

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 VIRTUAL FULL BOARD MEETING –

October 12, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

NICHOLAS SICLARI, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS

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

OFFICE STAFF

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

GUESTS

Donald DeRosa, Rep. NYC Comptrollers' Office
Joe Cucci, Rep. Assemblyman, Michael Tannois
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman rose
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Frank Fontana, DOB
Nicole Brooks, Parks Department
Ahsia Badi, NYIRC
Robert Gibbs, New York Public Library
Jermaine Williams, DSS/HRA
Lisa Thompson, Rep. DA McMahon
Joe Helferty, NYC Dept. of City Planning
Sarah Gowell
John Esser
Dorothea Cerner
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Andy Levison
Lillian Lagazzo
Harold Miller
Miriam Arnold
Marsha Russell
Fitim Shabani
Eric Shaffler
Everett Wattley
Ahkianne Wanliss, ADA
Mary Bullock

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

Nicky Siclari led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call attendance, Loretta Cauldwell - We have a Quorum.

Motion to accept the Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ahsia Badi, Director of Public Engagement for NYIRC (New York State Independent Redistricting Commission).

Everything I speak about tonight is on our website.

What is it? It's the first time the District has come together. We are the product of the 2014 Ballot Amendment to create a new and transparent way to draw State Senate, State Assembly and Congressional lines. There are 10 Commissioners who are appointed for by the Republican Legislature, for by the Democratic Legislature. The four Republicans select an Independent and the 4 Democrats select an Independent. The 10 Commissioners have extensive experience in voting rights in NYS communities. More about them and their biographies are on our website. Their tasks are doing several things. One is to propose draft plans on September 15th, which we did. You can see what those plans are on our website. There are 12 Public Hearings which are mandated. There will be one in Staten Island in November as well as ones across the state. We are starting in Buffalo next week on the 20th and then in Suffolk and Nassau Counties before Thanksgiving. Final plans will be given to the Legislature in early January. The Commissioners were under a very tight schedule because the Census usually releases data in early April. They didn't get it to us until August. The Commissioners only had one month with the Census data before they had to submit draft plans. While they were waiting for the Census data, they held the Listening Tour across the state. It was recorded and they asked for written submissions of that. We had 300 people speak during the Listening Tour. There were 500 people submitted with 1200 pages of maps and written comments. I hold an appointment in a Community Board, and I know you know all the communities. I ask that you help to get the word out. The Commissioners are committed to the public process. We encourage people to make sure their voices are heard and become part of the public comment.

Question: Joe Carroll mentioned that they were meeting at Mount Loretta and said we talked about a different location. Have you found a more accessible location for Staten Island?

Answer: Some of the locations require vaccinated only and we are trying to find a place for unvaccinated as well. Miranda spoke to the Borough Board and we are trying to reach out. We tried the University and had it set but due to the flooding recently, they couldn't help us.

Joe said to make sure the signage at Mount Loretta is very clear. It's hard to find the site where the meeting is going to be. Signage of what building you need to go to.

Question: Chris Rooney asked if they tried The Petrides School?

Answer: The hearings start at 4pm and the schools may have after school sessions.

PUBLIC SESSION

Eric Shaffler - President of Staten Island Entertainment. We are the entity that is going to turn the Ballpark at St. George into a Staten Island Sports and Entertainment Complex. What to explain our vision and talk about the Ownership Group. The group consists of John Catsimatidis, who ran for Mayor and won Staten Island and owns WABC Radio, me with a bunch of fellow investors who are passionate about baseball. Also, celebrities, Colon Jost, Pete Davidson, and Andy Garcia.

I am a fellow Community Board member, retired and live on the Upper West Side. I served 6 years on Community Board 7. I understand the importance of a Community Board. Community is important to me. I've been a Little League Coach and PTA President for all my kid's teams and schools. Being heavily engaged in the community is a core part of what we are doing. I am open to ideas, places to go and people to meet with, etc. I'm in Staten Island three to four days per week.

