

Virtual Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 14th – 6:30 P.M.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird
Allison Brown
Telee Brown, Absent
Christopher Campbell
Sandy Carles, Absent
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut, Excused
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Samir Farag
Omar Ferriera, Absent
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo, Absent
Celeste Holmes
Robert Holst
Vincent Innocente, Absent
Sunny Jain

Linda Juarbe
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Ali Mir Masum
John McBeth
David McGoy
Mohan Radhakrishna
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige
Francine Reali
Chris Rooney
Catherine Schiavone, Absent
Anthony Scutari, Excused
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil
Nicholas Siclari
Jaclyn Tacoronte
George Turner
James West, Absent
Daniel Williams
Siyda Williams, Absent
Steven Williams, Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Guests

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, Matthew Stupp, ADA, Marie LaFrancesca, Borough President's Office, Umamah Masum, Senator Scarcella-Spanton's Office, Sherry Diamond Rep. Nicole Malliotakis' Office, David Pena, CM Kamillah Hank's Office, Hanane Dbajat, AM Tannousis' Office, Nick Robbins, AM Sam Pirozzolo's Office, Donald DeRosa, NYC Comptrollers' Office.

Lieutenant Paige Robinson & Teresa Russo – Sheriff's Office Presentation, Nicole Brooks, Shastine Van Vugt and Adrian Smith – Parks Department Presentation, Samuel Clarke, Hailey Nolasco, Mitchell Netburn (Samaritan Daytop Village) & Jerry Heaney, Yvonne Ballard, Tompkins Avenue Presentation, Shaun Willis, Phoenix House Presentation, Gabriella D'Erasmus & Emily Lima, Parks Stewardship Presentation, Elizabeth Masella & Cher Scott, BLKSHE Art Presentation, Prince Cobbina, Jermaine Williams, Melissa Thomas, Mary Bullock, Tatiana Arguello, Jason Price, Joann Sacks, John Felci, Alicia McFarlane, Alyssa Sanchez, Cindy Teta, Desiree Yanes, Jorge Yopez, Lindsay Q., Michael Morrell, Michelle DeMott, Miriam Arnold, Mitchell Netburn, Peter Levine, Rasika Deosthali, Paige Robinson, Tia Smith, Victoria Carstensen, Yvonne Ballard, John Luisi, Giovanni Caputo, Gabriella Keller, Alicia McFarlane, Andy Levison, Bruce Lauria, Charlene Burke, Dorothea Cerner, Eileen Harrington, Elena Brady, Everett Wattley, George Todorovic, George Todorovic, Michelle DeMott, Wilhelmina Reynolds, Dolores Brennan-Prichard, azatalokin@dhs.nyc.gov.

Meeting to Order 6:32 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call attendance, Loretta Cauldwell – Quorum Present

Chairman Siclari said we will definitely meet in person in April at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. May & June, two other places and in June we will vote.

Public Session

Agnes McBeth, RCDA – On March 16th, our office in partnership with the Borough President's Office and Notre Dame Club of Staten Island, will be hosting a Food Drive for this years Bread of Life which takes place at Monsignor Farrell High School. If you can please donate non-perishable food items. On March 25th, 10:00 AM, - 4:00 PM our office in partnership with NYPD will be hosting another Gun Buy-Back Program at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street. Cash and iPads will be distributed in exchange for the guns. March 29th, at 11:00 AM, our office in partnership with the Borough President's office will be hosting Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn. Reach out to Agnes McBeth if you know any interested Vietnam Veterans. On Front Street, off Hannah, along the water in front of Urby, one of my colleagues noticed all of the streetlights were out. We reached out to multiple agencies and there are now 5 streetlights back on. We are still pressing the agencies for permanent repair of all the streetlights on Front Street.

Matthew Stupp, ADA Domestic Violence Bureau introduced himself. Any issues please reach out to him.

David Pena, CM Hanks' Office – The City Council Budget Season has now closed and many applicants were received. Look forward to working with these organizations and allocate funding. We have our 2nd Annual Women in Business Expo, next month, date TBA. Today, Intro. 756 introduced by Councilwoman Hanks was passed by City Council and signed into law by the Mayor. Bill will provide capacity building, crucial training and operational support to crisis management system providers. We hope that this facilitates the incredible work the NYPD officers do each day. This will work in tandem with them and create a more cohesive engagement unit with them.

Jermaine Williams, NYPD SI Ambassador – New concept reaching out to I.S. schools, meeting with principals. Concerns are double-parking with drop-offs in the morning and picking up in the afternoon. We understand people dropping off their kids but in case of emergency services needing to get through, it is a Quality of Life issue. We will continue to work with the community and schools to alleviate these concerns at some locations with the last option being ticketing. We have events coming up which is first come first serve. We have the Rock Wall Game Truck etc.

