

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –

TUESDAY, June 13th – 6:30 P.M.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue, SI, NY 10310

Main Entrance Red Door Facing Davis Avenue – Wheelchair Accessible Door Facing Castleton Avenue

SESSION OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call Attendance, Acceptance of Minutes, Public Session

PUBLIC SESSION: David Pena, Will Deautriell, Harvey, Teresa Tokarska, Kelly Yim, Michael McKeever, Mario Buonviaggio, Travis Carter, Trish Van Buren, Jean Daggan (for Priscilla Marco), George Doyle, Faisal Zouhbi, Agnes McBeth

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Ethan Brown**, Community Planning Fellow sponsored by CB1 with support from Fund for the City of New York: **Nicholas Zvegintzov**, Transportation Chair/'Building History on Staten Island's North Shore'. This project puts 'date-built' on the buildings in CB1, using city records, historical maps, street views, real estate records, newspaper clippings, street plans, etc., and creating a database and maps for the entire CB1 area. CB1 will receive a story map of selected neighborhoods and a how-to guide for continuing in further neighborhoods.
2. **Rasika Girish Deosthali**, (Brief Summary from Land Use Meeting) DCP Borough Planner, **George Todorovic**, DCP, Deputy Director - City of Yes - **Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment**.
3. **Diana Switaj**, Gov't & Community Relations & **Brooke Wieczorek** EDC Land Use - **Tompkinsville Esplanade & Pier** – Application ULURP 230033MMR – (Brief Summary from Land Use Meeting) Application submitted by Dept. of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services for site selection of property located at the northern end of Block 487, p/o Lot 100 approximately aligned with the prolongation of Swan Street for use as a transportation related dock builder's facility.
4. (DID NOT PRESENT) **Kevin Parris**, HPD Director of Queens and Staten Island Planning and **Ben Palevsky**, HPD, Senior Predevelopment Planner, RFP Project Manager. (Brief Summary from Land Use Meeting) **Affordable Housing Coming to Jersey Street** – 539 Jersey Street, Intersection of Jersey Street and Victory Blvd.)
5. **Waterfront Committee** – **Joe Ahlstrom & Peter Lisi** – 20 Projects – A request for Status.

---First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
---Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth
---Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
---Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Executive Committee Vote
---Treasurer, Sunny Jain
---Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
--- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

---Land Use, George Turner
---Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
---Public Services, Sunny Jain
---Youth Services, Open
---Rules & Legislative Affairs, Timothy Forsyth
---Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
---Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
---Small Business Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Labor, Robert Holst
- Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino
- Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari
- Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff, Anthony Cosentino
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo
- Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond,
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or e-mail Loretta Cauldwell or the Board Office prior to the meeting at [1-718-981-6900](tel:1-718-981-6900)/Linda Maffeo - lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov

**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 9th – 6:30 P.M.
Salem Church, 634 Clove Road, 10310**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

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

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

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Guests

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, Umamah Masum, Senator Scarcella-Spanton's Office, Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca, BP Fossella's Office, David Pena, CM Kamillah Hank's Office, Cathleen Kenny, AM Sam Pirozzolo's Office, Elena Brady, CM David Carr, Nicole Brooks, Prince Cobbina, Michael Morrell, Odette Wilkens, Kelly Yim, David Shehadeh, Mary Bullock, Debbie Klingele, Berenice Suchilt. **Joseph Harris, FDNY Division 8 Commander, Michael Maiz, Battalion Chief, HazMat, FDNY, Presenters, Michael Gertelman, Owner & Founder, Dispensary, 1975 Victory Blvd., Capt. James McCue, FDNY/EMS, Eric Patterson, Joe Pozzolano, CTV, Bruce Lauria, Mark Anderson, Dolores A. Brennan-Prichard, Antoinette Kirk, Jodian Brown, Gloria Sciutto, Carolyn Lombardo, Will Deautriell, DOT, Jason Price.**

Meeting to Order 6:35 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

Public Session

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, Community Liaison for DA Michael McMahon – The state has approved its budget. There are legislative asks that are connected to these budgetary line items, like bail reform. We will continue to work with the Governor and others to ensure those items go far enough to help the public safety of Staten Island residents.

If you notice on social media instances of cruelty to animals or endangerment of animals, don't just like, comment or share, please make a police report. Our office cannot get involved until a police report is made and we have various resources at our disposal in this regard.

Graduation season is almost upon us. I'm happy to announce that RCDA has begun our Annual "Champion of Justice" search to every school on Staten Island. The "Champion of Justice" award is given to a graduating student who has performed exceptional acts of justice on behalf of their peers, and have gone above and beyond to be a friend to the vulnerable. COJ's are nominated by their school. Be on the lookout for these posts to our social media platforms.

Lastly, with the warmer weather, we will be increasing our beautification efforts. If you know of an area that needs graffiti removal or excessive trash or dumping cleanup, let us know.

Prince Cobbina, CCRB – Outreach Coordinator – In March we appeared to City Council for Budgetary meetings to make sure we have the means for the responses of the complaints. Later that month in March, our Executive Director Jonathan, also testified to Council in favor of a bill 09382023 which is sponsored by Mayor Adams. If this bill is passed CCRB we will have access to the body camera footage. We released our 2022 annual report which covers our CCRB activities throughout the year including complaint activities, investigations, etc. Addition to the resolution of 541, calls for the NY Legislator to give CCRB access to sealed records in order to do our job expediently. This bill is sponsored by Assemblymember Cruz and Senator Bailey. To see the report, go to nyc.gov/CCRB.

