

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH – 6:30 P.M.**

**SESSION OPENING**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order
- Roll Call Attendance
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Public Session

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Agnes McBeth, David Pena, Matea Cene, Sukant Mukhopadhyay, Jermaine Williams, Prince Cobbina, Equisha Pierre

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Diana Switaj, Gov't & Community Relations NYCEDC & Gregory Hohmann, Project Manager, Hunter Roberts - Capital Improvements/Upgrades to the 9/11 Postcards Memorial.

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell
- Treasurer, Larry Beslow
- Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- District Manager

**FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Land Use, George Turner
- Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Ernest Paige
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Rooney
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov

**AD HOC COMMITTEE**

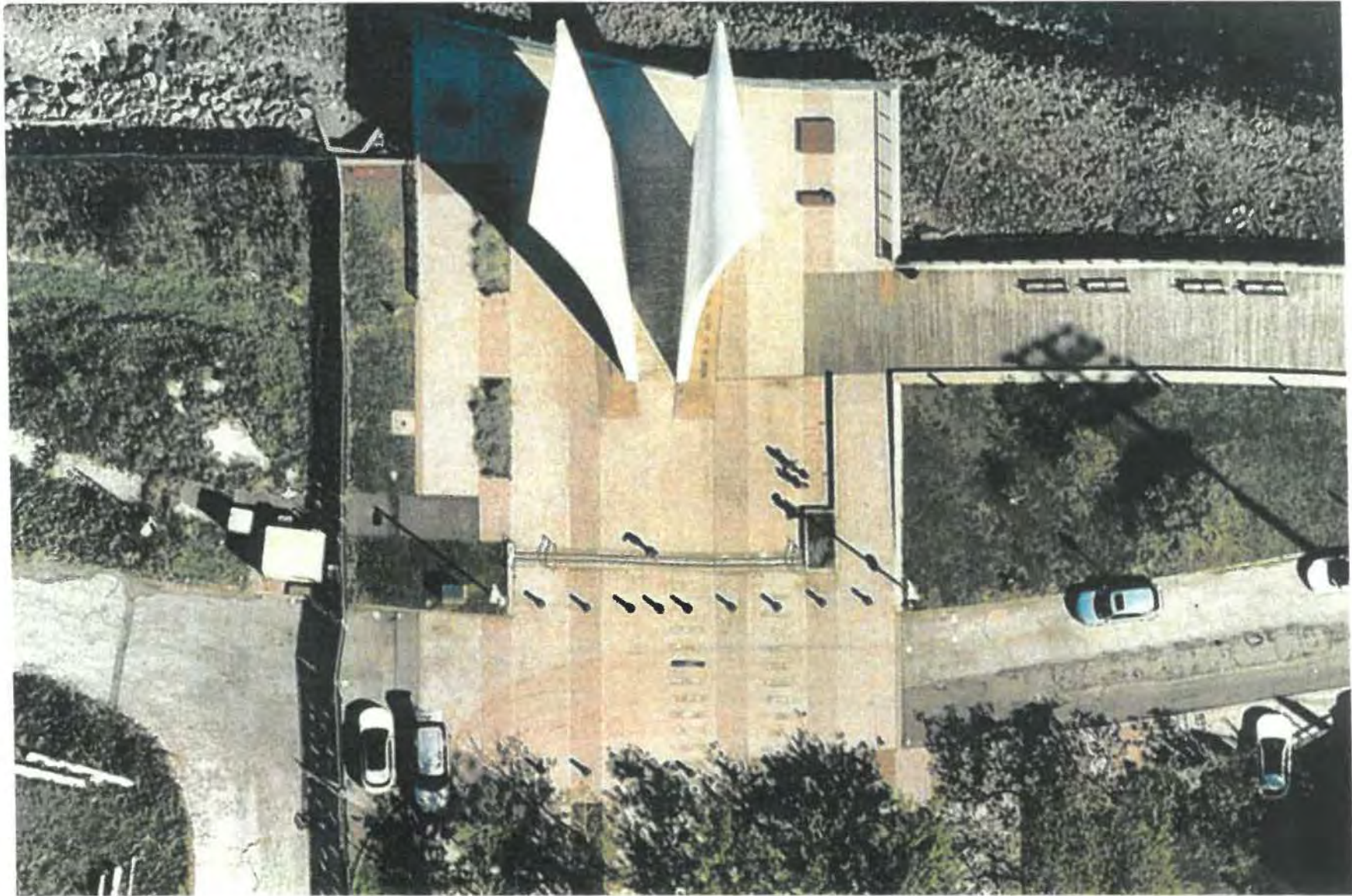
- Labor, Robert Holst
- Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino
- Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari
- Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Camille Zarrelli/Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo
- Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow

