

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING JUNE 9, 2020**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS**

Assemblyman Charles Fall  
Edward Jackson, CAU, Mayor's Office  
Anthony Reinhart  
Elena Brady, Rep Councilman Steven Matteo  
Sal Murgolo, Rep. Senator Andrew Lanza  
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks and Recreation  
Jahi Rose, Civilian Complaint Review Board  
Frank Fontana, NYC Department of Buildings  
Joan Cusack, Director HRA  
Rose Uscianowski, Transportation Alternatives  
Marianne Maloney, Census  
Kelly Vilar, SI Urban Center  
Kamillah Hanks, Youth Build  
Mario Buonviaggio, Port Richmond Strong  
Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong  
Mark Anderson, President Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Bobby Digi  
Bruce Lauria, Resident  
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing  
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing

Over 100 guests joined the meeting (which are shown on video)

Camille Zarrelli  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Loretta Cauldwell took roll call attendance, quorum present.

The meeting was video taped and can be viewed: <https://vimeo.com/427888504>

Chairman Nicholas Siclari recognized Anjail Ameen-Rice to read a statement on behalf of Community Board #1.

Ms. Anjail Ameen-Rice stated, "Our Board represents the most culturally diverse communities on Staten Island, and we continue to maintain healthy partnerships with all groups and families."

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – We will be awaiting the new budget and preparing for the upcoming Capital and Expense items in October.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH** – No report.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The Treasure's report was sent out electronically to all Board Members.

**SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – Ballots will be casted at the end of the meeting to conclude the election of the Executive Committee.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – Mr. Carroll hoped that everyone has been reading the responses we have received for the Environmental Remediation for 44 Victory Blvd. The Chairman and Secretary will respond to the letters. A virtual meeting is coming with HPD, Waterfront Chairman Ole Olsen, Land Use Chairman Vincent Accornero, Stapleton Chairman Larry Beslow will be joining the meeting for an update on the next phase o the Stapleton Waterfront Renewal project. There is no money for it, but the planning can be done. Mr. Carroll wished everyone a wonderful summer and to be safe and well.

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Chairman Siclari thanked everyone for their patience with the virtual meetings, it is not the preferred way of meeting hopefully things will be back to normal in September. Chairman Siclari would rather use Zoom as the program for the meetings but the City has provided WebEx.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Frank Fontana, Department of Buildings spoke of guidelines sent for job sites and specific plan for workers since the Covid epidemic. All information can be found on the Department of Buildings website [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings).

Edward Jackson, Community Assistance Unit Mayor's Office introduced himself, he has replaced Patrick Lewis. The Mayor's Office is working on outdoor dining and how permits will be processed.

Kamilla Hanks, Youth Build has received a grant to hire 10 young people to gain work experiences. They do everything from Cleanups, food pantries. Makerspace has made 5,000 face shields and swabs by using 3D printing

Rose Uscianowski spoke of the open streets program and has requested more streets on the north shore which has been in the hardest with Covid.

Marianne Maloney, Partnership Specialists with the Census gave updates. Staten Island only has 57.6% completed, it is higher than other boroughs. Census workers will begin to knock on doors. Training sites are still needed if anyone has any space available. Tell everyone you know to fill out the form. You can check to make sure your counted by going to [Mycensus2020.com](http://Mycensus2020.com)

Mario Buonviaggio Port Richmond Strong spoke against Whiskey Highway which was addressed at the last Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting. Mr. Buonviaggio had concerns of loud music, noise, drugs and racing.

Mr. Buonviaggio has been working with students with Kamilla Hanks doing clean ups.

Mr. Buonviaggio spoke a severe garbage and rodent problem at 45 Jewett Avenue. Pictures will be forwarded.

Lastly, flags are going to be placed on Port Richmond Avenue from Forest to Post Avenues.

Kelly Vilar, CEO SI Urban Center announced a documentary will be coming soon "Our Urban Town, Re-imaging Staten Island" In it included waterfront concerns, the wheel, baseball team, Urby, public pool, Cromwell. It will premiere on June 23, 2020.

Bobby Digi asked everyone to continue to support Black Lives Matters and small businesses especially on Minthorne Street which will be allowing outdoor dining.

The Canvas Institute will have programs to educate youth on census and voting.

Lastly everyone should get tested for Covid.

Assemblyman Charles Fall mentioned he has been in Albany working on Bill reforms. He held a Press Conference last week on brining the community together during a difficult time. We will be voting on Bill #58 which is misconduct of a police officer which includes many aspects, ban on choke holds, false complaints against a police officer, Troopers to wear body cams etc. we have to be very careful with language and defunding the police that would be very dangerous in NYC.

His office is still looking into the Homeless shelter at 44 Victory Blvd. and, if there is anything to be done to stop it.

Mario Buonviaggio Port Richmond Strong questioned the Assemblyman on the clean-up of 45 Jewett Avenue on how it can stay for months and months with serious health conditions, mounds and mounds of garbage, food, mattresses etc. Children live on the property, there are homes all around people walking by it is a disgrace.

Mr. Buonviaggio continued with questions and the proposed hotel at 33-37 Port Richmond Avenue claiming the site is filled with contaminants, the developer is corrupt and that all his hotels are homeless shelters.

Assemblyman Fall responded that it was the first that these items have been brought to his intention and that his office would look into it

Chairman Siclari called upon Secretary Loretta Cauldwell for the Election of the Executive Committee.

Ms. Cauldwell announced since no nominations were submitted or nominated at the April or May Board Meetings, the current Executive Committee ran for their current positions.

Ms. Cauldwell cast a ballot or each position:

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman

Timothy Forsyth, Second Vice-Chairman

Friday Ogbewele, Third Vice-Chairman

Larry Beslow, Secretary

Nicholas Siclari cast a ballot for Loretta Cauldwell for Secretary.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

John McBeth, Mariners Harbor Chairman is planning on holding a virtual Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting next Tuesday. If you are a voting member of the committee and are not able to make it please let him no, if a quorum is not going to be present the meeting will be cancelled.

Chairman Siclari thanked everyone for joining the meeting, continue to keep up the good fight and enjoy the summer.

Meeting adjourned.