Odette Wilkens, President and General Council of Wired Broadband. I am also a Technology Attorney for over 20 years. We are a nonprofit who focuses on safe technology. We are located in Forest Hills, Queens. I know the benefits of technology but also know the risks. We are facing the issue of 5G Cell Towers, 3 stories high with 5 bays (top two 5G, middle two 4G and free WIFI) that are being placed in NYC. Many community boards disapproved and are against installation. SICB2 is against these towers. Our district is slated to get the highest number of cell towers, 117. This is just the first step. A number of questions haven't been answered. The impacts, privacy and security, placement in historic districts, health and environmental impact. The developer, CityBridge just notified by the Federal Communications Commission for having violated two federal laws. They were supposed to engage in review of the environmental impacts and impacts on historical districts. Our recommendation is that you disapprove and request moratorium until we get these questions answered. Also for the Borough President to send a letter to OTI and the Mayor and ask for a slow-down. Mark Levine, Borough President of Manhattan sent a letter as well as many councilmembers came out against it. Senator put out a bill in the Senate to control the placement of these towers. (Will be giving a full presentation at the next Health & Human Services meeting with Fran Real).

Urmamah Masum of NY Senator, Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office – The Senator was able to get a few pieces of legislation passed as well as a property tax exemption for active military members in New York State as well as getting rid of the Governor's housing initiative to end homelessness. Working the discounts on the bridges for Staten Islanders. Working to help Correction Officers. We have two mobile offices this week, one at the Stapleton Senior Center on Thursday and one at P.S. 22. For more information, check our social media for updates.

Kelly Yim, Stapleton Library Manager – We are still facing the proposed budget cut of \$36.2 million dollars. If we don't get help, some of our early learning programs such as story time will get cut as well as our teen centers. A lot of teens come to the library to get away from the streets. Also English as a second language class would be affected. Our cultural programs for families and the elderly would be affected. I am asking that you get your library card, a way to support your library. Also if you can come to the library and sign a letter of support.

David Shehadeh, Owner of Olive Tree Marketplace, 1490 Clove Road – I'm here to get the left turn reinstated on Clove Road and Tioga and Clove Road and Howard Avenue. DOT took away the left turn on both sides. It's a dangerous situation. A few weeks ago, a pedestrian was struck by a car and killed. In the past, there has been multiple car accidents. I've sent emails and photos to DOT. We have over 2,000 signatures on petitions. They rerouted traffic where parents are picking up their kids at school.

Will Deautriell, DOT – I think it's misleading to say because of the left turn restriction caused the accident. We spoke to Mr. Shehadeh on several occasions and we presented him with the data before and after. It reflected a positive affect to that location. DOT is a data-driven agency. There are other ways to get to the Marketplace.

Mike Morrell, Director of the Westerleigh Improvement Society – There was an in person meeting with the CB1 Westerleigh, Silver Lake, Sunnyside & Willowbrook Area Committee at Safari Realty last week with Camille Zarrelli and Timothy Forsyth. The topic was the establishment of a Cannabis Dispensary at Victory Blvd. and Jewett Avenue which we never had before. Although the community board does not have an input as to the siting of these businesses, we feel we should be apprised before they happen. The full board should know, not just the area committee. We should make sure the owners are good neighbors.

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong – Banner's Program. We are in our third year of the Veterans banners. 80 banners on the entire length of Port Richmond Avenue. Thank you to the DOT and Roseann Caruana for getting this started. We are the only project in NYC. 19 veterans from the Class of 2021, 30 from 2022, and 31 new banners. We have a book, "Behind the Banners" and a website PortRichmondStrong.com/Veterans and read about them. We have been doing this many years and this makes the community emotionally, physically and spiritually. The opening ceremony is May 20th at Veteran's Park, 11:00 AM.

Debbie Klingele, VP of the Elm Park North Shore Alliance – We have residential and commercial property mixed in our community. We also have a Cannabis Dispensary going up. We meet every Tuesday of every month at Bella Mamma's Restaurant on Morningstar Road If you want to join us. We have a Facebook page and ElmParkNorthShore@gmail.com.

Nicole Brooks, Project Manager of the North Shore, NYC Parks – Skyline Playground in New Brighton, Community Input Meeting on June 1st at 6:00 PM. NYC.GOV/Park/Input. We would like everyone's input for the reconstruction. Secondly, we have many jobs that are available. Design & Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Forestry and Environment and Security. Thursday, May 11th, Hiring Hall. Many agencies will be there. Beach opening ceremony is May 28th at South Beach.

Chairman Siclari called Loretta Cauldwell, Secretary for Roll Call and Attendance. We have a Quorum.

Chairman Siclari – Motion to Accept the Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Joseph Harris, FDNY Division 8 Commander – E-Bike Safety. We want to make sure people don't charge these bikes in their homes. Please charge outside and not near the entrance due to fires that are difficult to extinguish and are large fires. In 2022, we had 219 fires caused by the E-bikes with 6 fatalities and 147 injuries. So far in 2023 we've had 46 E-Bike fires with 3 fatalities and 46 injuries. The City Council just passed two amendments. Bike shops and repair shops can no longer sell non-UL rated batteries. The ones causing the fires are second market batteries, most purchased from China that don't meet the standards. There's a joint commission between fire prevention and fire marshals who are doing random inspections for the bike shops and issuing summonses if they are selling or doing repairs on these batteries.

Michael Maiz, Battalion Chief, HazMat, FDNY – Lithium Ion Battery Storage Systems – We have strict requirements in where they are installed. There are forms to be filled out and inspections. Many standards and regulations and permits passed before they get the C of A from the FDNY. The batteries they are storing are nothing like the e-bike batteries that are going on fire. They are using Tier 1 batteries. We have a storage unit on Richmond Terrace.

Questions: There is a storage unit installed near a gas station on Hylan Blvd in Great Kills. Is that safe? They are tested to see where they can be placed. There is a 24/7 monitoring system to regulate the heat from these storage systems. Can CB1 be notified before a storage site is put in? We know the CB got involved with the storage unit put up by Moore H.S. CB2 turned down the site by Holterman's Bakery. DOB should notify the Community Boards. We will check on that. There are companies from all over manufacturing these systems. Tesla, etc. We are trying to ban the bikes being charged in the subways like in Europe.