Our goal is for this Baseball team to be Staten Island's hometown team. The former team was a Yankee affiliate. We are an independent league, so we have complete control of the roster and complete control of the marketing. For this to succeed business wise, morally, we need the community to believe that this is their team and, on our side, to make sure the stadium would be a community asset. I hear people say the stadium wasn't part of their lives. Not accessible, hard to hold events there, etc. Our baseball team will have 70 home games. This is twice as many as the former team had. There will be concerts, beer festivals, barbecue festivals. Talking to High Schools regarding graduations and community activities.

The Long Island Ducks are our closest rival. Most of our players are 25 years old. They were in the majors for a short spell and are trying to get to back to this. As far as the team naming process, we went to the public and received 2,000 submissions for team names. We narrowed it down to 7 and now have 3 finalists. Ferry Hawks, Harbor Hero's, and Dragon Slayers. The name is so the community feels ownership and pride.

Question: Joe Carroll, are you working with EDC for other uses of the stadium? Also, the restaurant space up there?

Answer: Yes, and the city will be putting turf down on the field. We can then bring in Little Leagues, Youth Soccer, Flag Football, Lacrosse, etc. Anything but High School Football. As far as the restaurant space, it hasn't been used in 20 years. We would like to incorporate it and activate it.

Joe Carroll asked about Cricket games for our Sri Lankan community. Mr. Shaffler said he would welcome it.

Question was asked where we vote for the team names?

Go to: sinyfun.com/nameourteam.

Staten Island would precede the name. Dragon Slayers comes from the Legend of St. George. Ballpark in St. George. St. George was a Knight that slayed the Dragon to save the village. Harbor Hero's has an emotional appeal. Ferry Hawks is a fun name. The Ferry is an iconic part of Staten Island. The Greenbelters was another name. We can have that name one night.

I will leave my personal email in the chat. I am accessible. I spoke to rotaries. I would like to hear from people.

Question/Answer: It is an Atlantic league/MLB partner league/second chance league. We control the roster. We can take kids from Wagner, St. John's. We will have Staten Island kids on the team. The season starts third week in April until end of September and then playoffs.

Vincent Accornero said we would love to partner with you. Mr. Shaffler said food operations, local vendors, for a local experience.

Harold Miller, Deputy Executive Director for the Racial Justice Commission. I will tell you what's happening with the Charter Revision Commission. I am not a Staten Islander. I come from Queens.

Shared screen for presentation.

Racial Justice Commission was formed in March by the Mayor. Appointed 11 commissioners including Chair, Jennifer Jones Austin, and Vice Chair Henry Garrido. The Charter is our City's Constitution, which includes responsibilities for NYC Government. It creates political offices and agencies and tells them what the powers are. How to carry out the duties and processes. Other members are K. Bain, Ana Bermudez, Rev. Fred Davie, Lurie Daniel Favors, Darrick Hamilton, Chris Kui, Yesenia Mata (on Staten Island), Phil Thompson and Jo-Ann Yoo. Our mission is to empower with legal authority of a Charter Revision Commission and will seize the transformative potential of this moment in history to identify and propose structural changes and significant policy reforms that will advance racial justice and equity and begin to dismantle structural racism for all New Yorkers. Our vision is for the worth, talents and contributions of all people in society to be valued and recognized.

Timeline:

April, Commission Meetings Began

June, Start City Agency Engagement

July-early Sept., First Phase of Public Engagement

Sept. 30, Release Preliminary Report

Oct.-Nov., Public Engagement Continues

Dec., Release Final Report and submit ballot questions (to be voted upon in November 2022).

Structural Change: Institutional and Cultural.

Instruments of Racism: Power, Access, and Opportunity

Mission-Supporting Methodology

Creating Capacity and Ensuring Accountability

Public Engagement: Met with Healthcare, Education, Economics, etc.

Public Input Sessions/Borough-based and Virtual - Completed:

Staten Island 7/29, Brooklyn 8/4, Queens 8/5, Manhattan 8/11, Bronx 8/19, Two Virtual Sessions 8/23 & 8/26, Citywide 9/9 and Youth for Racial Justice 9/10.

