

VIRTUAL FULL BOARD MEETING MAY 11, 2021- 6:00 P.M.

NICHOLAS SICLARI, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS

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

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

GUESTS

Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Christine Johnson, Chief of Staff Councilwoman Rose
Lily Zafaranloo, Rep. Congresswoman Malliotakis
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Lisa Thompson, RCDA
Nicole Brooks, Parks
Mary Bullock
Dorothea C.
Debbie Derrico, CB2
Diana Caughill
Larry Cirillo
Karen Cummings
Roman DeSimone, CTV
J. Facciponti
Elyse Foladore
Frank Fontana, DOB
Daniel Flamhaft
Sarah Gowell
Zandra Graham
Jahmel Hutton
Jyotsna Jain
Lillian Lagazzo
Gabriella McKinley
Michael Morrell
Nan Richardson
Joann Sacks
Richard Salhany
Jermaine Williams, DSS/HRA
Gail Sanders
Diane Screibman
Josephine Stacey
Vincent Barone
Everett Wattley
Miriam Arnold
Yolande
Eric Palatnik
Jane Wynter
Martha Bromelmeier

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
Nicky Siclari led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Secretary Loretta Cauldwell took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and passed to accept April 2021 Full Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Jermaine Williams, Department of Social Services/HRA- HRA is starting to put client's names on pay stubs for one shot deals. This will help housing advocates link the checks with the clients to make things easier. On May 3rd HRA opened our heat/cooling assistance component (CAC). Tenants can make request for air conditioners. One individual in the family must have a documented medical condition that is exacerbated by extreme heat to qualify for the air conditioner. Seniors may fill out the application also and we will make the determination. They should call 888-342-3009 to get an application.

Lisa Thompson, District DA McMahon's office - Two events. This Thursday, in support of Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Information Session. Free Narcan training and free kit to those who choose to participate. Second event will be on Saturday, May 15th from 11am to 2pm at Blessed Sacrament. It will be a shred event. We do these twice a year with different locations chosen. Both event flyers will be in the chat.

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong - Port Richmond Strong is asking your support for speed reducers on Orange Avenue between Port Richmond Avenue and Decker Avenue. We have 90% signatures from homeowners and tenants living on Orange Avenue. The description of the street is as follows. Approximately 0.28 miles long, two-way traffic, 25 driveways, 2 freeway intersections. Seymour Avenue and Orange Avenue and Reilly Place and Orange Avenue. At one intersection there is a house of Worship on Orange Avenue and Port Richmond Avenue where Parishioners cross the street. We ask for a letter of support. This Saturday, May 15th, Port Richmond will be honoring our Veterans. 28 banners hanging on Port Richmond Avenue. Afterwards lunch at Brothers Pizza.

Nicole Brooks, Parks - The Faber Park ribbon cutting was on April 27th. It looks great. Thank you to all that attended. The Veteran Park cleanup on May 7th that was set up by 121st Precinct went well. The Commissioner attended and, thank you to all that attended. Anti-litter campaign is starting. You will start to see advertisements. Promote the use of trash cans and how to clean up after ourselves. Beach opening ceremony on May 28th at 12:30 PM. At South Beach and FDR Memorial Boardwalk, Sand Lane and Father Capodanno Blvd. RSVP at Jennifer.Miller@Parks.nyc.gov. Please RSVP so we can keep up with Covid and Social Distancing Standards. Ms. Brooks will find out when Mariner's Harbor Park is opening, asked by John McBeth.

Frank Fontana, DOB - Local Law 152, Periodic Gas Inspection. We have until June 30th. to make those filings. Homeowners should have received a mailer. You can go to the Buildings and see if you meet the classification. You can go on our website and look on the interactive map and see if property owners in the vicinity have any violations and types of violations. Also, homeowners will have to fix the violations they have before getting new permits approved. You can also sign-up for a DOB newsletter. Thank you.