Bernice Suchilt – Partnership for Parks. I'm from Mexico and live in Brooklyn. We activated five different species of apple trees. We planted types of oregano, blueberries and strawberries. We are having an event at Mahoney Park with free food. We also want to have our Waterfront Esplanade event back with a Food Truck Festival. Corporal Thompson Park is under construction but that's also one of our parks. We are giving out grants for health and wellness. We would like to get more Urban Farms activated.

Michael Gertelman, Founder & Owner of the Cannabis Dispensary at 1975 Victory Blvd. – Our main focus is safety and security. We have to follow strict protocols from the Management office. We do not permit loitering on our premises. There have been illegal shops opening on Staten Island where products are not tested. With us, everything is tracked by New York State. Cannabis is also taken for Pain Management and Anxiety not just recreational.

Questions: Hours from 8AM to 12AM? We are permitted to stay open for 18 hours a day, although my hours have not been set. I will probably close around 8PM or 9PM. We are ½ a mile from the closest school. Not opening for a few months but will have 25 employees with security to prevent loitering. Grown in NYS and is certified. To buy you need to be 21 and over. I have an account with Valley National Bank. There was a tax question. Mr. Gertelman said he believes the higher the potency the higher the tax.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – Budget and Finance – Have to wait until next month for the Mayor's Final Budget in June. Around the third week of June. I am not optimistic. He's been cutting the Board of Education. No word on the 120 Precinct.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – Timothy Forsyth – Second Vice Chair – We don't have the authority to approve or disapprove these marijuana dispensaries. The liquor licenses are required to come before us and we have the authority to recommend an approval or disapproval to the SLA. I request we look into this with Rules & Legislation Committee. Joan Cusack, District Manager said they do have to notify us about the dispensaries.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – I commend the Area Chairs for holding their meetings.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Call for Candidates – The current board has submitted their names for the current positions. Nominations from the floor. Any nominations for Chair (3x). There being none, nominations for Chair is now closed. Any nominations for First Vice-Chair (3x). There being none, nominations for First Vice-Chair are closed. Any nominations for Second Vice-Chair (3x). There being none, nominations for Second Vice-Chair are closed. Any nominations for Third Vice-Chair (3x). There being none, nominations for Third Vice-Chair are closed. Any nominations for Secretary (3x). There being none, nominations for Secretary are now closed. Any nominations for Treasurer (3x). There being none, nominations for Treasurer are now closed. Next month, we will cast the ballots for those positions.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari - Said from the beginning, this is a team effort. We are all interchangeable but part of a team of 50 board members. It's important to show up on time and have a quorum. We will have a vote next month where we will meet in September. George Doyle mentioned that St. Mary's Episcopal Church is not handicapped accessible. A wheelchair couldn't get up that ramp and are not ADA compliant. Chairman Siclari said we will find out.

District Manager, Joan Cusack -- Very busy with many meetings this month.

George Doyle mentioned silive having the Community Boards out of order when listed and CB1 didn't have an agenda. (Sometimes the agenda isn't confirmed before it has to go to silive). We will check with the silive.

Land Use, George Turner – Two items. One was a presentation and the other an application. The Department of Environmental Protection came and made a presentation about the Restoration of Silver Lake Park Reservoir. They will present at our Full Board Meeting when they get closer to starting their restoration. They will clean up the area and clear up the trees for a nice space we will have access to. They will remove the trees that are affecting the dam. Restore the architecture of the two gatehouses. There is a fence that goes around the entire reservoir, some 6 feet and some 3-1/2 feet. They will not change any of that even though we asked. We were told that was a Parks Department issue. It will be a 3 year process. We addressed concerns regarding a Habitat issue.

GCL36 BSA Application 2016-4142A thru 2016-4146A - 43 Cunard Avenue – Single two-Family Residence. The street is not mapped by the City of NY, therefore it is an automatic denial from Department of Buildings. No Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. Private driveway that connects to Cunard Avenue. The application seeks to permit the construction of a two-family residence, which does not front on a legally mapped street contrary to General City Law 36.

Land Use Vote: Passed Unanimously – 10 Yes. Board vote: Passed unanimously.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – No information from CityBridges on the 5G Towers issue. Maybe they can come and make a presentation or send us the information. As far as Wagner College, they were going to give that property to the city to increase that right turn. DOT will explore that to see if it's still on the table? George Doyle asked if the FDNY had a CCRB component like the police department. Joan Cusack said they weren't sure what they would consider for that? They haven't answered us about that. George Doyle asked about getting a presentation by the Lithium Battery Storage Site people for our Land Use and Full Board Meetings. Chairman Siclari said they don't have to come before us. It was said it was DOB that would get the sites first. We can ask them. They went before Board 2 because they wanted to put a storage by Holtermann's on Arthur Kill Road and it was denied.

Rules and Legislative, Chris Rooney – There is a request for us to have the Cannabis Dispensary Application come before us just like the SLA application.

George Doyle said people are not coming to meetings, they are missing 3, 4, 5 meetings in a row and nothing is being done. The Bi-laws say they should get a letter reminding them to come to the meetings. If they don't attend, they are terminated from the board. (Letters went out to those people).

Transportation, Nicholas Z. Transportation – Excused – George Doyle said when the Transportation Commissioner was at the Transportation meeting, I had a few words with her about Tompkins Avenue and Hylan Blvd traffic light and moving the traffic light away from the firehouse. Also no parking from Tompkins Avenue from Hylan Blvd. to Belair Road. The street is not wide enough for two-way traffic with parking. I asked to speak to her again and I haven't heard anything back. Joan Cusack said the Commissioner is very busy but the office will get back to you. Lillian Lagazzo spoke about getting in and out during the Five Borough Bike Race. Bay Street Landing, 500 families were in a lockdown community. On Bay Street and Hannah Street, some neighbors were coming back at 5PM, they were told the last rider didn't come over the bridge yet. She got to her house at 7:20PM with groceries and her dog, etc. "We cannot be held hostage". What's going to happen when the affordable housing comes on Front Street and the Recreation Center opens? We have a ½ Marathon in August and a Full Marathon in November. Someone with common sense should be stationed there. Joan Cusack said people can go through Bay Street if necessary.