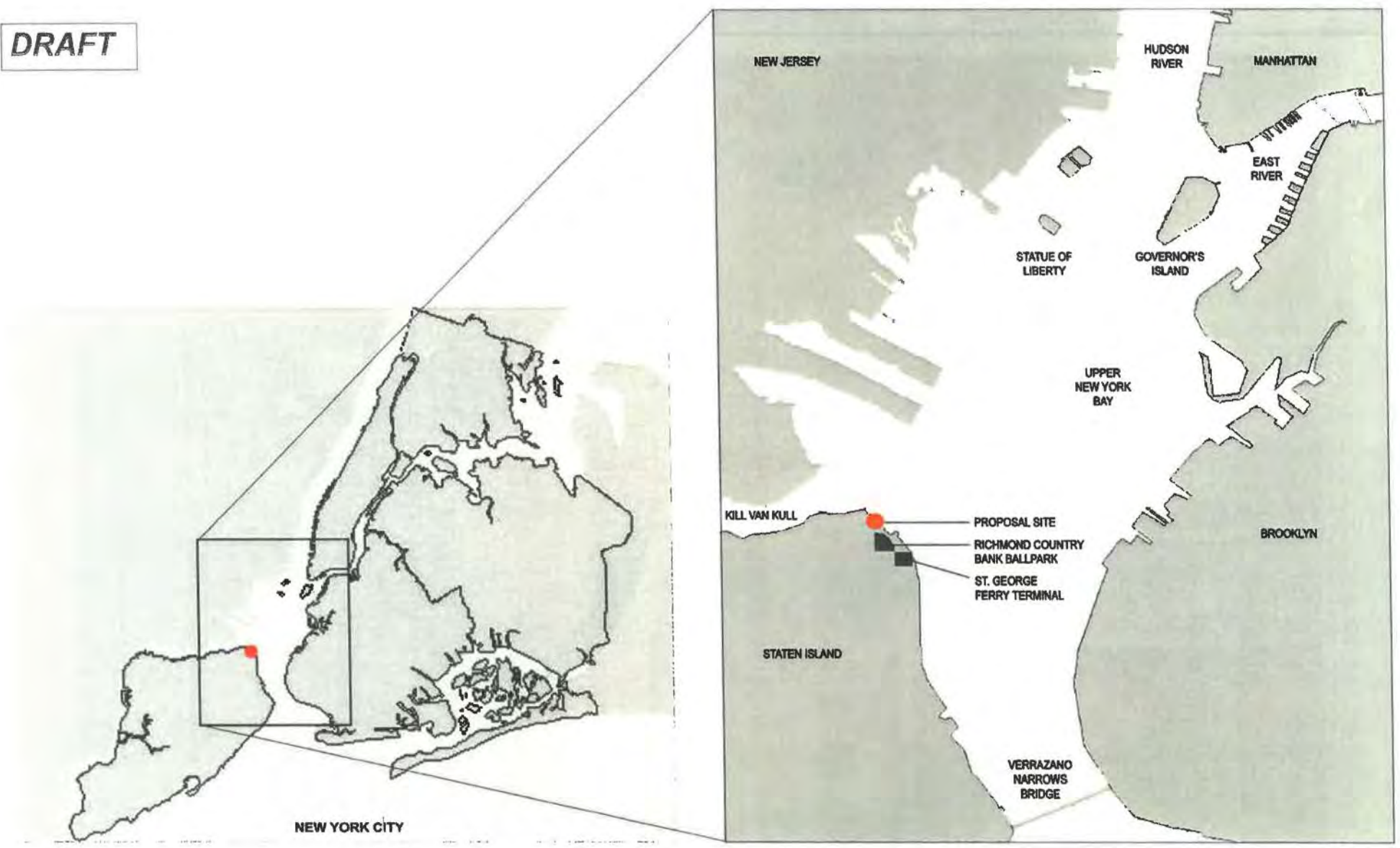
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- New Business
- Adjournment