Jean Wynter, (along with Gabriella, daughter and Jahmel, son) Founder and CEO of IDAT Inc. My daughter and son are co-founders. We are here today to inform you of the service we are providing and hopefully make some inquiries to our organization. We are a 501c3 organization. IDAT stands for Institute for the Development of Adolescents and Teenagers. IDAT is an enhanced book club. We are here to promote self-discovery, exploration and personal growth for adolescents and teenagers. We are providing them to engage in various clubs. Book club, theater club, young writers club, bake club,

sports, and recreation club, etc. We have two additional support services, one called EARS (Educational and Academic-Related Services) and a book club podcast. The services are designed to enhance our members abilities through their participation in the clubs. We operate our services based on three principles. As human beings, we are all interconnected. We are inter-dependent for our survival as a species. Lastly, as human beings, we have an innate need to have our presence validated. We make sure all are acknowledged.

Gabriella - Our groups are those who are attending school, those who feel socially withdrawn and identify as academic underachievers. Also, youth who identify as bullies or seem disillusioned, youth who seem to be oppositional to authority figures and for children whose parents cannot give them the support they need. We exclude children who are engaged in criminal activities, have a criminal history, youth who are gang members and those who have a history of suicidal or homicidal behavior etc. You must be between the ages of 10 and 18. Annual membership fee of \$100 and completed enrollment forms.

Jahmel Hutton - Outreach in four different ways. We drop off flyers to grocery stores, churches, libraries, department stores, etc. We conduct community presentations. We have social media presence on Instagram and Facebook. We have a coordination program that is in charge of recruitment. We would require the membership application, release consent forms to interact with schools, etc. Annual fee is collected at the time of admission. It covers all books, materials, etc.

Daniel Flamhaft - lives in a co-op building at 36 Hamilton Avenue. We have concerns in our neighborhood. Project Hospitality opened a new location on Stuyvesant Place. The quality of life has gone down. The people there are hanging out at 51 Stuyvesant Place, a former NYC Health Facility. There is scaffolding there. Littering, urinating, smoking, drinking, etc. This is across from our building. They are opening the garbage from our building. Sleeping on a mattress from our garbage. People are afraid to walk down the sidewalk. We shouldn't be intimidated to walk on our sidewalks. There was garbage set on fire which ignited two vehicles to go on fire. Can the Fire Department investigate this? There is a hole in the fence and the individuals are going in and out. Can the hole be repaired. Can garbage pails be put in place. We need security on the block. We went to the precinct and asked for this. We need help. The city did put up a fence but now there is a hole there. They are not entering the building itself which Vinny had asked the question. Thank you.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Josephine Stacey, Westerleigh resident - School Advocacy and Extension Committee asking for a letter that the borough revitalize the idea of a Harbor middle school on Staten Island in the Fort Wadsworth National Monument. It's an opportunity to revitalize the Fort Wadsworth site and the surrounding Rosebank area. New York is the largest port on the Eastern seaboard with 400,000 jobs. Only 14% of those jobs are not held by New Yorkers. We see this as an opportunity to change that. We could and should want to take back our waterfront. We have to import companies from Seattle because we don't have homegrown participants to take those jobs. If we can start this education earlier in middle school, we can change that percentage and bring these jobs to New Yorkers. There is a special visa to get lifeguards from Europe to serve our beaches. New York Harbor High School, we are building an Aquatic school to train for our own lifeguards. Our waterfront infrastructure is in bad shape. The divers come from the Gulf of Mexico to do those jobs. Students including my son are actively working with a project to plant oysters to clean our harbor and attract wildlife. We are growing our own future workforce. I wanted to share that because we should be supporting this kind of education. We would like the support from the Community Board which we have had in the past. We approached Congressman,

Borough President, etc. This is a win, win for Staten Island. Can we get a letter of support? Thank you. Joe asked if it was a DOE school. Stacey said yes.

Christine Johnson, Chief of Staff, Councilwoman Debi Rose. Councilwoman Rose is planning a rally regarding the men's shelter that is planned for 119 Tompkins Avenue. The rally will be on Saturday, May 22nd, 2pm. Save the date. Flyers will be sent out. We need a large group of voices to speak out. It's in the proximity of at least 3-4 schools and a park. It would be a 100 bed men's shelter at that location. Thank you.