We heard Themes for Public Engagement.

Preliminary Report - September 30, 2021

Public Engagement, October - November 2021

Final Report and Ballot Proposals - December 2021.

Spread the Word! Website: nyc.gov/racialjustice

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Questions/Answers:

Joe Carroll asked about Ballot Proposals, Legislative or Policy?

It will be Legislative.

Vincent Accornero asked if this is a separate charter revision commission or a remaking of a charter revision commission?

This is the only charter revision by the Mayor called in March.

They are still in the research and development stages.

We will have proposals for the public next year.

Question about low turnout for elections if it's not a Presidential election. The voting will be during the Governor's race. There is no guarantee of high turnout. My job is to engage and meet as many New Yorkers as possible. Engage in Community Boards throughout the city. You take the information and share with your networks. Make people aware. Whether you support the ballot proposals or not, we would love feedback to get a sense of where we are going and if it's on the right track. My email is: HCMiller@Charter.nyc.gov. Vincent Accornero asked what happens with the new administration coming in January? The charter revision is a 2-year commission. It will live until November 2022.

Robert Gibbs, Managing Librarian of the St. George Library. A few updates. NYC Library systems including NY Public Library will no longer be charging late fees. You still need to return items. We will have Welcome Week where you will receive a gift while supplies last. I will share a link in the chat.

Last month, three North Shore Libraries launched after school homework help for ages 6-12 from 3pm to 6pm. St. George, Stapleton, and Mariner's Harbor Libraries. No registration

required. We also launched Staten Island Book Mobile last month in the Port Richmond area while the library is closed for renovations. This month the Book Mobile can be found at 11am to 3:45pm at the following locations. Mondays, corner of Castleton and Taylor, Tuesdays, Veterans Park, Wednesdays, Levy Playground and Thursdays, Metro Plus Health Office, Port Richmond Avenue. Email: RobertGibbs@nypl.org.

Frank Fontana, Buildings - Homeowners Relief Program for 1 & 2 family homes. If a home has not received a violation in the past five years, DOB instead of giving a violation, we will give a notice to correct the issue. We will waive associated penalties.

Any homes that have received a violation and you fixed the violation in a certain amount of time, at least 40 days, we will waive the penalty. That program is now increased to 60 days. The city council approved a building code revision. 600 or so codes have been updated. I will put the link in the chat box. There are a couple of revisions for elevator safety, etc.

Questions/Answers: Vincent Accornero asked about the reduction in basement height. Frank Fontana said it's for conversion of basements to livable apartments, reduce from 8 ft. to 7 ft.

Kevin Washington asked, reducing the height, a basement is different from a cellar. A cellar doesn't have windows. Basements have windows. HPD would give out loans for making the windows larger, sprinkler systems.

John McBeth, conditional pricing structure? People can do it privately. HPD is making it affordable.

Jermaine Williams, DSS/HRA - Many people affected were not in flood zones so it's good that you are doing this.

Some people are experiencing hardship during Covid including back rent or utilities. There is an ERAP Program. You must sign repayment agreement. We don't add interest to the loan, but we do want the money back. You may want to go to ERAP before coming to us.

John Cucci, Office of AM Michael Tannoids (speaking for Hanon)

If anyone has any problems, I will put information in the chat.

Troy McGhie, Councilmember Debi Rose Office - On October 2nd, the Councilmember held her last community fair at Tappan Park. We had a lot of vendors. We had FEMA and SBA for small businesses. Any Ida Issues, FEMA will be at College of Staten Island from 10 - 6pm, Monday through Saturday helping people fill out applications for recovery. Reminder that the DOT has issued a new ferry, the SSG Michael H. Ollis. A young man who gave his life in the military. What a great way to recognize him.

Question/Answer: FEMA is at CSI, where is SBA? I know they are giving out low interest rate loans.

If you missed them at CSI, I will find out where you can go.

