

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski, Leave
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth, Excused
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Leave
John Keiser, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Norman Light
Pricilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Pearl Minsky
Olaf Olsen
Friday Ogbewele
Ernest Paige, Excused
Catherine Paradiso
Fran Reali, Excused
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona, Excused
George Turner
Curt Ward
George Wonica Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Hon. Debi Rose, Councilwoman
Paul Duffy, Rep. Gov. Cuomo
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Joan Cusack, NYC HRA
Jermaine Williams, NYC HRA
Maria Castro, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone
Vincent Argenziano, Rep. MOA Michael Cusick
Glenn Yost, Rep. Senator Lanza
Bruce Lauria, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Joe Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Cunety Celebioglu, Turkish Cultural Center
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Detective Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Tiffany Balow
Alycia Quinn
Richard Burbridge
Neela Wickermeshinghe, Port Richmond resident
Susan Fowler, City Harvest
Bill LaCurtis, NYC Parks & Recreation
Lindy Crescitelli
Lazaro Benitez, NYS Office for New Americans
Lt. Vincent Sainato, Fire Department

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Roll call attendance taken, quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept September 2013 full Board Minutes.

Department of Transportation Commissioner Tom Cocola and members of his staff gave a power point presentation on proposed pedestrian and traffic improvements on Hyatt Street. The power point presentation is on file at the Board Office.

The Board had no objection to the proposed upgrades to Hyatt Street; however, the board will ask that you insure that the material used for the crosswalks will not freeze more easily than asphalt and that it hold up to salt, and plowing without cracking.

Councilwoman Debi Rose thanked Department of Transportation Commissioner, Tom Cocola and his staff for the proposed upgrades to Hyatt Street, a new Traffic Light at Nicholas and Castleton Avenues and other traffic related issues on the north shore.

Councilwoman Rose further thanked the Board for their hard work on the Wheel and Outlet projects for St. George. There have been numerous hearings and negotiations are ongoing with agencies and the applicants. We need to insure the best proposal that will benefit the north shore. Ms. Rose at this time does not have a position on the projects. There are number of issues that need to be resolved before the final vote of the City Council on October 30, 20113

Staten Island Physicians Practice, Clove Road spoke of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of getting a mammography for early detection of breast cancer.

PUBLIC SESSION

Lt. Vincent Alex Sainato brought batteries for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department will also come to homes of seniors, disabled, hard of hearing by appointment and install for free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. With the colder weather coming Lt. Sainato reminded everyone to take precaution with portable heaters and candles. For more info please contact 1-718-999-1453.

Mr. Richard Burbridge provided handouts of ConsumerReports.org of a survey of 660 primary-care physicians of what doctors wish their patients knew about the different health insurances and the United States national Health Care Act.

Mr. Jermaine Williams and Ms. Joan Cusack spoke of a new initiative the Human Resources Administration has for clients wishing to apply for assistance. The Bay Street HRA office has computers available for clients to apply for benefits. Also explained was the monthly SNAP benefit amounts that are going to be decreased, if you are a household of 1 person receiving \$200 it is going to be reduced to \$189 a month. Clients can get reassessed of their monthly expenses if they would

Ms. Neela Wickremesinghe a Port Richmond/Elm Park resident spoke of the Bayonne Bride project and asked that the Port Authority keep the lines of communication to the residents of what work is being done.

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest spoke of free fruit and vegetables that are distributed twice a month at the Stapleton Houses. Neighborhood Food Resource Guide for the North Shore of Staten Island pamphlets were available and are on file at the Board Office of north shore Food Pantries, greenmarkets, WIC centers and supermarkets.

Mr. Bill LaCurtis, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation spoke of the wide array of parks programs available including free fitness classes. For more information please visit nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

Mr. Lindy Crescitelli spoke of a free Island-Wide interactive program for girls tweens and teens and their Moms or guardians called Stand Up & Lead designed to address issues that impact their self esteem, leadership development and communication skills. The event is on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 11:30 A.M. registration, program begins at 12:30, and concludes at 3:30 P.M. at CSI, Williamson Theater. For more information or to reserve a place please contact Lminaya@uft.org

Mr. Paul Duffy, representing Gov. Cuomo spoke of public workshops for ideas to protect the shoreline. For more information contact Mr. Duffy at paul.duffy@exec.ny.gov

Mr. Lozaro, New York State Office for New Americans spoke regarding help that is available to help immigrants obtain their citizenship. You can contact Mr. Benitez laz.benitez@dos.ny.gov for more information.

Mr. Chris Rooney spoke regarding Volunteer Attorney's available to help with consumer debt issues the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Civil Court House. For more information please contact Mr. Rooney at c.rooney@aol.com

Mr. Rooney further spoke of the Special Olympics. If anyone has or knows of a child with special needs and would like to learn the basic skills and techniques of soccer, please contact Mr. Rooney at the above e-mail prior to May 2014. Also Youth in middle and high school are need as volunteers.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino presented Community Board #1 capital and expense requests for FY' 2015 which was prepared at the Steering/Budget Public Hearing on October 3, 2013. Minor adjustments were made.

Motion made and seconded to approve the FY '2015 with the adjustments. Vote passed unanimously. Community Board #1's FY '2015 Budget Requests are on an excel spread sheet and on file at the Board Office.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRIS ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

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

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO - Chairwoman Remauro thanked Mr. Curt Ward for testifying on behalf of CB#1 at the City Council Hearing on the wheel and outlets. The West Brighton LDC was in attendance as well as hundreds of others. As mentioned previously by Councilwoman Rose, negotiations are on-going with the developers, unions, agencies etc.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis is teaming up with the Canterbury House Senior Residence and Staten Island University Hospital to host a free Wellness and Lifestyle Fair on Wednesday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Canterbury House, located at 1331 Bay Street on Staten Island. In addition to free medical services and screenings, this year’s event will feature demonstrations on healthy cooking by City Harvest in an effort to highlight just how delicious a nutritious diet can be.

The Siah Armajani sculpture on the north side of the Ferry Terminal on the walkway leading to the old coast guard base is going to be rebuilt.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The committee has been meeting with the unions and BFC regarding the outlet proposal.

HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN – The committee had a presentation from the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the many free recreational programs that are available on the north shore and the Island.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – Minutes of last month’s meeting are in the packet. The committee met prior to the Board Meeting tonight, minutes will be included in the packet next month.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The report is under the First Vice-Chairman.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – There was no quorum, no minutes.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The committee met in September at the Board Office and had Mr. Neil Visoky presented 2 new liquor license applications. There was not a quorum. There were numerous residents in attendance. A consensus vote was taken to approve both licenses as submitted with hours until 4:00 A.M. It was explained that the CB#1 policy is: Sunday-Thursday stop serving at 10:00 P.M. closed at 11:00 P.M. -Friday and Saturday stop serving at midnight closed at 1:00 A.M.

Motion made and seconded and approved by a hand vote unanimously to reverse the decision of the area committee and put the Board's above conditions on the licenses.

WEST BRIGHTON/WESTS NEW BRIGHTON/ST. GEORE/TOPKSINSVILLE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The committee met jointly last month with Land Use.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI & TIMOTHY FORSYTH – A meeting was held in September, the next meeting will be held on October 16, 2013 – 7:30 at the Silver Lake Tennis House.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – A meeting was held in September, the next meeting will be held on October 15, 2013 Mt. Carmel Hall, 36 Amity Street.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