Vinny asked at what point will the councilwoman stop them from declaring everything an emergency. Christine said, outside of the usual regulations, there doesn't appear to have had a movement in that way. She will bring it to the attention of the Councilwoman. Chris Rooney said he is tired of proposals that come out 15 days before they are enacted. Ms. Johnson said DHS has given response that they have the right to do this. Joe said the council can affect the purse strings. They can limit how much money the agency gets. George Sona asked what is the next step? The chairman said we will get the answers from the Councilwoman. Joe said he is speaking to a lawyer. Yolande said they should stop the way they run the shelter. The single occupants must leave their rooms during the day which leaves them nowhere to go. They should have to stay in their rooms. Ms. Johnson said this wasn't true for the shelter being built at 119 Tompkins Avenue. They don't have to leave the shelter but are encouraged to do so to seek job opportunities, etc. Robert Holst said the Mayor made it clear he wanted to build these shelters. Why can't we go to them and say we have these sites and try to work together. Joe said they were unwilling to have that conversation. George Doyle said the building was built for 50 people. How will they put 100 people in that building? Ms. Johnson said she doesn't know the footprint of the building. That is an excellent question to send to DHS.

Taylor Dashun, St. Paul's School of Nursing. I am from Chicago. I fell in love with the facility. I have been in Staten Island for a year. I love NY. Staten Island is my home now. Megan Delmar is a new hire here. She was able to connect me with all of you. We are a medical institution. We are located at 2 Teleport Drive. We have a Medical Assistant and Dental Assistant Program. We offer Career Placement Assistance. We have a call for Essential Workers. We were able to transition to virtual learning during the Pandemic. We have some great Nursing Programs and for Adults looking for a career change. I have plenty of information and we are here to help. If you want to reach out to me and spread the word. Thank you.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Left the meeting.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH - No report. Stay safe.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE - No report.

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL - No report.

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

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - We are getting used to Zoom. I know it's difficult. Let's be mindful and respectful of each other's opinions and feelings. This is very difficult to run this meeting, looking at the agenda, people texting me. I can't wait to see everyone in person.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Our June Land Use meeting will be packed. Board members should try to join that meeting. Liberty Towers is being certified. Certification on Victory Blvd. The

Mayor is unleashing zoning changes. It will be a very busy meeting. The board meeting will be busy too. Wil Fisher will be discussing the Esplanade and the Stadium. Nick Siclari said I know we start at 6, maybe we can start a little earlier or make sure you're on time.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO –

We had four agenda items, three applications and a zoning text amendment proposal. As Joe mentioned the Mayor is unleashing quite a few zoning text amendments along with executive orders. It seems like he's trying to rule by reconfiguring city government. It seems like he is creating amendments to the zoning resolution that are eliminating ULLURP, sidestepping standard procedures. We had the discussion about siting of homeless shelters. Trying to do everything by executive action. Joe said normally the counsel does legislative actions and now the Mayor has decided he's going to do it too.

1st item is an application for a special permit at 1161 Victory Blvd. This is the property on the corner of Victory Blvd and Clove Road which if you've been on the board many years it was known as the Dorothy Valentine Smith Property. The original home was moved on the property which is a landmarked structure. The purpose is to develop the corner to provide financial relief for the property owner. That was initially developed and was used for retail. That retail closed and is now occupied and leased by Richmond University Medical Center. They are currently leasing what is called the first floor which is the upper floor of the building. They propose to use the bottom floor also for Covid vaccinations and then in the future for the expansion of their services which are for medical visits, Urgi care, orthopedics, etc. The permit request was submitted to reduce the requirement for parking spaces. The parking spaces that stand is 46 because of the expansion of the additional floor, a parking requirement would click in for a requirement of 90 spaces for that facility. The request is to reduce the parking spaces to 44. Presentation by various members of RUMC administration. Mr. Salhany, Mr. Messina, and their representatives about the processes and how much parking would be utilized at any given time. The existing parking is adequate and would be able to accommodate the increase of the facility. A motion was made to approve the application as submitted. I now submit it for your discussion.

