# Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 6:30 P.M. Virtual on Zoom

### Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

#### Members

Joe Ahlstrom Michelle Akvempong

Arguello, Tatiana Berksteiner, Dora

Berksteiner, Doreen

Joseph Bird Allison Brown, ex

Telee Brown, ab Christopher Campbell Loretta Cauldwell

Andre Ciprut
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo

Anthony Cosentino
Claudette Duff

Samir Farag Omar Ferriera Timothy Forsyth

Selina Grey John Guzzo, ab Robert Holst. ex

Linda Huff, ab Sunny Jain Linda Juarbe, ex Lillian Lagazzo

Peter Lisi Ali Lula, ab

David McGoy Nicole Meyers, ab

Mohan Radhakrishna, ex

Alina Nevradakis Friday Ogbewele Ernest Paige, ab

Francine Reali Joshua Renta Cindy Salzillo, ab

Catherine Schiavone Anthony Scutari Anthony Sgarlato

Sean Sheil Nicholas Siclari

Jaclyn Tacoronte, ex George Turner

Siyda Williams, ab Steven Williams

Nicholas Zvegintzov

# Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

#### Guests

Phillip Rumsey, Sean Kelly, Agnes McBeth, Alicia, Amy, Andrea Peppert-Tenzer, Antoun Sawires, Ariana Topallai, Arlene Kuffner, Barbara Brancaccio, Barbara Feigelman, Brent Alexander, Bruce Lauria, Bryn Biren, Carmen, Catherine, Cathleen M. Kenny, Cathy Anastasio, Cathy Fattorusso, Charlie Olson, Chris & Nancy Benbow, Marie LaFrancesca, Coach E, Danielle, Danny, Darwin Yip, David Cavagnaro, Debbie Derrico, Denise Dulligan, Desiree Darden, Diana DiResta, Diane Sorensen, Dorothea Cernera, Dr. S. Landry, Eileen Harrington, Eileen Magnuski, Elana, Elena Brady, Emily & Joe, Eric, Everett Wattley, Frank Marra, Gail Checkett, Gerald Massa, Gerry Dasaro. Giosue Pugliese, Hanane Dbaiat, Ilene Pappert, Pascale Bernard, Sean Kelly, Arlene Kuffner, Cathy Anastasio, Cathy Fattorusso, Desiree Darden, Diane DiResta, Irene Maiello, Jasmilka Gonzalez, Jason Price, Jeanne Brown, Jeanne Raleigh, Jeffrey Wiesemann, Jermaine Williams, Jessica Scannapieco, Jill Synmoie, Jim Newman, Joanna Gwozdz, Joe Pozzolano, John A. Castellano, John Luisi, John Maese, John Vander Neut, Johnny Sokoll, Judy Scher, Judy D., Karen, Kate Baxter, Kathleen Ahern, Kathleen Murphy, Katie Prestovino, Keegan, Kelly, Kelly Vilar, Kevin R., Kimberly Taverna, Laura McCarthy, Lisa Barbieri, Liz Riley, Magdalena Moroz, Maria Christine, Marion Hudson, Marion White, Mark Lamberti, Mark Salzillo, Mary Hernandez, MaryBeth Mastrandrea, Mary Bullock, Matthew Kuffner, Maureen Marlow, Michael Blyth, Michael Morrell, Michele Neelakantappa, Mike Schnall, MMcVey, Lindy Peter Crescitelli, Ms. Ballard, Nadia Fabozzi, Nancy McCarthy, Neil Anastasio, Nick Bond, Nick Robbins, Nina Flores, Nina Salerno, Pamela Silvestri, Patricia Cohen, Priscilla Marco, Rachel Hogan-Brock, Ricia V. Augusty, Robert Perkins, Rose Uscianowski, Roshonda Andrews, Sam Clarke, Sara Borghese, Tamara, Tarsha Black, Thomas Sheridan, Travis Carter, Tea Kvetenadze, W. Villalobos, Will Araaya, Zulan Collis, Dolores Brennan Prichard, Libby Gershansky, Inez Singer, Gerry Desaro.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nicholas Siclari- 6:32PM

Chairman Siclari asked for a moment of silence for George Doyle's passing. He was one of the longest community board members in the history of the City of New York. When he was removed from the board, he still had perfect attendance. I went to school with his son. He was the epitome of someone who adored his community and he will be missed. If there was one person that made the North Shore of Staten Island better, it was George Doyle.