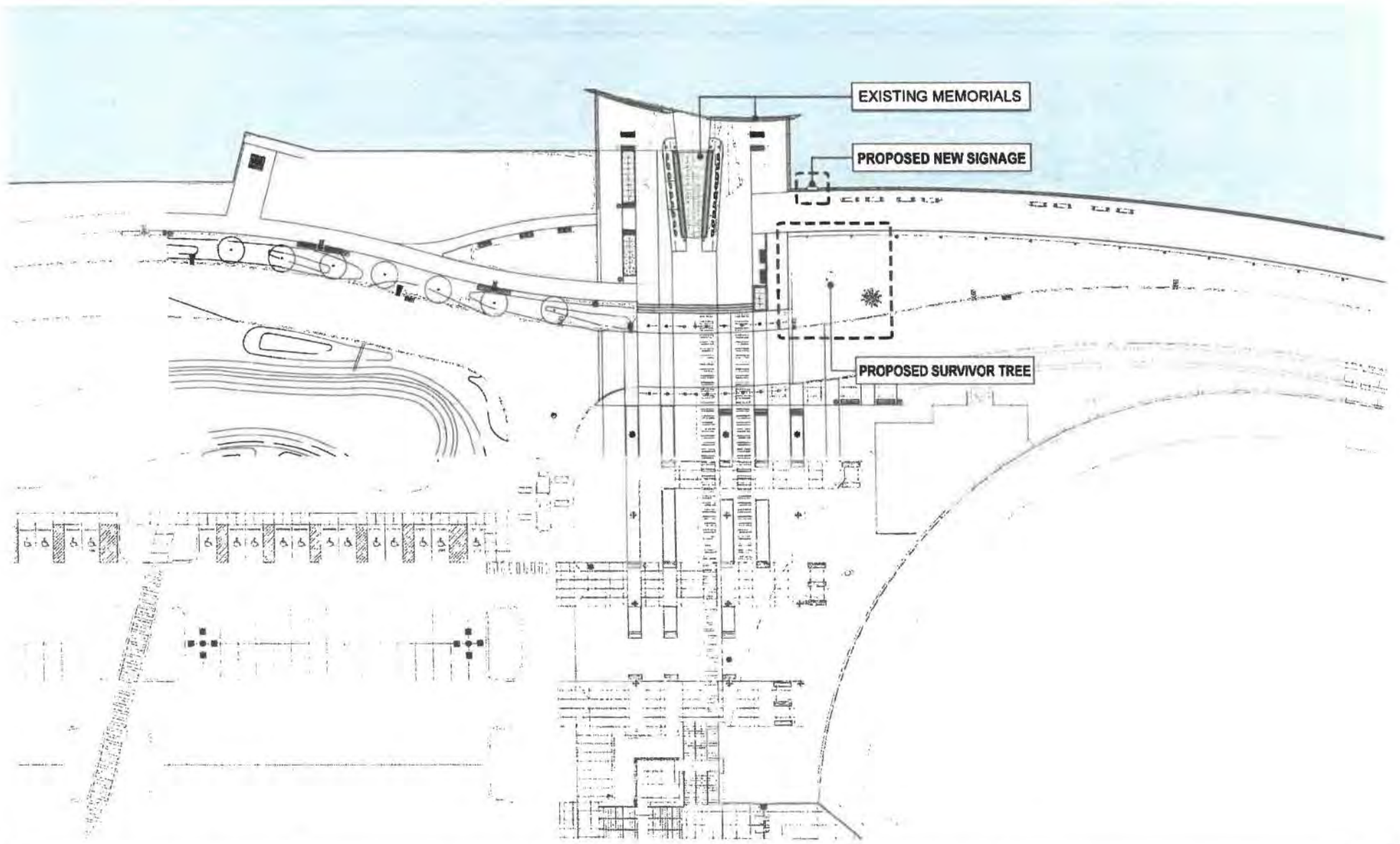
If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or e-mail Loretta Cauldwell or the Board Office **prior** to the meeting at [1-718-981-6900](tel:1-718-981-6900)/[Linda Maffeo - lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:Linda.Maffeo@cb.nyc.gov)





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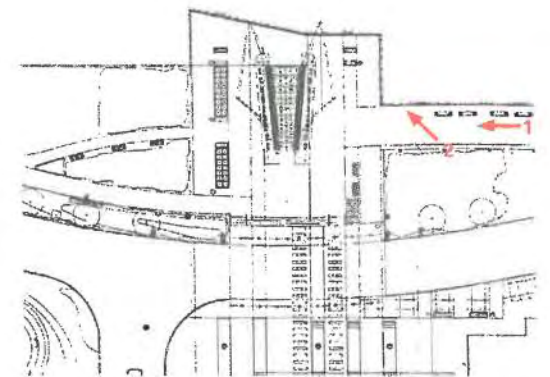