Lisa Thompson - District Attorney Michael McMahon's Office - Richmond County Domestic Violence Task Force is hosting a two-part Web Series on October 20th and 22nd. This will be on Domestic Violence and how to report it. It will feature resources for loved ones dealing with this. October is Domestic Violence Month.

We have a Trick or Treat event in Veterans Park Co-Sponsored with the 121 Precinct and Charles Falls' Office. It will be Saturday, October 30th from 11:30am to 3:30pm.

Ahkianne Wanliss, Assistant District Attorney for Richmond County - Domestic Violence Bureau. Started in March 2020. Not from Staten Island but proud to be working for Staten Island.

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong - We have a Trick or Treat event in Veterans Park. Saturday, November 6th, we are celebrating Veteran's Day at the Reformed Church and will saluting our Veterans whose banners are hanging up and down Port Richmond Avenue with a special salute to our Afghanistan Veterans. Keynote speaker will be Bob Ollis, Michael Ollis' father. We will have a coffee mixer afterwards which will be paid for by contributions from the Richmond County Fair. On the next day, November 7th we will have our Christmas Holiday Fair. It will be in our Victorian Annex with 15 vendors, raffles, 50/50. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH - No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE - No report.

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL - No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – Report is in the packet.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - You guys talked me into remote and today it's like the inmates are running the asylum. We don't do questions and answers for Public Session. We had two Presentations and Public Session that took an hour. We had a successful in person Land Use Meeting last week. We are very close to securing a hall for January. If you have these questions when we are in person, you will go to the back and ask the speaker with your personal concerns. We lost all rules and regulations.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Tony is going to go over the Budget priorities with you. My sidekick on my shoulder may have something to report (Joseph Carroll's bird is on his shoulder).

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO –

I think sometimes it's good to get that Q&A out because other people may benefit from the information.

We had an outdoor Land Use Public Session. I haven't heard of any outbreak cases since then. We had representatives from City Planning and DOT in addition to board members and applicants.

We had two applications. The first application is a renewal for an extension of term of variance of 10 years. 2071 Victory Blvd (corner of Bradley Avenue and Jewett Avenue) is an existing service station gasoline dispensary which exists under the terms of a variant which is renewed every 10 years. This is up for renewal for next year for another period of 10 years. They have submitted an application to extend for the additional 10 years. We heard that there were no complaints from the area. It was approved by the Land Use Committee and I bring this to the board for discussion and vote.

Chris Rooney made a clarification. The location is Victory and Bradley. Tony Cosentino asked to call the question.

Motion to Approve.

Roll call vote taken, **vote passed unanimously.**

Other item that was up for discussion was an amendment to the zoning resolution submitted by the Department of City Planning in concert with the Department of Transportation. As you are all aware of, about a year and a half ago, restaurants were forced to close and suspend operations. After that, they were given the opportunity to have outdoor dining. This was open to all restaurants. Any restrictions that were placed previously were suspended for the purpose of survival to have outdoor dining. The city calls this "open restaurants". Some had dining on the sidewalk, and some had structures that were placed in the street, along the curb that would not have been allowed previously. There is a suspension of rules both by zoning and by the Department of Transportation in many instances to allow for this encroachment to sidewalks and roadways. There is currently, in the zoning resolution, definition of outdoor dining that is referred to and have certain limitations under zoning. There are areas like special districts, like our own Special Hillside Preservation District that prohibit outdoor dining. The proposed zoning text amendment is to remove any resolution to outdoor dining. To put the entire program under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation. This is so that zoning would not be an issue but only the physical issues and physical constraints of the site would be an issue regarding the ability to have either sidewalk or outdoor dining in the street area in front of the establishment. The current program, which has suspended all those current restrictions under zoning, and some under DOT's regulations are suspended into 2023. The zoning text amendment proposal is to now remove those issues under zoning upon the passage of the zoning text amendment. The issue about DOT's involvement and DOT creating new regulations regarding the siting of these outdoor dining is in concert with but also apart from. The application is specific to zoning to removing the mention of outdoor dining or open restaurants

in the zoning resolution and to absolve the Department of City Planning Commission of any input or any jurisdiction over this outdoor dining program.

