

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2020
SNUG HARBOR BUILDING P – 7:30 P.M.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Hanane Dbajat, Rep. MOA Malliotakis
Matthew Rosenberg, Rep. Congressman Rose
Lisa Thompson, Rep. District Attorney McMahon
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Kendal Henry, Department of Cultural Affairs
Joan Cusack, Executive Director NYC HRA
Jermaine Williams, NYC HRA
Frank Fontana, NYC Dept. of Buildings
David Gaul. Grow NYC
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Kelly Vilar, SI Urban Center
Diana Caughell, non bd. Member WB and Land Use
Frank Marra, Clove Lake Civic
Steven Williams, Resident
Jorge Jenkins, Resident
Sophia Warren, Resident
Ruth Haney, Resident
Jack Bolembach, Resident
Susan Fowler, City Harvest

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicolas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.
Roll call attendance taken, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved unanimously to accept January 2020 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Representatives from the Department of Sanitation were in attendance to supply reusable bags due to the ban of plastic bags in New York starting on March 1, 2020. There will be a 5-cent charge for paper bags at stores.

Ms. Kelly Vilar spoke of the budget and the inclusion of the indoor pool. Also, the Harbor School in Rosebank is not in the budget. Both items should be highlighted in the letter of comment.

Mr. Steven Williams mentioned he is a non-board member of the Youth Committee; he has an application to become a full Board Member and asked if he needed to fill out a new application.

Jermaine Williams representing NYC Human Resources Administration spoke of fair fare program which can be accessed at [nyc.gov/fair fares](http://nyc.gov/fair-fares).

Regarding charges for bags, people using Snap will not be charged.

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest had handouts of the calendar for the Mariners Harbor and Stapleton Market.

Flyers were also provided for the 9th annual anti-hunger breakfast. Borough President James Oddo will be the keynote speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. Frank Fontana, Community Liaison, Department of Buildings updated the Board on the new local law 152 for gas inspections for all buildings that are more than 2 families. You must ensure the plumber is licensed to do the gas inspections.

Mr. David Gaul from Grow NYC brought flyers for the St. George Greenmarket on Saturdays on Hyatt Street. You can also bring your food scraps for compost.

Ms. Lisa Thompson representing District Attorney Michael McMahon provided flyers of the Bail Reform Myths and facts and what we need to know. Anyone opposed to the Bail reform should write and call our legislative leaders to fix this immediately. For information where to send or call to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority leader Stewart-Cousins and MOA Heastie please call the Board Office or e-mail.

Mr. Donald DeRosa had handouts of flyers inviting everyone to the Trailblazers program and award ceremony in honor of African American History Month on Wednesday February 12, 2020 in the Kumble Theatre LIU Brooklyn campus. For more information go to <https://trailblazers2020.eventbrite.com>

Ms. Ruth Haney spoke of the lack of parking spaces for seniors visiting senior centers at New Lane, West Brighton Cassidy Coles. 2 or 3 spots at least should be reserved for handicapped and seniors visiting the centers between 8 am-4 pm.

Ms. Hanane Dbajat, representing MOA Malliotakis mentioned they have reusable bags in their office for anyone that wants to stop by and get some.

Mr. Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Rose spoke of the participatory budget. Community Based Organizations have until February 18, 2020 – 5:00 P.M. to put requests in for council funds.

Votes will start on March 28, 2020 for which organizations will receive part of the \$1 million available.

The census opens March 2, 2020 it is important that everyone fill out the census. The north shore has in the past only had 50% fill out the census.

On March 28, 2020 there will be a celebration for Black History Month, everyone is invited to attend at St. Phillips Baptist Church.

Mr. Matthew Rosenberg Representing Congressman Rose's Office spoke of Bills that Max Rose has brought to Congress –supporting American Ports, protect infrastructure against drones and being prepared for terrorism threats using drones.

Mas Rose is fighting bail reform urged everyone to right to their legislators.

There are several specialty case workers in his office to speak with regarding social security, immigration and Veterans Services. Every third Wednesday, Veterans can come in and speak with other veterans and receive any help needed for services.

Mr. Jack Bolembach spoke of the sale of St. Mary's Church, it was turned down by the Landmarks Commission for Landmark Status, structure was built 166 years ago. Worried what will happen to the structure and the site.