George Doyle – Speaking regarding Joe Carroll. Mr. Doyle was in touch with the family and up until today, they received his back pay. Gone almost a year and it has taken this long for his estate to be settled with the City of New York. This is not right for his family.

Joan Cusack, District Manager answered George in saying it is quite a process. It takes time with a lot less people working there now but it's a good point. Anthony Cosentino said it's the Comptrollers' office.

Prince Cobbina, CCRB –Outreach Coordinator – I'm in the community with meetings and events educating the community about rights and responsibilities regarding interaction with the NYPD and are separate from NYPD. We investigate and mediate complaints against the NYPD in a neutral and unbiased manner. We investigate allegations of use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, offensive language, biased-based policing, racial profiling, etc. If anyone witnesses or experiences misconduct, you can file a complaint through the CCRB and we will investigate it or mediate it. File through our website, nyc.gov/complaint, go to your local precinct and obtain a complaint form, call the hotline, 1-800-841-2272 or call 311. You can also file in person to the local office, 100 Church Street, 10th Floor, lower Manhattan. You can use the Social Media outlets, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

Michael Morrell – Westerleigh Improvement Society – Traffic situation at the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Jewett Avenue. They are in progress of putting in a Starbucks at that location. This will complicate an already congestive intersection. We

haven't heard what the DOT will do about the traffic load in that location. Rumors are that Victory Blvd. will be widened in that area and streets being tagged one-way. There is already a Starbucks at Bradley and Victory that apparently will close with this new facility. The architect and builder of the new location is struggling to accommodate with the traffic design for the drive-through vehicles. Would like the board to contact DOT and get back to us to what is planned for that location traffic wise.

Hanane Dbajat, AM Tannousis' Office – He is up in Albany. Any questions, concerns or issues, please reach out.

George Todorovic – Department of City Planning, Deputy Director – Catie Ferrara-Iannito, newly-appointed Director had her baby yesterday. I will be working more with the North Shore as Deputy Director. I've been at the City Planning office for 7 years. I have been a liaison for CB2 & 3.

Rasika Deosthali – Community Planner, Department of City Planning – Liaison for Community Board 1 – Started as an intern last summer. Look forward to working with you.

PRESENTATIONS:

Lieutenant Paige Robinson & Teresa Russo, Richmond County, Office of the Sheriff – Commanding officer bringing awareness to the community. We initially investigated the deli's and marijuana products. Investigated paper plates on the vehicles are illegal and usually involved in hit and runs. We do Order of Protection services. We have a small unit which will be dealing with defraud. We are here and willing to help anyone out.

Nicole Brooks – Parks Department – with co-workers Shastine Van Vugt and Adrian Smith. Design Phase for reconstructing Lt. Lia Playground, a \$6 million project. Providing ADA access to the site, open sight lines from street to park, update equipment and removing trees. We had a meeting where needs of seating and separating age groups will be implemented. Water play opportunities, spray shower, new flag pole, and adult fitness area. Construction should start within a 1 to 2 years.

Eileen Harrington- St. George Civic Association asked if Parks can come to their meeting and give this presentation.

Chairman Siclari said after Parks meets with the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee, the board will send a letter of approval.

Samuel Clarke & Hailey Nolasco, Assisted Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services – 119 Tompkins Avenue, men's residence.

Mitchell Netburn, President and CEO of Samaritan Daytop Village - 60 years of serving NY. Services for people in need. We operate 33 shelters. We operate an outpatient clinic on Forest Avenue. We pride ourselves in being good community partners. We'll be opening soon.

Jerry Heaney, VP Transitional Housing for Samaritan Daytop Village – NY Foundling will be the landlord of the site of 119 Tompkins Avenue. We have a 9 year contract with Social Services. 100 beds for men, needing a job, save money and move back into the community. Program on site is case management services. We have housing services and outpatient clinic on Forest Avenue. Clients will have linkages to jobs with the goal to help them get grounded. There will be a recreation space behind the building. We will be serving the food from scratch. We have done a Job Fair with Work Force 1. We will have three security guards per shift, 77 security cameras.

Chairman Siclari asked about security due to their being three schools in that area. There will be three security guards per shift with staff also. George Doyle had questions about how they were able to change 50 beds for children which it was before to 100 beds. There are 3 schools and two nursing homes. Why didn't you come before the area committee to share your plans? Hailey Nolasco answered. We had stakeholder meetings and with the civics. We are more than happy to continue to have these meetings. This area is not opening until the Spring. We are in compliance with the square footage and how many beds we're allowed to have in the facility.