It's on the corner of Victory and Clove Road. Robert Holst asked, why do they need to change the parking situation if it's already up and running? Vinny said when the building was built, it was built with 46 parking spaces which would deem appropriate for the retail use. Because they only occupy the 1st floor, they say the 46 spots are more than substantial. If they plan on occupying the lower floor, that will be where they will need the 90 spots. They say due to the staggered hours of employees and clients, they wouldn't need all those parking spots. Chris Rooney said that location is never nearly 1/3 full. John Guzzo said if the usage does change, can we put this in as a variant which goes only with this usage? Vinny responded, the special permit issued for this use and RUMC has a 25-year lease in which they have only used 1 1/2 years, it doesn't go well for the organization. Someone mentioned, you have to renew parking variances every few years anyway Vin. His question is if it changes into something else... If someone else took that building over, it would automatically expire. Motion to call a question.

Motion to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken; vote passed 23-0-1.

2nd Item, Extension for a Term of Variance for an auto service station. An amendment to eliminate gas sales at that station. This is an existing service station on the corner of Bay Street and Vanderbilt Avenue. It has been there for 40 years. They have requested that term of variance has come to an end. Requested an extension for an additional 10 years. Motion was to approve, and I am open for your discussion.

Chris Rooney said call a question.

Motion to approve 830 Bay Street as submitted.

Roll call vote taken; vote passed unanimously.

3rd Item, Extension for a Term of Variance, use Variance at 1444 Clove Road. This is in Sunnyside, not far from Tioga Street. It is used as a legal office. The committee made a motion to approve this as submitted. I open it now for your discussion. No opposition, we will call a question.

Motion is to approve the recommendation to extend this variance for an additional 10 years.

Roll call vote taken; vote passed unanimously.

Final item, Proposed Zoning Text Amendment. This was submitted by the MTA Department of City Planning and the Mayor's office for people with disabilities. Zoning Text Amendment titled, Zoning for Accessibility. Its intent would be to provide simplicity for the city to have private developers leave space as an easement for accessibility for mass transit prior to development. There was a lot of discussion regarding the practicality of it. Many hard questions that were given to both the MTA and City Planning for this application because when we started looking at all the intricacies, seems like there was an extreme amount of government overreach. If the proposal was enacted, any property owner with a site of 5,000 feet or greater in our five or greater residential zones, C7 or greater commercial zones and all M Districts, be required to, upon filing with the Department of Building, if they were in site within 50 feet of transit, submit the site to both city planning commission and MTA for their review for a 45 day period. Within that period, they can be deemed that the site would require an easement for the purpose of mass transit accessibility. After that 45 days, those agencies would have a 60-day period to dictate how that accessibility would have to be provided. The developer would have to incorporate that proposed access into their plan. Once that is done, there are no guarantees from those agencies that, A. The capital dollars in the budget for the development of that accessibility, the site could be developed with potentially a hole in it for some type of future use or easement for the purpose for accessibility. There were many issues regarding this proposal that the committee had issue with. We felt the agencies had no clear answer as far as how it would move forward. How the public or private developers would be protected for property rights. The committee made a motion to oppose the application for numerous bullet points listed and I was tasked to put it in the form of a motion.

Whereas the zoning text amendment titled zoning for accessibility has been submitted by the MTA, Department of City Planning, and the Mayor's office of people with disabilities, to provide mass transit station access, easements and,

Whereas this proposal has been presented to Community Board 1 Staten Island during a Land Use Public Hearing,

Whereas this proposal was well vetted by the Land Use Committee and the following points were highlighted. This amendment would provide for an extreme overreach of governmental power yet obfuscates the ULLURP process and would be detrimental to development citywide, an unfair burden to private developers for the following reasons. Creates an additional 2-4-month review process by the MTA and City Planning Commission. Potentially carves out prime development space without adequate compensation is unclear how private construction costs for the potential future mass transit access would be compensated to the developer. Easement maybe required without any commitment by the MTA for short or long-term development and a potential cavity could be left in development due to unclear capital commitment with unwillingness of potential tenant to occupy the space will be lost to the easement.

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that Community Board 1 is opposed to this zoning text amendment for all the reasons. I submit that on behalf of the Land Use Committee for your discussion.