The Board of Standards & Appeals will hold a hearing on vote on the applications for Mount Manresa on February 25, 2020, it is important for people to attend and show their support against approval of the applications.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Mr. Kendall Henry, Deputy Director of Cultural Affairs Art Program "She Built NYC" spoke of a monument for Kathryn Walker at the SI Lighthouse Museum. A bio was provided in the packet

of Ms. Walker. Department of Cultural Affairs will be looking for an artist, the artist when chosen will then come back to a future Board Meeting to present the monument. For further information you can e-mail percent@cultural.nyc.gov

OFFICERS REPORTS

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Wished Mr. Mohan Radhakrishna a Happy Birthday whose birthday is today and Mr. George Doyle whose birthday was yesterday.

All members received new board applications which includes demographic profile, everyone must fill out the demographic profile, you can mark the box prefer not to answer, it is a new law.

Ms. Pearl Minsky presented Ms. Carolyn Clarke with a Certificate of Recognition who is a wonderful musician she built the SI Philharmonic Orchestra from nothing, volunteers her time playing throughout SI with a variety of different orchestras.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH – Mr. Forsyth is an advocate for an indoor north shore pool there is no time- line when this could happen. CB#1 has requested enclosing Lyons Pool, there is talk of winterizing the pool at Goodhue.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No report.

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

DISTRIST MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll mentioned that he had a meeting with the Port Authority regarding Windmills. Mr. Olsen, NYC EDC and a couple of elected official representatives attended. A maintenance, operation and storage are needed. There are talks of this happening in Tottenville. Bringing windmills to SI is not only energy efficient but will also bring economy to SI but will bring jobs. The Waterfront Committee will meet when there is something substantial to report.

There will be a meeting with St. George/West New Brighton, Waterfront, Transportation Committees on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue regarding at Fast Ferries.

Mr. Carroll spoke of a lot of legislation passed that suppresses the ability for people that build houses to do so to make money. Nothing is being built because the economy is not there. There is no affordable housing in the Stapleton Corridor because of the rezoning. Building height is so limited nobody will buy the property because they will not make any money. City Planning needs to lift the height restrictions.

Pastor Carolina will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on February 29, 2019 at the Central Family Life Center.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The following application was presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 58-13-a – Modification to the GCL 35 approval for addition of two additional lots to the application, enlargement of front yard along Wiman Place, reduction to front yards along Sylvaton Terrace and Church Lane. The proposal complies with the underlying zoning and conditions of the original approval. -BSA granted the owner to build a 3-story residential building partially located within the bed of a mapped street. The owner purchased two additional lots to allow for a larger development but develop less of the premises within the bed of a mapped street.

Mr. Michael Naemias from the law offices of Jay Goldstein represented 4 Wiman Place. In March 2013 plans were submitted for 12 units with 8 accessory parking spaces 7 would have been included in the cellar.

They have acquired 2 additional lots and have re-submitted plans for 35 units with 26 off street parking spaces on site in a tiered parking lot.

The Fire Department have conditionally approved with the stipulations that the building be fully sprinkled, and fire alarm center connected directly to the Fire Department.

The Department of Environmental Protection must decide with the sewer easement, for catch basins with the street widening along Wiman Place.

With the street widening to a legally mapped street, there is plenty of room for Sanitation and emergency access.

In March 2013 Community Board #1 approved for 12 units with the condition that the building footprint be reduced, and parking be increased to 1 spot to 1 ratio.

MOTION

Whereas, the Community Board #1 approval on the original application was conditional on the parking being provided on a 1 spot to 1-unit ratio, and;

Whereas, the modified applications bring greater density to the affected area, and;

Whereas, there is no street parking available due to the width of the adjoining street,

Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 approves the modified application with the condition that a parking spot will be provided for all units developed.

Roll call vote take, vote passed 27-2-0.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – Mr. Carroll reported Waterfront under District Manager report.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRIER – No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Mr. Jain is going to research the bail reform and report back to the Board.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – The report is in the packet.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney concurred with the Public speaker regarding parking at the West Brighton Senior Center.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The following FY' 2021 letter of comment was included in everyone's packet and presented as follows for a vote:

Reference: FY 2021 Preliminary Budget Response

Dear Mayor, De Blasio:

On February 11, 2020 Community Board #1 voted unanimously to send the following letter of comment:

Community Board 1 represents Staten Island's North Shore and has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life for our residents. This encompasses increased affordable housing, expanded youth and senior services, upgrading the mass transit and street transit system, adding school seats and improving the waterfront.