Yvonne Ballard, DHS – In comparison with the previous usage, there have been renovations with this building. 60 square feet per individual.

Joe Ahlstrom asked that the power point presentation be sent to us.

Shaun Willis, Director of Recovery Services and Community Outreach Phoenix Houses of NY/LI – Working with NYCHA Health Corp. All services are free. Provide the community with access to resources. We have a training called Darkness to Light to help children with sex abuse and mental health. We offer recovery coaching and a virtual wellness program via Zoom. We have an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program with Narcan training. We are going into the Community based organizations and building relationships.

Gabriella D’Erasmus & Emily Lima – NYC Parks Stewardship – Projects we do and volunteer opportunities we have. We are in natural areas and street/tree care. We have one event every month in each of the 5 boroughs. This month we have 6-7 Staten Island Events. We do private events also. Some of the parks we’ve worked in are Fresh Kills, Wolfe’s Pond, Conference House, Blue Heron, Arden Heights and more.

Emily Lima – Earth month is coming up. There are ways to get involved. Greenbelt Native Plant Center we have a greenhouse, nursery and seed bank. Natural Area Projects for Forest Restoration and Trail work. Street Tree Care Projects. Planting Projects coming up, April 22nd 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Conference House and June. Email Stewardship@parks.nyc.gov for more information. North Shore Parks that were done were Goodhue Park as well as others.

Elizabeth Masella & Cher Scott, NYC Parks and BLKSHE – Temporary Public Art Exhibition at Stapleton Waterfront Park – Temporary Art is on view for 3-6 months up to 1 year. We incur all costs along with insurance and transportation. Cher Scott, Project Manager – The Voice of the Youth. Public Art Exhibition at Stapleton Waterfront Park. It is 16 works on canvas. It will be housed in a mobile gallery. There are audio recordings and community members can leave audio responses. We are getting quotes from builders to meet the timeline and deadline of a June installation after Fleet Week. Right now we are focusing on Community connection. We connected with the Central Family Life Center, MakerSpace NYC, St. George Library and Santander Bank. The other priority is funding for the gallery.

Officers’ Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – Last week a schoolteacher in Susan Wagner H.S. was assaulted. The teacher was punched in the eye and mouth by a 17 year old student. I am preparing a letter I will introduce next month. I would like to see this made into a felony. The Board of Education will deem this youth a troubled youth and suspend him. If that youth gets on a city bus and assaults a bus driver, that’s a felony. The schoolteacher should be afforded that respect also.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – I would endorse Tony Cosentino’s effort. The timeframe has passed regarding the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and our resolution. Some aspects were carried out. No NYPD marched in uniform. No public high school bands participated. The Mayor showed up. He walked in the Rainbow Run prior to the parade behind a rainbow banner. I think we at least communicated the message. The Mayor said change may come. I thank everyone for the support.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Can we limit the number of presentations so it would be fair to the presenters to have a fair amount of time. We never had that many presentations before.

John McBeth said these presentations would be lower if they started in the local areas first. Anthony Cosentino said no areas have been meeting except for Port Richmond/Mariner’s Harbor.

Chairman Siclari and DM Cusack said the Parks houses will not be open for meetings. Joan Cusack said they have no staff to cover the meetings and they are not receptive at all in opening. Chairman Siclari said to meet virtually.

Fran Reali offered her location on Victory Blvd. Chairman Siclari said that people would just walk to their meeting.

John McBeth offered his Zoom account for areas to meet.

Chairman Siclari said you can have a meeting before the Full Board Meeting. Claudette Duff offered Loretta Cauldwell her Zoom account now that she is part of West Brighton/St. George Area Committee.

Treasurer, Larry Beslow – Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Already spoke enough. Was going to do a Power Point Presentation.

District Manager, Joan Cusack - Thank you for your patience and cooperation. We have to work together. Please try to read your emails. Any changes will come through an email. We feel bad when someone goes to the wrong location. George Doyle said the board office is doing a good job in getting out information in a short period of time.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner – Presentation by HPD on the Jersey Street site. They are going to remove the trash transfer station. It will be an apartment building with affordable rents on a portion of that. The buildings will be 4 stories tall. The RFP will be released sometime this summer. Linda sent around the packet that they left us. We had questions on who was building it and the impact of the neighborhood. Would there be a grocery store? They told us this was part of the Bay Street Corridor approval process. That we had already endorsed this. They are just focusing on this particular site. We didn't vote on anything. We brought up some points and they will get back to us with further information on this.