Public Session - Friday Ogbewele - Condolences to the family of George Doyle.

Antoun Sawires, Constituent Liaison for CM Councilmember Hank's office: If you have any issues or concerns, I will be on the call.

Agnes McBeth, Community and Youth & Education Liaison for DA McMahon's Office: I would like to give our condolences on behalf of the DA and myself personally on the passing of George Doyle. He is a friend to our family and will be dearly missed. We were able to secure last week's top convictions on two cases. First, Jae Woo who was convicted of endangering the welfare of a minor for forcibly touching his sister. Second, Jay Quan Beckam, found guilty of murder in the second degree for the January 2022 for the stabbing death of his roommate. The DA's office is combating crime in our communities in conjunction with the NYPD. Crime is down but scams are up. Please safeguard your private information. Be careful purchasing gift cards on racks. Individuals were arrested last week for adding scanners to the back of gift cards at a local pharmacy.

Nina Salerno, representing Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office: NY Senate Bill was passed, S5757. Establishes the position of an insurance liaison on the disaster preparedness division. We are involved in the congestion pricing lawsuit with BP Fossella and the UFT. We are making sure that the assault of a retail worker would be a Class D Felony. We had a successful coat drive with the Pride Center and have still been doing our mobile office hours posted on social media. Hosting a Black History Month Event this weekend. Student Leadership Award for any outstanding youth in your neighborhood or at your schools. Italian/American Scholarship, two Academic and two Athletic.

Saul Porter, Programs from Northfield LDC. If anyone is looking for home repairs, windows, boilers or roof repairs. We have some money left for home repairs. You would have to be in the 60% median income. Call the office and get the application. First Home Assistance Program, up to \$100,000.

Travis Carter, <a href="mailto:tearter@advocate.nyc.gov">tearter@advocate.nyc.gov</a> - condolences to the Board member that passed away. Bridge the Gap Program at the Family Life Center. March Advocacy Series. Talk to the Public Advocate and ask questions. Two bills were passed. Mayor Adams vetoes City Council bill that could make NYC streets less safe, Bill 586A. Bill 549 to ban solitary confinement from all city jails.

Neil Anastasio, President of the FRRCA, Forest Regional Resident's Civic Association. We serve greater West Brighton with many followers on Social Media. Cannabis Dispensaries on Forest Avenue. Preserving the character of our neighborhood. C1-1 and C1-2 Zoning. We heard from the Bagel and Card Store site, 465 Forest Avenue as well as the Capital One Bank site, 386 Forest Avenue. These sites are only two blocks apart. 465 Forest was not approved while 386 Forest was approved by the community board. As of today, neither of these sites have a license to operate although Green Empire Wellness, the card and bagel site, is lined up to receive a license from the state soon. With no guidelines from the state, the CB1 has used guidelines for the liquor licenses. We feel the proximity to schools, houses of worship, other dispensaries, etc. should be considered. Oversaturation between Bement and Park Avenues is an issue. In a 10 block area, we have three liquor stores, five stores that sell beer, 11 bars or restaurants, and three smoke shops. We urge the community board to table these cannabis licenses until these guidelines are adopted and community input is obtained. These are cash-only business that can cause a problem of criminal activity. The OCM should alert our elected officials. They must adhere to zoning regulations. The bank site details a drive through. The lot is not zoned or big

enough for this. The state needs to do a better job in reaching out for community input. Thank you Nick and your staff for the time and cooperation as we protect this neighborhood we all love.

Jeanne Raleigh – Timothy Forsyth recommended I present to the full board after attending an area committee meeting. I have a two-family home which I have owned since 1986. ROAR, Restore Homeowner Autonomy & Rights. Our membership has increased to over 500 homeowners in a few short months throughout the five boroughs. We join to protect the homeowners from the harm of Law 18. Law 18 passed by the city council went into effect September 2023. This law restricts short-term rentals, less than 30 days. The law, dwellings of three or more units, lumped these homeowners into this restriction by accident. Asking for Community Board 1's support of our ROAR proposed legislation that serves to apply owner-occupied one and two-family homeowners in NYC to rent units in their home on a short-term basis. It includes adjustments to Local Law 18 such as pausing it for review, amending it, as well as underlying codes used to remove the rights and fine one and two-family homeowners. I would meet with community board members in order for you to support us at the City Council level.