1. Board Walk



2. Proposed signage location



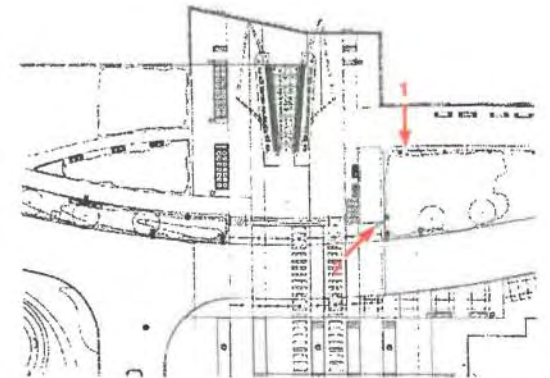




1. Survivor Tree site



2. Survivor Tree site

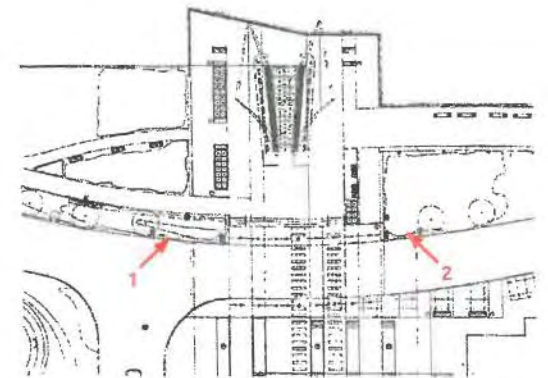




1. Electrical Enclosure



2. Survivor Tree site



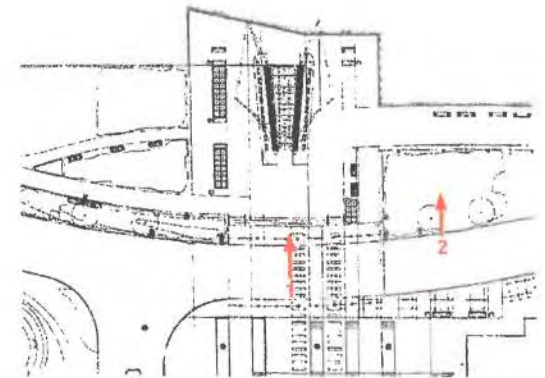




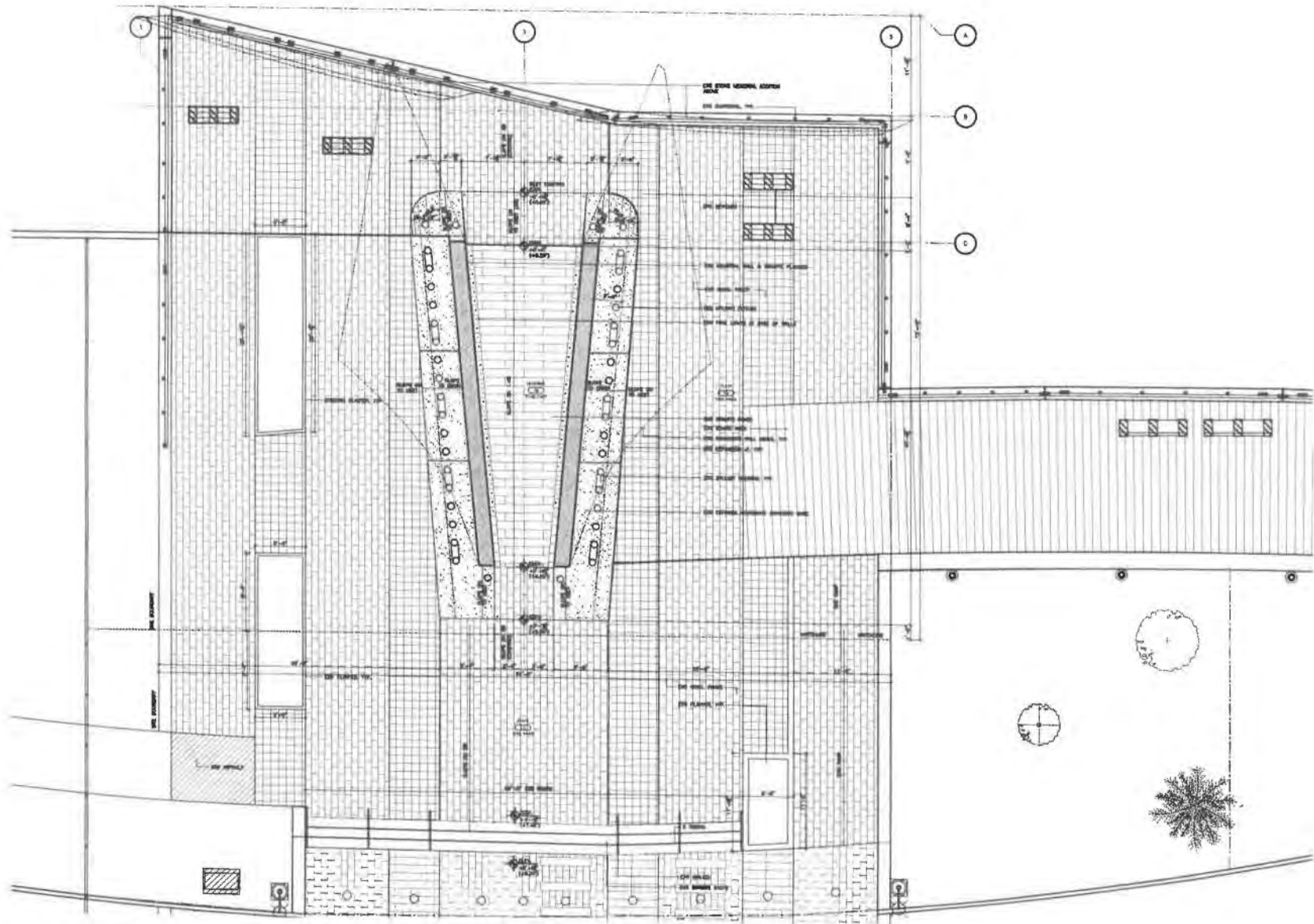
1. Memorial Plaza



2. Survivor Tree

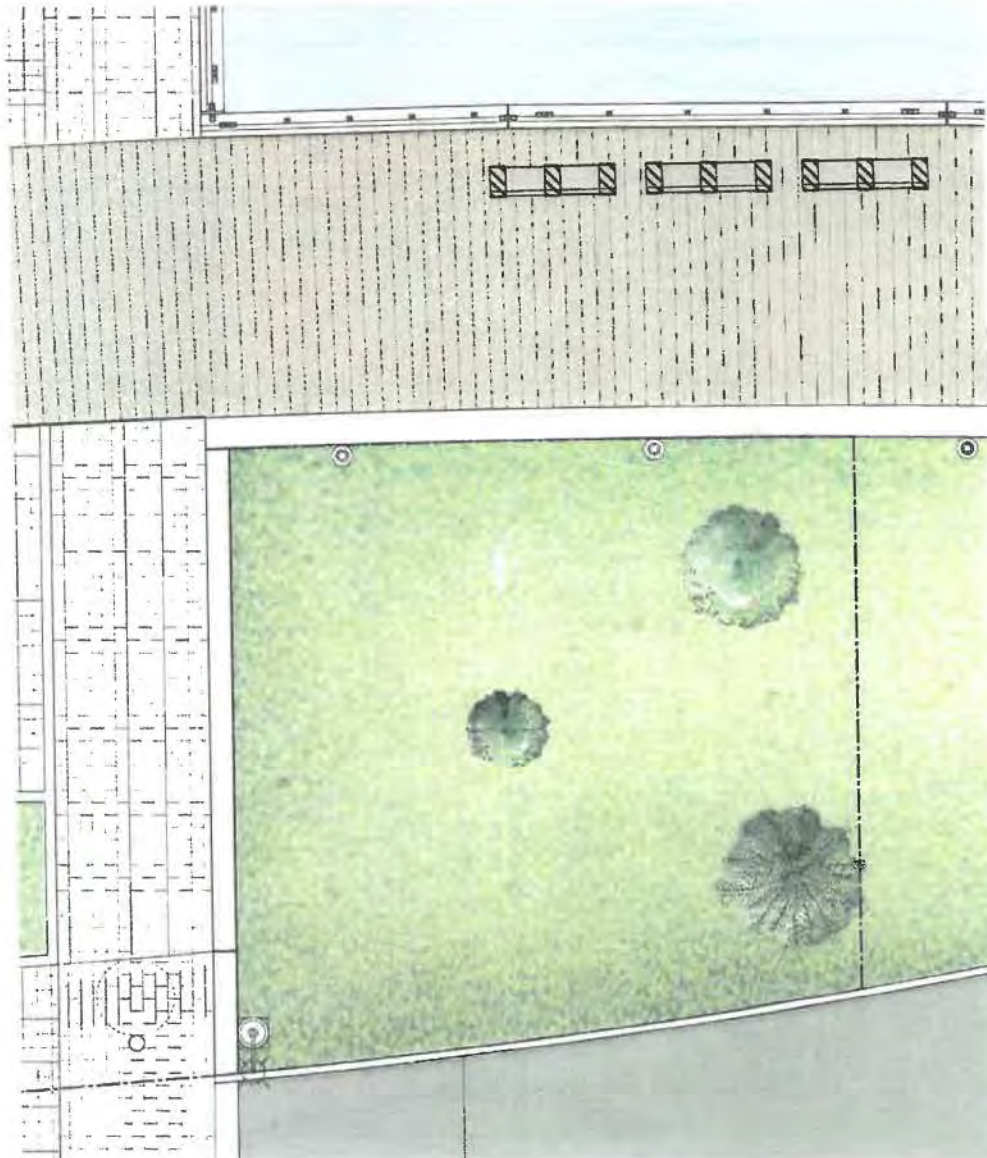


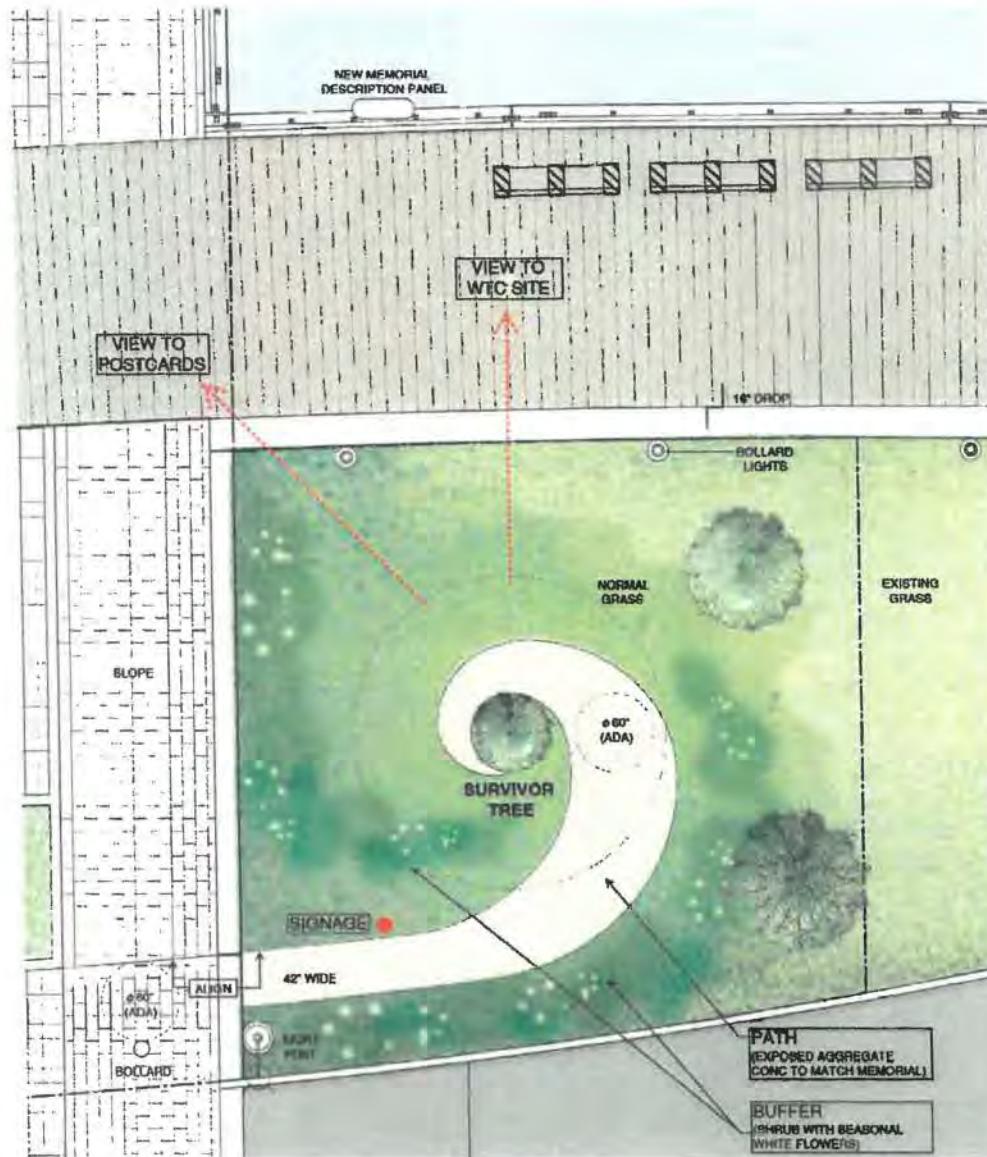










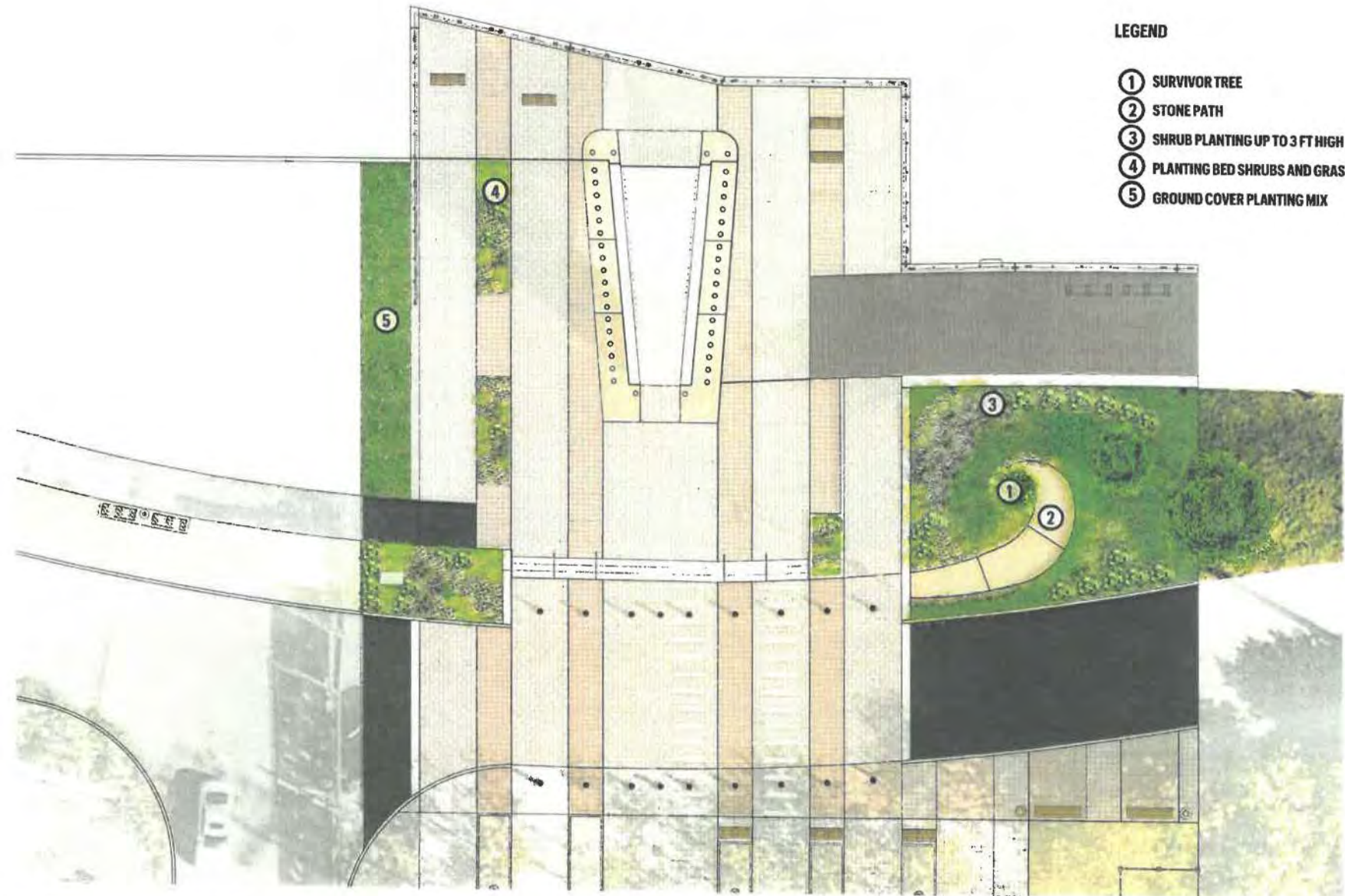