Small Business, Jaclyn Tacoronte – Small Business – George Doyle wanted to thank Jaclyn for attending the Evelyn King Ceremony on Saturday. Jaclyn said she a lot of people from the Community showed up and she can't believe it's been 10 years.

1. Attended first public meeting at Flagship brewery discovered:
2. 9 steering board members have been working on this for 4 years and no woman, or minority owned businesses weee included
3. 2nd public session was last week at Edgewater hall
 1. Attended small businesses, Judge Rob Gregg, District Leader Jasi Robinson, Shawnae and Alina from Tiny Treasures among cb1 members and Council member Hanks office
 2. SBS Disclosed that a redistricting of the map would mean to start all over which several community members are interested in starting their own.

Today attended the SIEDC BOA brownfield opportunity area program to assess, review and potentially acquire vacant buildings to support entrepreneurship, cultural, but based off of the community needs. Today was the 1st public session. Next public session is June 3 or 23rd but we will distribute information to Linda at CB to email everyone. Joan and I met with SIEDC CEO Mike Cusick and his team to gather some additional information on the project and process. Looking forward to collaborating and providing guidance.

Additionally, **RHA KIM GROSSMAN & MCILWAIN, LLP** approached me and Joan as they are working with NYC's Commercial Lease Assistance Program to help small business owners and small businesses with any legal issues related to commercial leases.

NYC small businesses or small business owners can call us on the phone, or speak with the attorneys via Zoom. They simply need to **RSVP by emailing us at jbyun@rhakimlaw.com or by calling us directly at 718-321-9797 to set up the appointment.**

Dates for Zoom or Phone Legal Clinics are:

- Wednesday, May 10th from 1-4 pm
- Friday, May 12th from 7-9 pm
- Tuesday, May 16th from 1-4 pm

Friday, May 19th, from 1-4 pm

Overall my assessment as the small business chair, is to have transparency and inclusion for all small businesses and all projects being presented.

I would like to request a formal letter from CB1 to request a breakdown of all accounting related to the Chamber of Commerce and BID (Business Improvement District).

Reverse Roll Call: Passes unanimously with 1 Abstention.

Labor, Robert Holst – May 24th at 3:30PM by the Vanderbilt, the Teachers are having a rally on the boardwalk.

Mr. Rexa, Ferry workers, meeting trying to find an agreement. DOT has not corrected the issues on the fire and Sandy Ground. NYCHA Castleton Avenue, prevailing wage laws so that people can't come from outside. Going to find a way to bring in the cheapest labor. NYS has seen a 68% increase in child labor violations.

Parks, Tony Cosentino – Support letter was sent out for Lt. Lia Park. (video cut off).

Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari – 32nd Annual Notre Dame Food Drive on April 5-6th. Between Staten Island and Brooklyn, we collected 100,000 pieces of food. There were a lot of people from my union but I want to applaud the children. They helped us unload 11 box trucks of food and delivered to 27 recipients on Staten Island. Mike McMahon was there too. Next year it will be on March 23rd and 24th. I just recruited the Olive Tree Marketplace. Shoprite and Costco got involved.

Clifton/Concorn/Stapleton, Larry Beslow – A comment on what George Doyle said. If you want to cure quorum issues, all the community board members should come to the required meetings. The minutes are in the packet. Next meeting at the Central Family Life Center next Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Treasury report is in the packet.

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell – There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at RUMC, Sipp Auditorium. Project Hospitality will be presenting regarding the Drop-In Center at 150 Richmond Terrace.

Sunnyside/Westerleigh – Camille Zarrelli and Timothy Forsyth – Minutes in the packet.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond – John McBeth – Minutes in the packet. Meeting next week. Thank you Joan Cusack for attending my last meeting. It was commented about John McBeth's agenda being one of the best and he met religiously throughout the Pandemic on Zoom.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton – Larry Beslow – Treasury Report in the packet. If we want to cure quorum problems, it is advisable that all community board members to attend all their required meetings. Next Wednesday, 6/17 at 6:30PM meeting at the Central Family Life Center.

Old Business:

New Business: George Doyle said he asked the office how many public hospitals there are in the City of New York. There were 11 public hospitals throughout the City of New York except Staten Island. Last week we heard about a new \$1 billion hospital that was in Brooklyn. Why can't we get one here. We have a perfectly good building on Vanderbilt Avenue. Chairman Siclari said we write letters, etc. Anthony Cosentino said every year the request is in the Capital Budget but the Mayor ignores us. Maybe we can prepare a letter. I sent a letter of Statement of Needs.

Claudette Duff - Disparity of the number of board members in each area. The councilwoman and BP's office have most of the members from the West Brighton/St. George area. Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond almost have the same population. Rosebank has even more people. The issue is representation. Joan Cusack said they are not getting applications. Ms. Duff said maybe they're not realizing where the people are from when they show an interest. Many people say they send an application and nobody gets back to them. We have to have more education and outreach in these areas.

Jaclyn Tacoronte said it seems like existing members are termed out. What's the process to renew a person's tenure? etc. Joan Cusack says the Councilwoman has 11 that were never reappointed. That is all the responsibility of the Councilwoman and BP's office.

George Doyle said Rosebank used to have many members but City Planning didn't like that they wanted to rezone. John Guzzo did everything he could to keep that committee going. Joan Cusack said she gets people coming up to her saying they are interested in applying.

Lillian Lagazzo said you have to ask business owners and ask around to see who is interested in joining the community.

We need to keep the count of the board members that are not showing up to consecutive meetings.