Adam Dobrzynski, Department of Sanitation – Containerization. As of March 1st, we are asking all businesses of any size to set out waste in a bin with a secure lid. This does not apply to recyclables. You can set it out within three feet of the building line. This is part of our commitment in keeping the NYC streets clean and reducing the rat population. If you need to get in touch for further information you can contact me at <a href="mailto:adobrzynski@dsny.nyc.gov">adobrzynski@dsny.nyc.gov</a>.

Roll call and attendance by Loretta Cauldwell with a Quorum.

Chairman Siclari asked for a motion to accept the minutes. 1st by Loretta Cauldwell & 2nd Catherine Schiavone.

Chairman Siclari asked that Jeanne Raleigh present at the March meeting for extra time.

Chairman Siclari said we have been getting a few Cannabis Applications and we need to get the guidelines on these. We have this meeting full board meeting on Zoom because members of OCM come from out of state or far away. Cannabis will be revenue generated for the State of New York. I have been to the civics meetings and we need to look at each application and make a decision based on the guidelines.

<u>Presentations</u> – OCM (Office of Cannabis Management) – Pascale Bernard, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs – Phillip Rumsey, Manager of intergovernmental Affairs, will share a slide presentation. Licenses & Key Dates – September 12, 2023, the CCB approved the adult-use regulations. The applications for these licenses began October 4, 2023. An adult-use dispensary applicant with proof of control over a location will go through the approval process on November 17, 2023 and Adult-use applications closes December 18, 2023. Adult-use license types are Cultivator, Processor, Microbusiness, Distributor, and Retail Dispensary. Community boards can express an opinion which will be part of the record for CCB. The Notification Municipalities Form an applicant must use is, <a href="https://www.cannabis.ny.govmunicipal-notification">www.cannabis.ny.govmunicipal-notification</a>. A community board has 30 days to reply with opinion. A 30-day extension can be requested.

The OCM Enforcement Division has been conducting investigations on illicit Cannabis operations since January 2022. Licensed dispensaries will display a sign, New York State Licensed Dispensary.

Stay connected to OCM. Sign up for OCM email updates at cannabis.ny.gov. Email questions to, municipalities@ocm.ny.gov. Follow OCM on social media @nys cannabis.

Q&A – Jessica Scarcella-Spanton called in from Albany. Asked about notice to the community and elected officials? I found out about it through the Staten Island Advance. The community input is incredibly important. We've gotten push-back on this overwhelmingly. There is a church nearby that

houses AA meetings. Disappointed with the lack of communication from OCM. There should be a delay on this since we were not notified and not a popular location. I've heard around NYC that illegal shops are not being closed down. Everyone in that community cherishes these two businesses, the bagel and card store. Nina Salerno from my office will be on for the remainder of the call.

Nina Salerno, 718-727-9406. salerno@nysenate.gov.

Pascale Bernard said they don't know presently if either of those locations will get licenses. Going forward, we will make sure we are in touch with your office. The community board will get a 30-day notification.

Chairman Siclari asked about the regulations changing from 500 to 1,000 feet. Can the community board set time limits, if it's near a school, etc. How much input can we give if we are advisory only.

Pascale Bernard said the community board sends their opinion within 30 days. 500 feet from a school, and 200 feet away from a house of worship. It has to be exclusively a school or house of worship. If it's a school on top and retail at the bottom, it negates that. If it's a house of worship with a daycare center or senior center, it negates that. It has to be on the same street/road. For example, I live in Harlem. If the dispensary is on 135th street and there is a school that is around the corner on Frederick Douglas Blvd., it's not the same street. This is the same as SLA. We borrowed things from SLA who has been doing this for 100 years. Presently there are no license dispensaries in CB1 location. Only 1 in the CB3 location.

Lindy Peter Crescitelli – Thank you Chairman Nick for coming out to the civics. New Brighton had a packed meeting. It seems like proper procedures were not followed, our state representatives were not informed. The CB1 chairman went out to all the civics and people were able to be heard. Also to hear that if there is a daycare in a school or church, that's valuable information. When the community raises concerns it can be stopped. Nothing is a done deal. Places to put these is in high manufacturing areas. It's away from children, AA meetings, etc.