**Survivor Tree Site Proposed Plan Description**

- Approach connects to the memorial plaza at southwest corner of the site at slope landing
- Path to have enough width for ADA access
- Path finish to be exposed aggregate concrete to match existing memorial base
- Path organized in spiral formation to embrace Survivor Tree and interlock with surrounding landscape
- Ground covering around path to be upgraded to normal grass from existing weeds
- Buffer elements such as shrubs to be placed between path and road (to south) and slope (to west)
- Buffer to be around 3' high with seasonal white flowers to provide sense of privacy for the site and allow views towards WTC site (to north) and Postcards memorial (to northwest)
- Survivor Tree signage to be placed close to entry where the Survivor Tree, WTC site, Statu of Liberty and Postcards Memorial can all be viewed side by side

Signage to be engraved onto granite panel placed on cylindrical gavion filled with stone from around the site





**LEGEND**

- ① SURVIVOR TREE
- ② STONE PATH
- ③ SHRUB PLANTING UP TO 3 FT HIGH
- ④ PLANTING BED SHRUBS AND GRASSES
- ⑤ GROUND COVER PLANTING MIX





## MARITIME GRASSES



*Pennisetum alopecuroides*  
 'Little Bunny'  
 Height/Spread: 1' - 1.5'



*Pennisetum alopecuroides*  
 'Cassian's Choice'  
 Height/Spread: 2' - 2.5'



*Schizachyrium scoparium*  
 'Little Bluestem- Jazz'  
 Height/Spread: up to 2' - 2.5'



*Ophiopogon japonicus*  
 'Mondo Grass'  
 Height/Spread: 6" - 10"



*Liriope muscari*  
 'Monroe's White' Liriope  
 Height/Spread: up to 1' - 1.5'



*Sesleria autumnalis*  
 Autumn moor grass  
 Height/Spread: 6" - 10"