There are four, two-year terms.

When they fill out the forms, they should follow-up with calls. Camille Zarrelli said we do have non-board members who can come to three meetings and become a non-board voting member.

Robert Holst said we should find out how many applications have been filled out and are sitting somewhere and how many open appointments can be made. Can we get that basic information?

Send a letter to the Councilwoman and BP's office asking how many applications do you have presently.

Celeste Holmes said people who come to our meetings are interested. Maybe we can make an announcement at Public Session to see if there is interest. Also if we can go back to our 7PM time for a meeting start. Chairman Siclari said that wouldn't work. The late comers will always come late.

George Doyle said he received an email on May 5th about two shelters. One on Victory Blvd. and one on Hylan Blvd. We were never notified. They opened up on May 4th. There was legislature that the city has to notify us within 30 days. Chairman Siclari said not if they have an emergency clause to designate at the moment.

Adjourned at 8:46 PM.

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM
CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217**

Attendance

Members

**George Turner, Chair
Nicholas Siclari, Ex-Officio
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Timothy Forsyth
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi, Excused
Friday Ogbewe, Excused
Camille Zarrelli**

Non-Board Member

Phil Farinacci, Absent

Guests

**Ben Palevsky, HPD
Kevin Parris, HPD
Rasika Deosthali, DCP
George Todorovic, DCP
Peter Gross
Amy Obonaga
Caroline Morris
Amy Pivak
Shabnam Bista, EDC
Andrew Abond, EDC
Judah Asimov, EDC
Lisa Barbieri
James Harris
Andrew Dorman
Lindy Crescitelli**

1. Tompkinsville Esplanade & Pier – Application ULURP 230033MMR

An application submitted by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for site selection of property located at the northern end of Block 487, p/o Lot 100 approximately aligned with the prolongation of Swan Street for use as a transportation-related dock builder's facility. Borough of Staten Island, Community District 1.

Establish ped/bike connection between New Stapleton Waterfront and St. George Ferry Terminal.

Provide safe shared use for Pedestrians/Cyclists adjacent to working waterfront.

Improve neighborhood access to the waterfront.

Increase resilience of neighborhood through shoreline rehabilitation.

Support local ecosystem through habitat focused designs and plant selections.

Rebuild critical DOT facility to best serve operational needs.

Clean up City Map to establish streets and parkland.

Motion to Accept – Passed Unanimously.

2. Jersey Street RFP – 539 Jersey Street, at the intersection of Jersey Street and Victory Blvd.

Kevin Parris (HPD) – Director of Queens and Staten Island Planning at HPD

Ben Palevsky (HPD) – Senior Predevelopment Planner, RFP Project Manager

Review of Project Background

City-owned property currently under Department of Sanitation (DSNY) jurisdiction. Between St. George, Tompkinsville, and New Brighton.

DSNY will relocate facility to Fresh Kills.

Income restricted housing and new ground floor retail and/or community facility.

There is a community Engagement Timeline:

July/August 2023 RFP Release

90 units for seniors. Application will be online. Lottery system.

Will start at the end of 2024. Sanitation garage will be out.

www.nyc.gov/jersey-street-rfp

JerseystreetRFP@hpd.nyc.gov

No Vote at this time.

3. City of Yes - Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment

Speaker: Rasika Girish Deosthali, DCP Borough Planner, Staten Island Office Liaison

George Todorovic, DCP, Staten Island Office Deputy Director and Amy Obonaga, Urban Designer will be joining to answer questions on this proposal.

Why Carbon? We are in a climate emergency caused by greenhouse gas emissions.

“Carbon-neutral city”? Reduce overall energy needs, clean the grid, electrify buildings & vehicles.

Not mandated.

Motion to Accept Proposal as Presented – Passed Unanimously.

**Staten Island Community Board 1 Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Grymes Hill/Westerleigh/Willowbrook
Area Committee Meeting**

May 3, 2023 Wednesday 7:00 PM at Safari Realty, 1958 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY

Committee Attendance: (More detailed attendance sheet on File at Board Office)

Camille Zarrelli	CB1 Area Co-Chair
Timothy Forsyth	CB1 Area Co-Chair
Fran Reali	CB1 Member
Samir Farag	CB1 Member
Captain Joseph Ahlstrom	CB1 Member
Mohan Radhakrishna	CB1 Board Member
Andrew Dorman	CB1 Member Area Member
Sunny Jain	Excused
James West	Absent
Bruce Lauria	Westerleigh Improvement Society
Michael Morrell	Westerleigh Improvement Society (WIS) Past President

Additional Attendance sheet on file at Board office

District Manager CB#1 Joan Cusack, Assemblyman Sam Pirozzolo, and reps for Borough President ? and Councilman Carr 's office in attendance.

Called to Order 7:15 pm

Scheduled agenda item was the required Notification of a new Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensary License Application for NugHub LLC at 1975 Victory Boulevard, owner Michael Gertelman present with his attorney David Feder remotely via laptop. Mr. Gertelman gave brief intro and answered numerous questions from Committee. His premises manager, Jonathan Cohen, spouse and parents in attendance as well. He stated that his permitted hours could be up to 18 hours per day, seven days a week, initially planning 8 AM to 12 Midnight. The first 6 months will be primarily delivery services only. He will have a security guard present during operating hours. His entity will occupy the entire building at 1975 Victory Boulevard, with a 1500 sq. ft. dispensary, and "related businesses" in other sections. This will be a retail dispensary for recreational marijuana sales, not for prescribed medical marijuana, with sources and prices regulated by the N.Y.S. Office of Cannabis Management. It appears that under the present regulatory procedure , the Community Board has no authority to approve or disapprove the provisional license application, but may only comment within a thirty-day window that commenced on April 24th. It was noted that the application must take into account how residential the area is and that all the side streets off Victory Boulevard in the area are predominantly residential. It was further noted that under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance like heroin and cocaine, regardless of N.Y.S. law, and the DEA has the authority to enforce the Federal law for illegal use at such a dispensary location. Assemblyman Pirozzolo spoke out at length in opposition to the proposed dispensary site as well as the entire licensing approval process. With a quorum present, the Committee referred the matter to the Full Board for consideration with a Motion to request Community Board authority to approve or disapprove

such dispensary license applications, similar to the N.Y.S. liquor license application process, and refers that to the Rules and Legislation Committee.