Neil Anastasio – How can the communities voice their opposition to a site besides the community board? Will your Friday meeting be public? How is zoning regulations taking into effect at a local level?

Phillip Rumsey – The community board is built into this process. The community can send a letter to the municipalities email to voice your opinions. Friday is a Cannabis-Controlled Board Meeting. On a website there is a link to follow it. This one will be in Troy, NY near Albany.

WIN Shelter, 44 Victory Blvd, Jasmilka Gonzalez - The actual address is 1 Van Duzer Street. We are open. The shelter is called Audrey Lorde. We currently have 54 families out of 200. Ms. Gonzalez didn't have an exact count of how many that was.

Anthony Scutari asked how did you get a certificate of occupancy? That building does not look safe especially for children. Windows are broken and boarded. No sidewalks. Construction crew is working on them with no place to walk. Victory Blvd and Bay Street Park, police issue, social worker issue? Drug dealers, addicts, alcoholics. Answer: We have been open since November 9th 2023. We were issued a C/O by the government. Sidewalks are finished now. A number of units are still being renovated and not ready. The second floor looks completely open. Dangerous for children. There is 138 clients in total. 68 adults and 70 children. We have maintenance personnel on site to correct a situation immediately. Sunny Jain said they want to meet them at the site and look at it. We have not received a response.

Lillian Lagazzo asked about security on site and curfew for the residents and visitors? Roshonda Andrews said there is a 24/7 security team. Over 100 cameras inside/outside. Curfew for adults is 10 pm, children, 9 pm. If the residents are working they can get a pass. There is a visitors room which is

scheduled by the caseworker. The visitors can't visit in the unit itself. Loretta Cauldwell asked how many of those residents are Staten Island families? We get referrals from Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) intake center. We try to place families from Staten Island as best as we can. Kelly Vilar of Staten Island Urban Center said she wants to welcome them to the neighborhood. I want to help you be successful in this challenging neighborhood. Before the building was built, WIN agreed to have a Community Advisory Group, we would love to be on it for families to have access to services. Sam Clarke said to share your contact. Claudette Duff said she would also want to be on that advisory board. In the near future, would there be an opportunity to develop a positive relationship between the residents and the community? Events so the residents feel welcomed and part of the community and the shelter is a part of us. DSS agrees with that. The advisory board meeting would be held quarterly. This site is for families only with children up to 18 years of age. Not a single women site.

## Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino - No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth - Report in the packet. Our functional committees come up with a format opinion and opposition to any of these retail outlets that plan to open in our community with the overwhelming opposition to them. I don't see any community benefit to them. Given that we have a 30-day timeline, there may not be time for an area committee, especially one without a quorum. Our executive board have the authority to send this opinion letter.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewele - No report.

<u>Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell</u> - - Linda Maffeo sent out the updated Area Committee and Functional Committee lists. All board members review those lists and make sure your name is in the proper committees for attendance and votes we have the proper people listed.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain - Report in the packet.

<u>Chairman, Nicholas Siclari</u> - Chairman Nicholas Siclari said what Timothy Forsyth said was brought up at the New Brighton Civic, the New/West Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville Area Committee, it's extremely hard to get a quorum. They recommended we split that committee. We will look at that in March. I do not recommend these Cannabis applications be tabled. I would write an extensive report and detailed summary of these locations like OCM says, fill them with information. Because we only have 30 days, tabling them will not give us a say.

<u>District Manager, Joan Cusack:</u> The CB1 office, Joan Cusack and Linda Maffeo will miss George Doyle terribly. He called our office many times in the week to give us information and we learned from him.