There were many questions to DOT about the program going forward but again that is a separate program that would be regulations drawn up by DOT going forward after this current Mayoral directive has expired. There was a feeling by the committee and a motion that it's a bit premature to just completely remove the outdoor dining under the zoning resolution because there is another year and a half on the waiver that there's time to have a further review and input whether there should be some type of zoning oversight regarding outdoor dining and not just be a DOT issue.

Motion:

Whereas the NYC Department of City Planning is proposing a zoning text amendment called the Open Restaurant text amendment to completely remove the definition of and any mention of sidewalk cafes in the zoning resolution including in special districts and,
Whereas the current emergency order suspends all zoning related restrictions relating to sidewalk cafes and,
Whereas the emergency order extends to 2023 be it hereby resolved Community Board 1 of Staten Island recommends this application be withdrawn for a period of one year for further review and impacts specific for Special Districts and DOT should continue to work on a permanent Open Restaurant Program.

This was passed by the Land Use Committee and submitted for your discussion and vote.

Claudette Duff said it doesn't feel right for them to not have any oversight. You are going to ask us to vote that they should have oversight and they should investigate it more.

Vincent Accornero mentioned again that DOT should work on the Open Restaurant Program because DOT currently and would still have jurisdiction of anything in the roadway. Nothing specifically to do with zoning but the physical aspects of it. How much of an area can be utilized, what areas would be excluded like bus stops and fire zones, dimensions of sidewalks by DOT.

Claudette Duff - You are about to ask us to say yes that we agree that you should send that letter that they shouldn't rush into this to put it all on the DOT but continue to have oversight from the Department of City Planning.

Vincent Accornero said not to remove it currently from zoning, not specific to special districts where there may be certain areas where we say that under any circumstances it should not be done or that it may be fine. It shouldn't be rushed since we have some time.

Call the question.

Roll call vote taken, **Motion passed 25-1-0.**

Regarding the North River proposal in St. George, there was a public hearing of the Land Use and Franchise Committee of the City Council, another Zoom meeting. I read the resolution that the board passed to the committee. Councilmember Rose was in attendance at the meeting who asked quite a few questions to the applicants. They had another presentation of their

proposal which will be forwarded to the Full Land Use Committee of the City Council. We will wait to see what happens there.

Joseph Carroll said that Vincent Accornero did a great job at that meeting. He was excellent and right on the money.

Nicholas Zvegintzov said there is a petition where people can sign individually which I put on the chat. "No Staten Island Towers". The purpose of that is of course we voted as an institution but it's all hanging on the council and our councilmember. I hope it's appropriate to at least inform you that you should sign the petition as well. If we have another 40 voices along with the 158 which we have so far, that will help.

Nicholas Siclari said our Land Use Chairman neglected to tell everyone that he bribed everyone who attended the outdoor land use meeting with two huge pizza pies that suddenly people were coming out of the woodwork. Vincent Accornero was very generous. I just want to thank him for that.

Vincent Accornero said those were delivered after the fact. They were rewarded by being there.

Nicholas Siclari said we will jump around a little and start with Nicholas Zvegintzov. Nick can you repeat your petition again regarding River North. I want to make sure everyone gets to sign it.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV - I hope it is relatively clear. It's in slightly simplified language. It urges the council and particularly Debi Rose to vote against this thing because it's too big and it violates six zoning laws. It's unsuitable to St. George and the Hillside. Our only last recourse is to get it voted down.

On Transportation, I had yelled at Anjail when she brought up some transportation issues and that it wasn't in order. I was wrong there. I have apologized to Anjail and we are good. My view is still that if you have transportation issues, tell us in advance or in this session when transportation committee is reporting but it's certainly okay to do it in the public session.