CB1 is grateful Sanitation 1 is being relocated to Fresh Kills and that HHC has placed a clinic in Clifton; however, there are major aspects of our budget requests that have been unresolved.

Parks

Every Park should have either a bathroom or portable toilets as well as water fountains and parks with facilities and should be staffed during regular park hours.

Parks should have a base line capital budget of \$100 million to end the game of getting local elected to pay for park projects out of their budgets.

The North Shore Greenway needs to be designed and built.

With the inception of "Parks without Borders," more PEP officers are required.

HHC

The Corporation must be provided 5% of the tax-levy capital budget to be given to the Island's two health care systems to address the inequity of the lack of an HHC hospital facility on Staten Island.

EDC

The site of the failed NY Wheel, which NYC refused to help, must become a tour de force economic development site to enhance the growth engendered by the Empire Outlets and to provide local businesses the opportunity to flourish.

The Corporation needs to go beyond considering and fund the project to improve truck access, a new pier and an expansion of NY Container Port.

Schools

The district has an identified need for elementary and middle school capacity. Therefore, sites must be selected, and such schools built.

FDNY

The Bay Street Corridor and Empire Outlet projects coupled with increased response time make the siting of a fire house with the Bay Street area essential.

NYPD

The increase in population, drug activity and certain other crimes coupled with the congestion at the current 120th make it important to develop the new Hill Street property for a precinct.

HRA

While shelter service funding is adequate, more money is needed on prevention programs.

As domestic violence increases, the DA needs to be funded to increase the Borough's push-back.

DOT

The confluence of Amazon and other warehouses near the Container Port has created a congestion issue that needs to be resolved by providing a separate entrance into the port facility.

Smart lights, better signal algorithms, sequential signals and turning lanes are needed to ease congestion at traffic choke points.

SBS routes need to be created in ways that isolate the buses from traffic congestion.

Bus shelters should be redesigned with this Borough in mind. Since SI lacks the luxury of wide sidewalks, the generic design used by the Agency does not work and our commuters are left to the elements.

DYCD

Provide youth development, senior services, literacy programing and youth and adult recreation in a community center built or leased in the Park Hill Community.

DEP

Sewers are needed Sharon Avenue to Broadway between Forest Avenue to Richmond Terrace, including Delafield Avenue from N. Mada to Kissel Avenue and all the streets parallel to Forest Avenue.

LIBRARIES

CB1 has spent the last twenty years advocating for a library in Rosebank. In a neighborhood bereft of schools and a growing young population, this is unconscionable.

DFTA

The rise in crime against the aged requires an increased commitment from NYC to protect them.

These are CB1's major unaddressed concerns in your preliminary 2020 budget and we hope you will review these requests in a more positive way before final budget adoption.

Motion seconded; motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – There will be a joint meeting with West Brighton, Waterfront a Transportation on February 18, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue. Mr. Zvegintzov thanked the efforts of the Labor Committee, there will be more service of the S40 and S90 buses along Richmond Terrace and Matrix Park.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETREAN'S – If any board member would like to chair the Veteran's Committee please inform Chairman Siclari.

LABOR, ROBERT HOLST – No report

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Ms. Minsky presented Carolyn Clark with a certificate of recognition in the beginning of the meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION, NORMAN LIGHT – No meeting, no report. Mr. Doyle asked for updates on the Stapleton Playground and pool.

Ms. Nicole Brooks, Parks stated Stapleton Playground will be open March 20, 2020, the pool is under construction.

Ms. Cauldwell asked for updates on McDonald playground?

Ms. Brooks mentioned there is no timeline for McDonald or DeMatti at this time.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL -minutes are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI - The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The meeting was cancelled due to the flu.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW –Minutes of the meeting were included in the packet. The Police Department has been invited as well as a request for updates from DOT and Parks.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – Minutes of the meeting were included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Accornero complained of sanitation tree composting, it was supposed to be done from January 6-January 24th due to some bad weather the trees were not picked up and were still out after January 24, 2020 he had asked if they could lengthen the program or start later, it is to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made to adjourn, meeting adjourned.