# **Functional Committee Reports**

Land Use, George Turner-. Harborlights Court - An authorization pursuant to ZR#'s 119-311, 119-315, 119-316, 119-317, to facilitate development of four new detached singe-family homes, is being sought by private applicant, Grymes Hill Estates, LLC at 20, 25, 35, and 40 Harborlights Court, in the Grymes Hill neighborhood, Community District 1, Staten Island. R1-1 and R1-2 Zoning District. This site has been before the board previously in 1994 for five homes and 2006 for four homes which has expired within the required four years. We were back in 2021 where City Planning did not approve the authorizations at the time so we made some changes. Phil Rampulla explained the access to the site with an existing easement that begins on Howard Avenue. Concerned with the percentage of slope on the site as well as Fire Department access and approval to use this type of private road. Also went to BSA for buildings on an unmapped street. It is valid due to their being only 4 houses. There were many questions. Drainage, Mr. Rampulla said there are no city storm sewers in this section. We have a balance of natural rain

gardens for the water to go back into the serpentine rock as well as installing drywalls on the site. There is a sanitary sewer in Howard Avenue which we will pump up to. Question about the roadway. All the roadway improvements are within the easement area. Friday Ogbewele wanted to add that he was concerned about the stone water drainage on the property but is very enthused by the processes employed for drainage such as the rain garden and natural vegetation. He applauds the construction of the dry well. Presentation by: Philip Rampulla, Principal Urban Planner, Nora Martins, Partner, Akerman, LLP, Joseph Libassi, Owner. Motion: Approve as presented made by Anthony Cosentino and seconded by Friday Ogbewele. Anthony Cosentino noted he is open to a friendly amendment if required. Vote: 3 yes, 8 no, 1 Abstention.

Protectors of Pine Oak Woods - Asking for support on an activity that we are pursuing in CB1. Preserving as much as possible the "Green Spaces" that are all about us, in particular, properties lying close together along the Serpentine Ridge between Van Duzer and Howard Avenue. Working to preserve as many other green areas as possible. Benefits are: Trees hold the land together through their root system and absorb water. They halt the creation of urban heat islands and they diminish noise. Green spaces provide habitat for all wildlife, bird species that rely on wetland. Our funding is from NYS EPF (Environmental Protection Fund). Key Parcels: 6.06 acre parcel owned by DCAS which is no cost in preserving since it's owned by the city. 1.5 acre parcel which is union-owned and the Cedarcliff Annex. Presentation by: Mark Latour, Jack Bolemback, Charles Olson. Motion to Approve for a Letter of Support. Vote: 10 yes, 1 Abstention, 1 Ineligible.

<u>Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom</u> - Meeting on Zoom, January 23rd with DDC, Mary Cali Dalton Center. They do not have a crane approval to work on Hannah Street. Concerns about entrances to and from Bay Street Landing and the Accolades. My condolences to George Doyle's family. He was at this meeting and a big help. On February 27th we will meet with EDC regarding the Waterfront, North Shore Action Plan on Zoom. I may have to switch to Teams in the future.

<u>Public Services, Sunny Jain</u> - We had the salt spreaders out for the snow storm. Chairman Siclari said they need to let us know when there is a transition to snow removal from regular garbage removal.

Youth Services, Katheleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna. - Jermaine Williams of NYPD spoke about the Blue Chip Program. Report in the packet. Next meeting we will have someone from the Community Connect Program reaching out to Homeless Youth. Director of the Project from Project Hospitality, Mr. Tehe. Efforts to reach out to runaway and homeless youth.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth - We have a problem with the minutes being submitted on time. As of today, the CB1 office was still waiting for minutes. In the Bi-Laws it says, Committee chairs will submit written notes presented at the meeting with an attendance sheet to the board office by the next business day. If you can't have it the next business day, please call the office and let them know you will be a day or two late, but not 30 days late. Years ago, we had 39 members and three in the CB1 office and we had problems with minutes coming in last minute and they were overwhelmed. Now we have 49 members with only two in the CB1 office. Submitting minutes late is not appropriate.

<u>Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino</u> - Statement of Community District Needs Letter. We picked out some priorities. We need a vote to send the letter. Reverse roll call by Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell. Passes unanimously.

<u>Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov</u> - Meeting on Daylighting. The state has a law that you have to keep the 20 feet free of parking at all intersections. It can be overrided by the local municipalities. If there is no sign, the state law must prevail. DOT refused to comment. The committee says DOT should explain what the policy is and in what way it is enacted. We mitigated problems with contractors on the streets. If metal plates are banging all night, or driveways are obstructed, DOT will push contractors to mitigate this. We need this by Lyons Pool. "I'll drink a sip to George Doyle". He gave me a hard time on

many occasions but learned a lot from you, especially "do not give up". Thank you George. Chairman Nick said the minutes are in the packet but printed on both sides so you get full credit.