We, the board had voted for a Brooklyn ferry twice. First when the fast ferries first came out and when they alleged asking us to help plan. I was in a planning meeting and asked that we want a ferry to Brooklyn and other various ferries around Staten Island and absolutely nothing came of that. We were stupefied when they announced the fast ferry from St. George to the West Side of Manhattan. A question of the ferry to Brooklyn is quite hot and there is a petition for that which I will put in the chat. It has 3,179 signatures already, so this is a lot more popular than voting down zoning. It's being supported by Staten Island and Brooklyn. We haven't had a quick link to Brooklyn since the Verrazano Bridge opened. It's a long way around.

Vincent Accornero asked what the point of the connection to the Staten Island Ferry was. Nicholas said it was St George. This is 100 yards away from the Ferry Terminal. Nicholas said thank you for speaking first because he is out of town and late.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – No report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Looks like Winter is starting early, but so far so good. There have been preliminary meetings on the snow issues and hopefully we will be proactive the best we could.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – No meeting, no minutes. Will get back on track next month.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No meeting.

Chairman Siclari said we had our Budget and Finance meeting before this meeting.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The city gave us next to nothing this year. The expense budget was wiped out. In the Capital Budget we ended up with a couple of openings and the leading subject was Health, Education and Flooding. The few openings that we had we filled with those items. If everyone had a chance to review the budget and are there any questions?

Timothy Forsyth asked if we could have some background on item #40. It was about the Easement. I am assuming the individual requesting this is at 82 East Raleigh Avenue. Property was bought in 2019. A week or so after the home was purchased the property in question. On the tax map it says it's an unnamed street. It is a separate lot #411. It runs from East Raleigh Avenue to Harvest Avenue. It's 200 feet long and between 9 - 10 feet wide. It serves functionally as a driveway for these two houses at 82 and 84 East Raleigh Avenue and the two houses behind them on Harvest Avenue.

Joseph Carroll said it is our position that it was an incorrect sale by the city. The public purpose would be to refund his money so the people who own the houses could have access. Right now, he is blocking all of them to getting access to their garages.

Timothy Forsyth said it goes back further 1986 and 1984 also tax foreclosure sale. He had a real estate lawyer for this purchase on both the house and the other lot. If the tax map shows this, which it does, as a separate tax lot in between these properties on an unnamed street, why is this being reimbursed. He was represented by attorneys and had title insurance.

Joseph Carroll said we can excise the issue of reimbursement.

Anthony Cosentino apparently said these properties, garages and the access have gone back many years. There is prescriptive easement, easement by necessity... we thought it would be prudent to the way they are doing it now and see if we can save the trouble of going into court and fighting and having these people prevented into going into their own property. We can let the city make a decision. Timothy Forsyth said the request can be made but the legalities aren't that simple, and I would object to any public monies being used to reimburse this fellow when they were ably represented by attorneys and had the opportunity to get title insurance.

Vincent Accornero asked, are you moving to excise that line item out of this?

Timothy Forsyth said yes, if a motion is made, I would make a motion to excise that line item. Let these parties come to some solution as one would normally do in a real estate matter like this.

Roll call vote to remove #40 from the line item and submit the rest of it.

Robert Holst asked why it was in there in the first place. Anthony Cosentino said he thought it was better than our community members have a court fight. The courts are backed up. They can't use their own property.

Joseph Carroll said the guy who has the title to the property is preventing the other homeowners to get on their property.

Timothy Forsyth said we don't know that. This is a matter for lawyers and the courts. There are multiple parties involved in this.

Joseph Carroll said this will then be a blank item. Our budget will have 39 requests.

Reverse roll call taken; **Motion passed 21-2-1.**

Amy Poirier asked why Anthony Cosentino can abstain after the fact. Joseph Carroll said this group of homeowners came to the board themselves.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, ROBERT HOLST - Something we worked on last month. Nicholas Zvegintzov was wondering what was going on with the ferry. Why it was running late and if it had something to do with the union. It has something to do with the workers there. They have been working without a contract for 10 years. I have reached out to the Secretary of Treasury in Washington DC. They have had no raises for 10 years. The ferry workers represented by that union, the deckhands, etc. They are the lowest paid in the United States. They have a hard time hiring people and staff shortages. People aren't going back to work. The issue is there is no place to train Maritime workers on this island. They are not willing to pay top dollar, so they are not getting the best people. We sent a letter to the city and asked them to pay close attention to it and bring about a resolution and get that done so the SI Ferry can attract new workers.

