

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joseph Ahlstrom
Ali Mir Masum
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Joseph Ahlstrom
Ali Mir Masum, Excused
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow, Excused
Joseph Bird
Telee Brown, Absent
Sandy Carles
Loretta Cauldwell
Anastasia Ciluffo
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain, Absent
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radharkrishn
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Absent
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen, Absent
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer
Fran Reali, Absent
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
James Samuels, Absent
George Sona, Excused
Anthony Scutari
Nicholas Siclari
Hakan Tale
George Turner
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Bob Zion
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Robert Birkhead, Rep. Congressman Dan Donovan
Rowland Stewart, Rep. Borough President James Oddo
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Ralph Porzio, Rep. Senator Lanza
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone
Angela M. Olsen, Rep. MOA Nicole Malliotakis
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Ahmed Kargbd, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Services
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration
Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Library
Kimberly Cantoni, American Society
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks and Recreation
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
George Kaufer, Resident
I. Ololade, Jobs Plus
Camille Wilson Resident
Marjorie Gumbs, Pierce Street
Saul Porter, Port Richmond Strong
Morgan Mazzola, DA Office, Nacran Training
Ida Mazzola
Eman Rimani, Access –A-Ride

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Chairman Siclari asked Deacon McBeth to lead us in recognizing our first responders who lost their lives in 9/11 and the ones that continue to lose their lives due to illnesses working at the site.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept June 2018.

Ms. Kimberly Cantoni, American Cancer Society spoke of "Making Strides of Staten Island". They are celebrating 25 years in the community. Flyers were left for the Walk that will take place on October 21, 2018 registration is at 8:00 A.M. and the walk starts at 10:00 A.M. at Midland Beach at the intersection of Father Capodanno Blvd. and Seaview Avenue. You can go to www.makingstrideswalk.org/statenisland for more details.

Acting Director Chris Hadwin gave a brief presentation on the upcoming Department of City Planning showed a brief presentation regarding the upcoming Bay Street Corridor Application which is tentatively going to be certified in October or early November.

Flyers were left in the back of the room regarding the three Special Districts on Staten Island. The north shore is the Special Hillside Preservation District. There will be an open house on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Greenbelt Nature Center, 700 Rockland Avenue.

A Certificate of Recognition was given by Ms. Loretta Cauldwell to Al Gentile. Ms. Cauldwell mentioned Mr. Gentile is the owner of the St. George Pharmacy. He is being recognized for his staunch support of the community. Notwithstanding his recent fire, he was filling prescriptions on the sidewalk in front of his store! and continues to do so from a porta-pharmacy... This is more than good business. Al has been in the community, on Stuyvesant Place, for more than 30 years. Last year he won the "Good Pharmacy Award".

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Jenny Fischman, representing District Attorney Michael McMahon thanked all members and guests that attended the Narcan training prior to the meeting. Ms. Fischman spoke of the second-annual "Protecting Our Pets" calendar photo contest to end animal abuse. Flyers were left you can e-mail pictures to contest@rcda.nyc.gov – submissions must be in by October 1, 2018. Flyers were also left for the District Attorney's Saturday Sessions which is an 11 week program for academic support, basketball, career counseling, hip hop dance and also recording studio sessions. The program will be every Saturday from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. at the Gerard Carter Center 230 Board Street Morgan.Mazzarella@rcda.nyc.gov

Mr. Ahmed Kargbo, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs addressed the Board regarding free and safe immigration help. There is a new program called ActionNYC that connects all immigrant New Yorkers with free and safe immigration help.

Ms. Claudette Duff spoke about Out of the Storm Senior Housing Masquerade Gala on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 7:00 P.M. -11:00 P.M. at the Excelsior Grand. Invitations were left in the back of the room for more information call 718-663-4151 or info@outofthestormseniorhousing.org.

Mr. Michael Morrell thanked the Board Members and the staff for the generous gift bestowed to him in June. The Board gave Mr. Morrell was given a small token of our appreciation to him for his very long tenure as the President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society. Mr. Morrell attended and still attends all of the Community Board Full Board Meetings as well as the area committee. He is a true gentleman, is the eyes and ears of the Westerleigh Area.