Small Business & Non-Profit, Jaclyn Tacoronte – Excused.

<u>Labor, Robert Holst</u> – Excused.

<u>Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino</u> - Lyons Pool and Recreation Center is effectively closed to further notice to facilitate construction of the new Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center. Next meeting is February 29th was on Zoom. (To have a quorum).

<u>Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato</u> - No meeting. We will have a meeting on February 26th.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali - No meeting.

West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino - Chairman Siclari said there was a motion from New Brighton Civic due to the amount of members and difficult in getting a quorum, we want to split the committee. Anthony Cosentino said if we can make it a temporary split. Years ago, we used to be separated and we joined them years back due to a boundary issue. Claudette Duff said she was passing by Front Street a while ago where the tractor trailers are usually parked and they were gone instrumentally because of George Doyle. Again I passed recently and they were back, so we have to do the work of George Doyle to get them removed again. Claudette said they have been struggling with a quorum in person. Last month with a Zoom meeting we finally had a quorum.

<u>Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth</u> - Minutes in the packet. No meeting this month due to no agenda.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo - Absent. Anthony Sgarlato spoke about St. John's Episcopal Church has senior housing. The pastor was making a deal with the city to house migrants. Michael Arvenites was present from Councilmember Hank's office and we are looking at whether this is legal. Subsequently the pastor withdrew the application with the city.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner - Minutes in the packet. Next meeting on February 19th. We get a lot of liquor licenses and we need more clarity and questions answered. We need someone to come speak about it. 500' from school and 200' from a church. Not more than three licensed premises in a 500' radius.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi- We have a new CB1 Board member who joined our committee, Alina Nevradakis and three voting non-board members. Next meeting February 22nd we will try a Hybrid meeting. Cannabis applications for two within two blocks from each other, 350 Front Street and 467 Bay Street. They both had the same name and said there was no relation. The morning of the meeting, they rescinded their application. Three liquor license renewals, information in the report. Tractor trailers speeding. The tractor trailers back on Front Street, George Doyle spearheaded that. Need to be removed again. When we see a school that's closed with no seats and not serving our communities children, there's a problem in NYC. 155 Tompkins Avenue, The Hungerford School is currently closed. We need this school open. "George Doyle was 80 years young. When you spoke to him...he had a lot of energy. He was very active in many civics on Staten Island. Might be a record, community board member for 42 years serving the area committee I'm a chair of, Clifton/Concord/Stapleton. He did a lot of work with these three communities and beyond. George never stopped fighting for the community improvements like traffic and pedestrian safety. He ensured schools, buildings in the City of New York adhere to federal and civil rights laws that ensured equal opportunity for people with disabilities. He will be missed but his contribution in Staten Island will never be forgotten and a street naming in George Doyle's honor must be done."

Chairman Siclari said he will speak to the family about that and hopefully get this done. "If we had one George Doyle on every block, the North Shore would be a much better place to live. If I have to grab a ladder myself and put that sign up, I'll do it."

Chairman Siclari said, The City of Yes proposals went out for your input. We only received 15 out of 47. I didn't ask for a thesis, I just wanted input. We will be getting another City of Yes - Housing and if you get another worksheet, please fill it out. We have civics looking at us.

Please get the minutes in.

<u>Old Business</u> - Chairman Siclari said we will be going back in person as the weather gets warmer. It helps to have them in person.

Question came up (from Elana's iPhone) about the sale of St. John's University. Who bought it? The residents of Grymes Hill are concerned. Chairman Siclari said there are three candidates and we will get an update. We have a confirmation that it was sold already.

New Business - Jermaine Williams, NYPD Ambassador - Spearheading our Community Link Program. Focuses on multi-agency concerns. Spoke about the illegal Cannabis stores. We can get the Sheriff's Department to work with this. Condolences to the Doyle family. Include my email about the illegal parking of tractor trailers. We can have the task force come in and two the vehicles. The Wild Avenue location was an eyesore for a long time and we finally towed the vehicles and we are getting the families back with their vehicles. Remember this is tax season, a lot of scams out there especially for seniors. If it's too good to be true, please don't fall for it. The gift cards, they are putting fake barcodes over the real ones.

Motion to Adjourn, 9:11 PM