Mr. Gertelman and his counsel were invited to attend the CB1 Full Board Meeting on May 9th, and the Committee is requesting that this matter be a scheduled Agenda Item.

Under New Buisness

Assemblyman Pirozzolo also spoke of community concerns regarding siting of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in North Shore residential areas.

Westerleigh Improvement Society: Mike Morrell stated that there are reports and concerns of unleashed dogs in Westerleigh Park that are a potential issue for dog walkers and children and other users of the Park, and requests that the Department of Parks be notified and for increased Parks Enforcement Patrol there.

In closing we extended our appreciation and thanks to Fran & Frank Reali for hosting the meeting space for the area meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Attendance for West Brighton/St. George Meeting. May 16, 2023

<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Claudette Duff	Ralph Fortunato
Anthony Cosentino	Michael Recanatin
Sean Sheil	Daniel Battista
Catherine Schiavone	Florence Lee
Lillian Lagazzo	Frank Vega
Andre Ciprut	Louise Lessard
Robert Holst	Ayo Odeyale
Nicholas Siclari	Lennox Bacchas
Loretta Cauldwell	Eileen Harrington
Chris Rooney	John Luisi
Vincent Innocente	Lindy Peter Crescitelli
Claudette Duff	
Joan Cusack	

West/New Brighton Committee Meeting

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 16th, 7:00 PM

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MEETING AGENDA

Presentations:

Ralph Fortunato, 15-year resident of St. George

I'm here tonight on behalf of the residents and business owners around Hamilton Ave and Stuyvesant Place.

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge the valiant effort of Project Hospitality as an organization for fulfilling its mission of providing social provisions to those in need.

With that in mind, a balance is needed to meet the needs of those living in the community, and those being brought into our community. For the past three years we've witnessed and endured the deterioration of our community since the inception of Project Hospitality's Drop-In Center at 150 Richmond Terrace.

What was once a shining beacon, an area for opportunity has become an appalling living environment.

To highlight some of the issues residents endure daily: witnessing of public urination, defecation, harassment, trespassing onto private property, vandalism, and the neglect of those who are mentally ill.

The immediate neighbors of this drop-in center, meet monthly with Project Hospitality leadership to discuss these issues since September of 2022.

However, it is apparent that the issues being brought on by this drop-in-center require exceptional competency and oversight for them to be addressed.

Through a lack of transparency and trust, we as residents have lost faith that these issues can be remedied at our current level of partnership.

As previously mentioned, Project Hospitality's mission is to provide much needed social services to those in need. However, as an organization operating in a residential community, this mission should not afford them immunity from accountability and exempt them from responsibility for their clients' actions.

Greater oversight by DHS, the involvement of the Community Board, and the support of our elected officials outside of the Borough President is required to effectively collaborate to find solutions.

I thank you all for your time and for the opportunity to speak this evening.

Reverend Terry Troia – President & CEO of Project Hospitality

Reverend Troia laid out several Post COVID-19 struggles with providing 24-hour presence at their facilities. She shared that an outside security consultant as been hired to address the above issues presented by Mr. Fortunato.

She reported that the warm weather has brought more people out into the streets.

Violations on the building is preventing installing a bathroom. Porta potties were put out 3 months ago. Shortage of clinical staff is a problem, compounded by difficulty retaining staff because of low pay. In addition, DHS plans to cut services and in doing so will cut staff as well.

There is no 24 hour shelters on Staten Island except the new one on Tompkins Avenue- She stressed that these beds should go to Staten Islanders.

We need a center for the homeless on Staten Island, Church shelters are not available for individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. Stabilization beds are needed as well.

She is asking us to advocate for NO budget cuts, more beds on Staten Island and supportive housing for people with mental illness.

Old Business:

New Business:

160 Richmond Terrace

People are eating outside in the parking lot

Security Guards are not addressing issues.

Yellow Bus on the corner of Hamilton and St Marks.

Parks overnight and all weekend long.

Participatory budget- go online and vote. You can vote in the library.

Shiloh AME Zion Church - Needs a new kitchen, their parking lot entrance is being blocked by outside vehicles, and trees from the parks department are hanging over onto their property.

Lindy Chris - DOT BSA
Grant to put flowerpots on Jersey Street

John Kilcullen- reported that there's a sink hole on Richmond Terrace across from the harbor view school. He also reported and that there is contaminated soil near the old wheel site.

Announcements:

NEXT LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: JUN 20th

NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING JUNE 13th LOCATION:
St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Castleton and Davis.

Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino

Area Committee Co-Chair

West/New Brighton & St. George Area Committee.

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

Joseph Bird, Christopher Campbell, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan, Catherine Schiavone, Sean Sheil, Siyda Williams

Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Virtual Report of June 13, 2023

'Annual Report'

There is no 'solution' to traffic in our District.

All the streets except the Expressways are partially or wholly residential; nobody wants traffic on their own street to go faster; they just want it to go faster on other streets.

There is probably no planning either.

A potential future meeting: NYCDOT, NYSDOT, the MTA, the Federal Highway Administration, and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council to testify on models and plans in our District (if any).

Case study: Crystal Ave

Our role:

1. To represent people (often forgotten).
2. To interpret actions (often technical and sometimes misguided).
3. To not give up on the problems (or they are forgotten).

Summer 2022:

A resident on the block of Crystal Ave south of Watchogue Rd requested one-waying Crystal Ave, with a petition of 27 residents. Traffic is screaming through when the light is green; residents are afraid to back out of their driveways; kids are playing.