George Doyle said if we were voting on this presentation, we could not have done so. The attendance by board members for Land Use was low. George Turner said he spoke to Eric Palatnik about the building on Bay Street we had at a prior meeting, and they were preparing answers to our questions. He will send us another copy of 252 Victory Blvd. It is an application that we already voted in favor of. We can't find the records.

Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom – We met on February 28th via Zoom. We discussed the Mary Cali Dalton project, Promenade, Pier One and Staten Island Ferry contract. I invited EDC, Parks, DSS to make a presentation to Waterfront but no one accepted our invitation. We will meet March 28th via Zoom.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – Discuss Int. No. 903 Borelli Bill. I spoke to the councilmembers office on a few occasions. The councilmember has democrats and republicans supporting this bill. It's for body armour to be provided to the Fire Department employees and EMT. In 1995, they used to get bullet-proof vests. These vests will be 10-11 lbs. This bill needs to go to the committees and then the city council. They do not foresee any opposition to the bill and no other councilmember has opposed it. Once the bill is approved they have a year to provide these services. Any EMS/Fire Department requesting them will be getting them. George Doyle said the bill lacks protection for those who work in the hospitals. The hospitals respond to these calls and they should be included in this bill. Chris Rooney said he's not sure it could be provided for private entities. Mr. Jain said he would like a letter of support to City Council to go to all Elected Officials. This bill is for the whole city of New York. Reverse roll call by Loretta. It passes.

Youth Services, - Chairman Siclari said we still have a vacancy for a chair. Next month when we meet in person, I will speak to those who are interested.

Rules & Legislative, Chris Rooney – The bill that Anthony Cosentino mentioned, I think that should come from Rules & Legislation.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – We are going to wait for the Mayor's final budget determination in June.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov – There is a report in the packet. We have a virtual meeting on March 28th at 6:30 PM. We will be getting presentations from DOT. Michael Morrell had asked about one of the places on

Victory Blvd and Jewett Avenue. Another presentation is updating where the Carshare parking spaces will be on the North Shore. We would like to know if they have any traffic plan and what the capital projects of DOT are. The last thing to discuss with DOT is street lighting. There is no lighting in the back of Snug Harbor where there are trees. There is street lighting on the other side of the street. This is a problem in many areas of Staten Island. Victoria Carstensen of DOT was taking notes on these matters. Regarding Tappen Park. The city sent out a list of street closures. Ms. Carstensen said that Commissioner Caruana sent the email today. Mr. Zvegintzov shared a map. Red marks show complaints about traffic areas. Chris Rooney said on South Avenue exit off the expressway, to Jules Drive, within 100 yards you have to reduce speed to less than 30 mph. We will discuss all with DOT. Claudette Duff asked about Wall Street and Richmond Terrace, there is a crossing light on one side and the other side is missing.

Labor, Robert Holst – Ferry update from Mr. Rexa, Ferry Union. The Coast Guard honored the Sandy crew that saved the day. DOT didn't tell the workers, Ferry Management accepted the award without the workers.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino – Nicole Brooks gave a good presentation and I will be speaking to her.

Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari – Absent. Chairman Siclari said he has been instrumental with the Food Drive, Bread of Life. Mrs. McBeth notified everyone about April 1st at Monsignor Farrell.

Health & Human Services, Fran Reali – No meeting. A zoom meeting invite went out tonight. Anyone interested in joining please text me.

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell – No meeting, no report. We will be having a meeting. Have to figure it out and get the word out.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth & Camille Zarrelli – We have to coordinate to do a Zoom meeting. We don't have a location to meet. We can't meet at the Park anymore. Chairman Siclari said that Fran Reali offered her office.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo – Absent.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth – Had a meeting. I want to apologize to those who received an application in error. It was only seeking information and a vote wasn't necessary. We had already voted on it to approve the liquor license. I often send information from my work email however please don't communicate with me through my work email except for Linda. I reached out to Project Hospitality. We used to meet around the corner from there. We asked when their community room is complete if we can meet there on the corner of Castleton Avenue and Port Richmond Avenue.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow – George Doyle said he spoke to Mr. Kenneth King, son of Evelyn King. There will be a new school dedication to Evelyn King on March 25th at 11:00 AM on Waverly Place and Targee Street and everyone is invited to come. The process was started at the Stapleton Area Committee. Larry Beslow said in lieu of having a meeting of the 100 men bed facility that nobody wants, I had a tentative date in April scheduled at the Central Family Life Center. If can get the large hall, I will have a meeting there regarding the subject of the facility. I would like to get together with Mr. McBeth a Zoom for the third Wednesday or Thursday of next month. There will be no meeting this month. George Doyle said to have an in person meeting for this very important subject.

Old Business:

New Business:

Chairman Siclari said we will see you next month in person at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Adjourned 8:19 PM.