Mr. Carroll would add, it also allows the use of residential street as a corridor within 60 feet of the easement. Vinny said what Joe is referring to is the area, a future easement could potentially be leased to a tenant even though it cannot be for commercial use. Chris Rooney said to add that to the motion.

Mr. Zvegintzov said he would like to speak for transportation. I would vote for the zoning and against your motion. I don't believe it's government overreach. I do not see why it is unfair to property owners.

Mr. Doyle said there is only three stations as far as Staten Island is concerned. They are all city-owned properties.

Vinny said the space that is allocated for the easement, there is no guarantee that the space will be developed. It would be difficult for a tenant to occupy the space and then lose the space. Joe said this takes away the ULLURP review and just an approval by the MTA. We stand for community review.

A long discussion ensued.

We are talking about developers. I'm next to a subway station. Will they take this away from us. Would you make the investment to put your business in that space? This would apply to only new developments. Where is all this information coming from, asked Robert Holst. We have questions with no answers to. We know they are going to build with density. Will we have the space available in the future. Should we get the answers to these questions before we make decisions. I don't see where the developers are getting beat. Vinny said this was an opinion. Some of the items with no answers are not outlined in the proposal. Before we take this plunge, why can't we get more information. I feel it's irresponsible. Let them amend what they are proposing, and we can vote again on it next year. The proposal is incomplete.

Chairman Siclari said this is another issue that the Community Boards will look at. Only three subway stations are in Staten Island. This is a citywide Land Use Zoning Text Amendment. Joe said they are coming after ULLURP already. I thought we were here to protect the communities. The fact they are going around the review process is scary.

There are so many factors when a huge project goes up. Those are deals that are made at a very high level. These agreements work for both sides. This one is not doing that.

John Guzzo said what we really must look at this is just another power grab. They are taking the power away from the community. If we allow them to do this, there is no point in having community boards. We need the communities support and approval.

Motion is to oppose the zoning text amendment as follows:

Whereas, a Zoning Text Amendment titled Zoning for Accessibility 2021 has been submitted by the MTA, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, and the NYC Department of City Planning to provide mass transit, station access, easements and,

Whereas, this proposal has been presented to Community Board #1 SI during a Land Use Public Hearing and,

Whereas, this proposal was well vetted by the Land Use Committee and the following points were highlighted:

This amendment would provide for an extreme overreach of governmental power and yet obfuscates the ULURP process and,

Would be detrimental to development City-Wide and unfair burden to private developers for the following reasons:

Creates additional 2-4-month review process by the MTA and CPC, potentially carves out prime development space without adequate compensation, unclear as to how construction costs for potential future mass transit access would be compensated to developer, Easement may be required without any commitment by the MTA for short or long-term development, Potential cavity could be left in development due to unclear capital commitment and unwillingness of potential tenant to occupy space that would be lost to the easement; therefore, Whereas, this would allow for a 60-foot commercial overlay on a commercial street. Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 is opposed to this Zoning Text Amendment for all the aforementioned.

Roll call vote taken; vote passed 20-4-1

June will be a long meeting. We are sending out the application to Land Use members to get an early look at it. Loretta said more should be at the Land Use meetings to ask the questions to the presenter.

Chairman Siclari said if you have any interest in this River North, please come to the Land Use meeting. It is going to be an application Staten Island has never seen. With the test of the ULURP process, we are going to get more of these. Please attend the Land Use Meeting. We have been waiting for EDC to attend the Board Meeting, Mr. Will Fisher from EDC will be attending the June Board Meeting.

The River North Project is the St. George Project by Richmond Terrace and Stuyvesant. We have never seen this zoning. 26 story buildings, 4 buildings.