Crystal Ave is narrower at this point, and slightly offset at the intersection.

CB1 supported this with NYCDOT.



October 11 2022

NYCDOT refused the one-way, stating that parking restrictions were in place, and adding advice to drive carefully and obey speed laws. CBI called for a conference with NYCDOT.

October 21 2022

NYCDOT explained:

1. The unfortunate wording was due to an automated response; not written by a human.
2. One-waying is not a good solution in this case, since drivers often drive *faster* on one-ways.
3. NYCDOT will study other traffic control on this block.

Early 2023

'Pedestrian countdown approved' at the intersection of Crystal Ave and Watchogue Rd.

Not sure what this is about; the residents' problem is not at the intersection but mid-block.

March 2023

Two speed hump cases active at the intersection of Collfield Ave and Watchogue Rd, i.e., one block west of Crystal Ave.

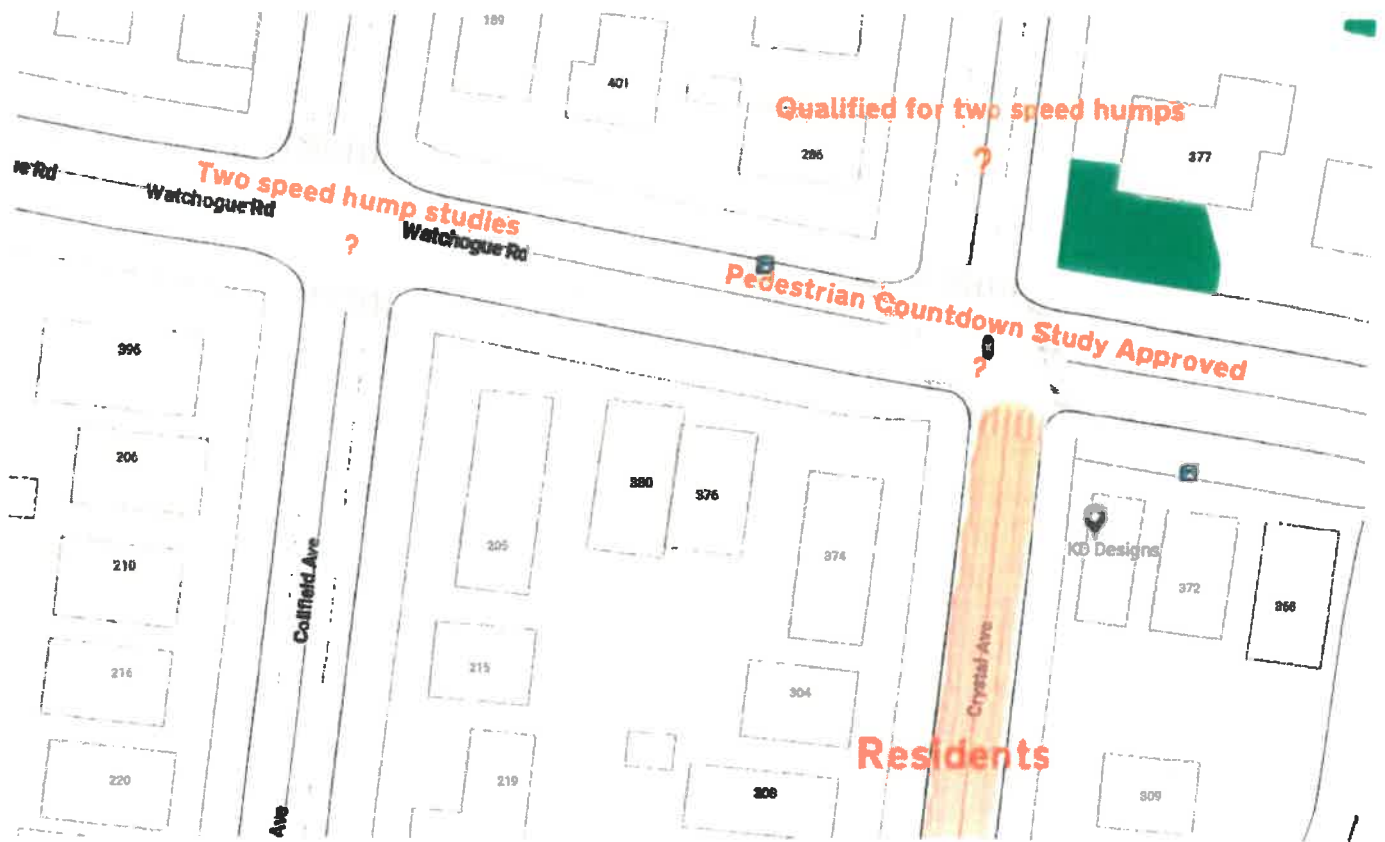
CB1 enquired if this has anything to do with the Crystal Ave case.

June 2 2023

NYCDOT replied that Crystal Ave between Leonard Ave and Watchogue Rd has qualified for two speed humps.

But this is north of Watchogue Ave, not south where the residents reported the problems.

NYCDOT: 'I hope to have more information on this shortly.'



Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

**Waterfront Committee Meeting
Community Board 1 (Staten Island)
May 30, 2023
ZOOM**

Attendance:

Captain Joseph Ahlstrom
Lillian Laggazo
Siyda Williams
Claudette Duff
Christopher Cambell
Catherine Schiavone
Sidney Martinez
Kathleen Coen
Joan Cusack
Linda Maffeo
Faisal Zouhbi
Peter Lisi
Timothy Forsyth

Waterfront chair Captain Joseph Ahlstrom called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm, and asked Peter Lisi to act as Secretary for meeting minutes. Next waterfront committee zoom meetings will be created and listed online by Captain Joseph Ahlstrom.