Mr. Troy McGhie, representing Councilwoman Rose stated it is Participatory Budget Time again. Councilwoman Rose has asked that the community be involved and vote on budget items that should be funded by the Councilwoman. For more information please contact Councilwoman Rose's office at 718-556-7370.

Mr. George Kaufer spoke about the new express bus changes and the need for extreme revisions to the routes.

Ms. Eman Rimani spoke of Access-A-Ride if people have problems they should register complaints with access-a-ride. You can also contact Ms. Rimani at Rimani@nylpi.org.

Ms. Pearl Minsky was very disappointed in members for not showing up for the Narcan training prior to the Board Meeting tonight. Ms. Fischman from the District Attorney's office assured Ms. Minsky that they would give training to any group that requests the training.

Public Session Closed

Officers' Reports

FIRST VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, MEGAN DELMAR – Minutes of the meeting are included in the packet. The Committee reviewed CB#1 liquor license policy – included in the packet is the policy for all NEW liquor licenses. If a committee agrees that there are special circumstances of a liquor license applicant; i.e. later hours, earlier closing must be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

There are also non-board member forms in the packet, please have non-board members fill out the form and return to the Board Office.

Lastly, we have stepped up outreach on the Community Board #1 Facebook page and have are getting a lot more followers.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report, welcome back. Mr. Rooney asked more cooperation of the Chairs of Area and Functional Committees. There was no quorum at the Steering Meeting. Quorums are needed at all meetings, the Chairpersons are the Steering Committee you must attend the meeting.

THRID VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report please attend your committee meetings this year.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The Treasurer's report is in the packet.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari mentioned Megan Delmar, Anjail Ameen Rice, Victoria Gillen, Priscilla Marco, Sunny Jain and Saul Porter, Port Richmond Strong have been – A meeting was arranged by Mr. Jain with the developers for the proposed hotels in Port Richmond – they have been working very hard.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll acknowledged Mr. Doyle, who was in attendance, had an operation over the summer and we are all glad he is back doing well.

All area chairs must ask if there are capital and expense items to be added to the FY '2020 Budget Requests. There will be a Budget Public Hearing in October.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no Land Use Public Hearing. The Bay Street Corridor certification should be occurring in October or November. We are arranging a walking tour with the Department of City Planning. There will be two tours arranged a Saturday tour and a weeknight tour. All members are required to pick on of these tours. Mr. Accornero stated “if you do not attend one of the tours you will not be allowed to comment or ask questions at the meeting when it is going to be voted on.” Arrangements will be made for individuals that cannot walk the tour”.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – There was no formal meeting, a report is in the packet.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO – Mr. Siclari announced that Ms. Paradiso has to step down as chairperson of this committee and he has named Amy Poirer as Chairperson.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – No report.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – No meeting, no report. A meeting will be scheduled in October for the Youth Committee.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFIARS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR- Ms. Delmar reiterated what Mr. Carroll reported on, there will be a budget Public Hearing in October for the FY “2020 Capital and Expense Budget Requests. Area Chairpersons should ask their committees for any items to be added. If anyone has budget requests please send them to Lisa Crosby at the Board Office.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – No report, working on funding in order to get the talent show off the ground this year.

VETERANS AFFAIRS, BOB ZION – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, PRISCILLA MARCO/VICTORIA GILLEN – A meeting was held prior to the meeting, minutes of the meeting will be in the packet next month. The letter the board sent to the Mayor regarding Spectrum is included in the packet.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR - No meeting, no report.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – Ms. Gillen asked that all Chairs work on a list of their non-board members to create and e-mail outreach. This summer we were working on the Civic and Resident notification with a couple of students and the staff of Community Board #1.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND – The Committee will be meeting on Monday September 17, 2018 due to the Jewish Holiday. The committee will go back to the second Tuesday of each month at 250 Park Avenue in October.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Thursday of each month at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No meeting, no report. The committee meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH – No meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House, Hart Blvd. and Revere Street.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – No meeting no report. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Board Office until the roof is repaired at Mt. Carmel Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Accornero asked if we could reach out to the State on some of the Budget items that do not get funded.

Meeting adjourned.