The link will be sent to all the Board Members.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – No report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – No report.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – No meeting. No minutes.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report. Given the Land Use Agenda for next month. I will put it off until September. I would like to investigate legislation for these “emergency” homeless shelters that pop up out of nowhere.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No meeting, Mr. Carroll said the Counsel is negotiating with the Mayor for the final phase of the budget crisis.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV - I better return to writing Transportation reports because things are getting bad. There was an agency response tracking system DOT. It is an internal system as a map. Joe Ahlstrom reports that speed bumps have been implemented on Howard Avenue. Murray Hubert Avenue has never been resurfaced since it was a working dock area. It is the responsibility of the EDC not DOT. The DOT briefed the Borough Board on the streets master plan. Our lives will be ruined through the summer by multiple engagements during the summer. Trantor Place, odd shaped lots. The owners would have to put in a sidewalk. The DOT is in a dilemma on that. Bike Blvd., Netherland, and Dixon Avenues. This is the first we ever heard of it. The Mayor will be putting in a 30-mph speed limit on Hylan Blvd. Lisa Lattanzio said the speed bumps were not marked. People are flying over the bumps. Nick said he will ask about that. Also, on Four Corners Road, there is no markings. How can they get away without the markings? Joe said there is supposed to be signage and markings. Nick Siclari said these speed bumps went up quickly. When we asked for them, we don't get them.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, ROBERT HOLST - Earlier there was a discussion about the Maritime School and she asked for a letter of support.

Motion of a letter of support for the Maritime Middle School at Fort Wadsworth. Reverse roll call. It passes unanimously.

The only other thing, with River North coming up next month. We don't know how it will go. The Community Board to consider such large concessions to our community. How would they move people to good jobs with this project?

PARKS, NORMAN LIGHT – Chairman Siclari said Linda Eskenas asked about the Park, vacant lot on Alaska Street for gardening. Nicole Brooks is looking into that now.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No meeting. No minutes. Our committee is meeting with Land Use jointly next month due to River North falls in our area. All committee members, please attend the Land Use meeting.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI – No meeting, no report. Ms. Zarrelli said since Howard Avenue is in our area, I was not aware of the speed bumps being put there.

ROSBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO - The New Lane project is totally out of control. The residents are being abused by the Holland Company. They have not worked with the community. They block off the whole block all day long. They put the pump trucks in that area. Residents driveways are blocked. Joe has called Keyspan about it. It's ongoing. They take these big blocks of barriers and put them in the street so the residents can't park there at night. That area is densely populated to begin with. No parking for anyone in that community. Construction vehicles all day long. if you go down New Lane you have to back out.

Joe Carroll said I will call the site coordinator again. This is not what they agreed upon.

Although we will not have the Mt. Carmel Feast this year. We will have a Feast Day Celebration with refreshments after church.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH - No report. We did meet and we are going to meet again next Tuesday. It was a relatively short meeting. We attended the opening of Faber Park. It is beautiful.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No meeting, no report.

Secretary Loretta Cauldwell announced the current Executive Committee Members have all submitted their names to run for their current position.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman
Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman
Timothy Forsyth, Second Vice-Chairman
Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice-Chairman

Loretta Cauldwell, Secretary
Larry Beslow, Treasurer

Ms. Cauldwell asked for nominations for each position three times each, there were none. Members can submit their names up to the start of the May Meeting to run for an Executive Committee position. Nominations will be taken again at the May meeting only for the last time for this year.

Chairman Siclari thanked everybody who continues to serve on the Executive Committee. We are going to have a lot more of these ULLURP Proposals. Thank you all for doing all the work in being here.

Lisa Lattanzio asked if we are doing nominations for people doing good in the community. Tom Wrobleski and Mark Stein, they have been doing the Hot Zone. They have a following. It has been a lifeline for people. Nick Siclari said we can start acknowledging people in September when we are live again.

This River North Project is the biggest, huge project. If you just come to the Board Meeting you will miss out on a lot. Please read up on the application and come to the Land Use Meeting. Have questions ready for the EDC representative Will Fisher. I would like to start Public Session at 5:45 pm.

Mr. Accornero would like a letter for limited capacity at senior centers, there have been no restrictions lifted.

Others said it is not a good idea because of Covid and them being at risk. Mr. Accornero said they are the most vaccinated. If they feel uncomfortable, they can choose not to attend. I believe the lack of service and lack of mental stimulation is more important than the physical aspect. Frank agreed. We should consult with the people who work there. We need their direct feedback. Seems as those they want to come back based on phone calls asking them as such.

Request to write a letter - reverse roll call. Motion passed,

Motion to adjoin.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