Recently, there was another serious delay in Ferry service and there is still no contract agreement between NYC and DOT Ferry deck officer crews. It was stated that this is not a good for both Staten Islanders using the ferry and deck officers working these boats. A contract for the deck officers needs to be finalized and agreed upon. The Community Board has previously praised the city in resolving the contract with the licensed Engineers and praised the emergency effort of the crew of the Sandy Ground in a recent emergency situation.

Presentation of 20 project items that need to be completed along Staten Island North Shore waterfront from Bank Street to Edgewater Plaza. A draft letter will be sent to waterfront committee members for their approval, to be presented to CB1 full membership to approve sending a letter to multiple entities to get moving on Staten Island Waterfront Revitalization (Formerly Waterfront Vision 2020)

Request was made to add a fast ferry in the Mariners Harbor area. The area has seen an increase of large facilities such as Amazon with large workforces that have limited traveling options on that side of Staten Island. Sites discussed were 2800 Richmond Terrace, aka Richmond Terrace Park, corner of Van Pelt Avenue, which already has a pier. An extension to the pier can accommodate a fast ferry. Richmond terrace and Union Avenue had a previous dock.

Next Waterfront Committee meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm, on zoom unless suitable in person venue identified.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Captain Joseph Ahlstrom

Chair Waterfront Committee (CB 1)

Waterfront Meeting – May 30, 2023
Staten Island Waterfront Vision Revitalization
Letter

It is imperative that the current successes of Staten Island Waterfront; Staten Island Ferry Hawks Baseball Stadium, Triangle Equities Lighthouse Point Project, Empire Outlets, National Lighthouse Museum, Bay Street Landing Home Owners, Millers Launch, FDNY Marine 9 and Urby, as well as surrounding neighbors and the community, finally be given a completed functioning safe public walkable New York City Waterfront Vision 2030, (formally Waterfront Vision 2020) from Richmond Terrace & Bank Street to Front Street - Edgewater Plaza.

These are the list of Waterfront Project Items we request an update on:

- 1- Bank Street Public Garage (950 Car capacity)
Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 2- Former proposed (wheel) site. Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 3- 911 Memorial and surrounding connecting area.
- 4- DOT St. George Ferry Terminal facility multiple entry areas need a safe traveling and lighted waterfront pedestrian passage from 911 Memorial (SI ferry terminal) through Lighthouse Point to Pier 1 and Bay Street Landing, as well as, all connecting areas.
- 5- Triangle Equities Lighthouse Point Status of completion and opening to the public
- 6- Triangle Equities Public Garage (300 car capacity) Status of completion and opening
- 7- Triangle Equities Rehabilitation of 4 historic U.S. Lighthouse Depot buildings
Status of completion and opening to the public ?
- 8- Former Proposed Hotel Site Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 9- National Lighthouse Museums Phase 2 expansion to Building 10 at 200 The Lighthouse Point Promenade
- 10- Pier 1 Repair and Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 11- Bay Street Landing Promenade Project.
Timeline Ground Breaking, Completion & opening
- 12- Tompkinsville Esplanade aka Lower Victory Blvd- Victory Point (Pier)
Connecting turns from Bay Street Landing Promenade Project through (former Cromwell Center site) to Millers Launch.
- 13- NYC DOT Dock Builders Project.
Timeline Ground Breaking, Completion & opening
- 14- Connecting turns from Millers Launch, along Front Street to Urby
- 15- The Beacon by Catholic charities - 400 units building.
- 16- Proposed Public School - Waterfront Harbor School
- 17 Front Street Site (next to Urby)
Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 18- NYC Parks facility & Stapleton Park extension.
Timeline Ground Breaking, Completion & opening
- 19- (Clifton Station Waterfront) Connecting Front Street waterfront through Edgewater Plaza, across from MTA Clifton Maintenance Train Station.
Issue RFP to solicit a lease holder operator.
- 20- Future plan to either fix, repair or remove dangerous and damaged pier pylons

sticking out of the water along the Staten Island Waterfront.

NYC Economic Development Corporation ensure the building and implementation of a complete pedestrian walkway along entire waterfront project, from Richmond Terrace and Jersey Street, throughout, to Front Street - Edgewater Plaza. And add and install, some type of, LED color changing lighting along the entire waterfront walkway, that are visible throughout the harbor from a distance, similar to the Empire State Building, colorfully illuminating our Staten Island Waterfront shore line, with the ability to change colors.

NYC Department of Transportation conduct assessments to ensure all sidewalks, curbs, streets, lighting and safety devices are installed and completed throughout the entire land side stretch of Staten Island Waterfront. The projects mentioned be completed in a safe and environmentally correct process utilizing local and union protected labor.

Respectfully Submitted

Staten Island Community Board 1 Waterfront Committee.

Submitted for feasibility and approval by Community Board 1

Treasurer's Report - FY 2023 June 2023

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/22</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00	\$ 1,670.72
101 Printing Expense	200.00	20.00
110 Food & Forage	1,150.00	150.00
117 Postage	200.00	0
199 Data Process Suppl.	450.00	0
300 General Equip.	50.00	0
314 Office Furniture	140.00	1,540.00
315 Office Equipment	250.00	0
332 Data Process Equip.	294.00	0
337 Book Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
400 Contractual Svces.	1,500.00	500.00
40B Communication (Paid by OTI for our telephone bills – not our budget spending money)	3,013.00	853.00
403 Office Services	150.00	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	3,470.00	19.59
451 Carfare	0	0
452 Special Event	0	0
622 Contractor	0	0
700 Chase Imprest Fund (Money for Imprest Checks only- not our budget spending money)	500.00	500.00
TOTAL:	\$13,062.00	\$ 5,503.31

PLEASE NOTE: EACH CODE IS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER CODES AS LONG AS THE TOTAL ALLOCATION IS THE SAME.

LARRY BESLOW, CB1 TREASURER
CONTRACTS

ENCUMBERED FOR FY2023