar power with 3 bays-6 grids per assignment area. The Bay is 61/2 feet by 10 feet of



sidewalk-painted roadway, delineators by traffic side. There are no stations or docks everything is done through smartphone apps. The launch date is Spring 2021.

The Community Board #1 area will have bikes on 61 sidewalks and 67 roadbeds. There will be 350 bikes and electric bikes with pedal assist. There are plans for expansion in Boards 2 and 3.

There were several questions and concerns regarding parking spaces being taken being left all over and not using a company in the United States. DOT will send out a map with all the location where the docks will be located to Community Board #1.

#### **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The Budget for fy '2022 will be presented under the Budget Report.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOHTY FORSYTH** – No report.

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

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The report was sent out prior to the meeting to all Board Members.

**SECRETARY, LORETTA CAUDWELL** – No report.

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Chairman Siclari thanked Mr. McBeth for allowing the Board to use his Zoom Account for the Board Meetings, it seems to be working out much better.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – The fy'2022 budget is destroyed. The City is in really bad shape. Anthony Cosentino will report on the submission of the fy'2022 budget under his report

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – The Land Use Public Hearing minutes were sent prior to the meeting to all Board Members. The following items were reviewed:

1. Department of City Planning Application No. N 210021 ZAR submitted to authorize development on a steep slope to facilitate the development of two two-family detached homes located on Chester Place in the Special Hillside Preservation District.

The meeting was held in person and virtual. Mr. Phil Rampulla presented plans and explained the application at the meeting. At the meeting, the Land Use Committee voted 10-0-0 to approve the application as submitted. Brief discussion held; question called.

**Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted, Roll call vote taken, motion passed 27-1-0.**

2. Board of Standards and Appeals Application Nos. 234-14-BZ and 225-14-A – each application seeks to permit the construction of one one-family home on 10 and 12 Jasmine Way off of 1534 Victory Blvd.

Ms. Elyse Foladare from the Office of Eric Palatnik presented plans and explained the applications at the meeting.

Ms. Maryanne McGowan of the Clove Lake Civic Association attended the meeting and had concerns which were indicated in the Land Use Public Hearing minutes.

It was noted that this would be considered a private driveway since there are only 2 homes.

The Land Use Committee voted 6-4-0 with the following stipulations that a single-family deed restriction and single-family use declaration be included.

**Motion to approve both applications with a stipulation that a single-family deed restriction and single-family use declaration be included. Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken, vote passed 20-8-0.**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER** – No report.

**WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN** – We have been looking on the north shore for offshore wind development. One location is looking favorable. Mr. Olsen thanked Mr. Carroll and Ms. Loretta Cauldwell for attending the meetings that have occurred. Mr. Olsen also acknowledged the leadership of Borough President James Oddo and Assemblyman Michael Cusick. This is very beneficial to Staten Island will create a lot of jobs.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – There was no meeting. Mr. Jain has been in touch with the Sanitation Department for upcoming winter schedule.

**YOUTH, ERNEST PAIGE** – There was no official meeting, a quorum was not present. If anyone has any ideas for the committee or would like to join, please get in touch with him or the Board Office. There will be no meeting on November 3, 2020 it is Election Day. Get out and vote.

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

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** - A Budget Public Hearing was held virtually and minutes were sent to all Board Members. There is no money in the City's Budget we are in a huge deficit. Since nothing was funded in our fy'2021 submission except item #19 we are going to send in the same submission and replace #19 with a request to provide students in need with high speed internet access, wi-fi and laptops.

**Motion to submit last years submission with the inclusion of replacing item #19 with a request to provide students in need with high speed internet access wi-fi and laptops. Reverse roll call vote taken; vote passed 27-0-1.**

Mr. Accornero would like to see the Board take action to implore our Elected Officials to allow businesses to open safely. The revenue stream is reduced. Religious freedoms have been affected. We need support mechanisms. People need to have income

Ms. Reali noted that T-Mobile is giving free wi-fi to students. Ms. Cauldwell mentioned there is connectivity problems with T-Mobile and connectivity.

Chairman Siclari asked Rules and Legislative Affairs Chairman, Christopher Rooney and Mr. Accornero to get together and work on a letter to bring before the Board to send.

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – Mr. Zvegintzov reported that the 3 bus lines that were detoured in Stapleton due to someone throwing a rock at the buses has resumed to its normal route.

Mr. Zvegintzov showed slides of Innis Street and Nicholas Avenue, near Port Richmond H.S. it is a dangerous intersection that Mr. Cosentino asked the committee to review. Students have 7 seconds to cross the street before there is a danger of getting hit by a truck.

Councilmembers Matteo and Borelli proposed a bill for private streets to be vetted by the Commissioner of Buildings. Mr. Zvegintzov would like some input from the communities.

A meeting is being scheduled for rehabilitation to be done on the Bradley Avenue overpass, information will be sent.



Ms. Anjail Ameen-Rice said the crosswalk signal on Innis Street and Trantor Place gets hit once or twice a week and constantly is getting repaired.

Mr. Doyle requested speed bumps be placed on St. Joseph's Avenue in front of Port Richmond H.S. DOT Assistant Commissioner Victoria Giordano was present at the meeting and said DOT would look at the issues addressed.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LABOR, ROBERT HOLST** – Short discussion held on wind turbine coming out of N.J. we have been making sure they are doing what they need to do for the emerging economy.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY** – No meeting, no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION, NORMAL LIGHT** – No meeting, no report.

#### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – No meeting, no report.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH** – No meeting, no report.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/ShORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO** - An in-person meeting was held outside, no minutes were submitted.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH** – A virtual meeting was held, no minutes were submitted.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – A joint meeting was held with Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond regarding Luis Lopez Park.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Doyle spoke on the presentation for Bike Share, 3 locations in Clifton are not suited for placement the sidewalk is not large enough. Many members stated a lot of the locations are not suitable, parking spaces blocking sidewalks.

Motion to adjourn  
Meeting adjourned.