PARKS, NORMAN LIGHT – No report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No Meeting and no report. We will be meeting next week via Zoom. The information will be sent out by Lisa. She'll have the link. If there is anyone not on the committee who wishes to attend the meeting, please reach out to Lisa. We will be doing the first part of the meeting with Silver Lake and Westerleigh. Lisa said she will make sure with John that there are separate links because his meeting will be at the same time. John McBeth said he can't be on two meetings at the same time. The meetings will be determined.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI – No meeting, no report.

ROSBANK/FT. WADWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – No report.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH - We did have a meeting. I sent out an email reminding board member to please attend the meetings. I try to keep them as short as possible. If you have a conflict with the day, please let me know.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Vincent Accornero said regarding Parks, is Nicole Brooks on? Legality of a site that was under Parks under jurisdiction, active park, or an administrative site? I'm speaking about a site on Richmond Terrace by Alaska Street that parks had a building that was demolished. It is vacant with no activity. To remove an actual park, it needs an active estate legislature. It was under the jurisdiction of parks but not actually a park. Nicole Brooks said she will have to find out.

As far as Mariner's Harbor, we are having issues with the safety surface they put down. It is beautiful but with those issues. They are needing to replace several panels before we can accept it.

Joseph Carroll said to Vincent Accornero's question that Norman is setting up a meeting with Commissioner Ricciardone to discuss Clove Lake and Silver Lake with the storm damage. He can add to the agenda the issue of Alaska Street. Find out if there is something covered by the law or something that can be disposed of.

Vincent Accornero said regarding flooding issues. I know we have budget priorities. Regarding the site that is currently under development on South Avenue and Forest Avenue, the home for BJ's. We had some issues with that site of development. It has been passed by the Department of Environmental Conservation but recently the Borough President and Governor came out with some added emphasis on Blue Belts areas and flooding areas in general. There has been a ton of money that has been allocated for Blue Belt and Water Retention areas. I wonder if it's not worth reaching out to some of our state officials. I know Assemblyman Charles Fall, Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis and Senator Diane Savino had said they would be enthusiastic looking at ways to combat that site. There may be additional funds that the state can look at for that purpose. If we can get a quick letter to our state officials regarding.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Lattanzio mentioned traffic on Staten Island as of lately. There are other motorized things on the street like Scooters with motors, bikes with motors Just the other day, I saw a mother with a child strapped to the front of her on a motorized skateboard. We pay to ride in the road with insurance when we drive our cars but all these other things with motors can drive on the roads. I don't think they're legal and if the police should be involved. I know they're not safe. Can someone come up with some rules and regulations.

Anthony Cosentino said soon those vehicles will not be allowed on the ferry and they are about to make some changes in the rules and laws pertaining to those. I'll let you know as soon as I have something concrete.

Lisa Lattanzio said the safety is not only for those people but for the drivers on the road who can hurt them. These motorized vehicles go fast. Anything with a motor should need a license or something.

Nicholas Siclari said he remembers a couple of weeks back they collected all the illegal vehicles and bulldozed them. It was on the 6 o'clock news. Obviously, they didn't get all of them.

Kevin Washington mentioned to Tony Cosentino, regarding this issue, it's rarely the same issue with the electric scooters and bicycles on the South Beach boardwalk, it's like a racetrack. You can bring that up too. Tony said he thinks the new rule will not be over 20 mph. They go 50

mph. Someone asked if the speed cameras will catch them if they go over 20 mph? No license plates, they can't be identified.

Friday Ogbewele said there is a major water problem on Gordon Avenue between Laurel Avenue and Warren Street.

Joseph Carroll said he will add that area to item #40 on our capital requests.

Someone asked if there are any updates on the Homeless Shelter on Victory and Bay Street? Nicholas Siclari said they are progressing slowly.

Motion to Adjourn.