### Characteristics:

Salt Tolerant  
 <3ft height



# MARITIME SHRUBS

Characteristics:  
Salt Tolerant



*Aronia melanocarpa*  
**'Black chokeberry'**  
Height/Spread: 2' - 3'



*Clethra alnifolia*  
**'Sweet pepperbush'**  
Height/Spread: 2' - 3'



*rosa carolina*  
**'Carolina Rose'**  
Height/Spread: 3' - 6'



## MARITIME GROUNDCOVER

Characteristics:

Salt Tolerant  
Low growing



*vaccinium angustifolium*  
**'Lowbush Blueberry'**  
Height/Spread: 0.5' - 2'



*Juniperus horizontalis*  
**'Creeping Juniper'**  
Height/Spread: 0.5' - 1.5'



*Maianthemum canadense*  
**'Canada Mayflower'**  
Height/Spread: 6" - 8"







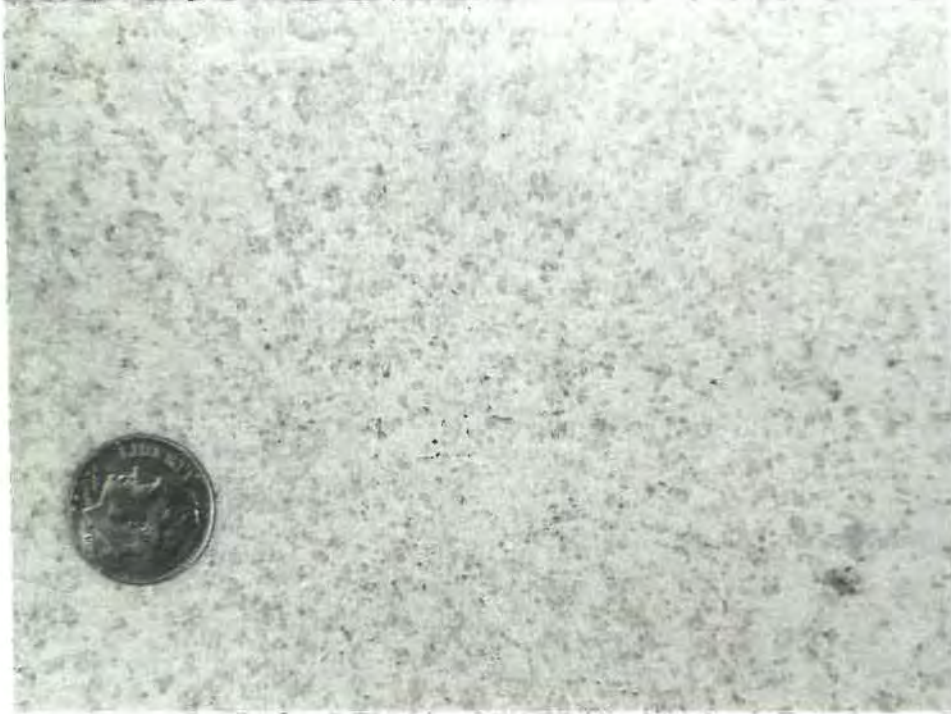
NYC Economic Development Corporation  
Clouds Architecture Office / Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects

Staten Island September 11 Memorial Site Upgrade  
Preliminary January 17, 2023

Survivor Tree perspective view  
Scale: NA







**Signage finish**  
Polar White Granite  
Honed finish





**Community Board 1 Virtual Full Board Meeting, December 13, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**Members**

Joe Ahlstrom  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird, Absent  
Allison Brown  
Telee Brown  
Christopher Campbell  
Sandy Carles, Absent  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Andre Ciprut, Excused  
Kathleen Cohen  
Christopher Corbo, Absent  
Anthony Cosentino, Excused  
George Doyle  
Claudette Duff, Excused  
Linda Eskenas, Absent  
Samir Farag, Absent  
Omar Ferriera, Absent  
Timothy Forsyth, Excused  
John Guzzo, Absent  
Celeste Holmes  
Robert Holst  
Vincent Innocente  
Sunny Jain  
Linda Juarbe  
Lillian Lagazzo  
Peter Lisi  
Ali Mir Masum  
John McBeth  
Friday Ogbewele  
Ernest Paige, Absent  
Mohan Radhakrishna, Absent  
Francine Reali, Absent  
Chris Rooney  
Catherine Schiavone  
Anthony Scutari  
Anthony Sgarlato  
Sean Sheil  
Nicholas Siclari  
Jaclyn Tacoronte  
George Turner  
Kevin Washington, Excused  
James West  
Daniel Williams  
Siyda Williams  
Steven Williams  
Camille Zarrelli, Excused  
Nicholas Zvegintzov, Excused

**Guests**

David Pena, CM Hank's Office  
Hanane Dbajat, Assemblyman, Tannousis' Office  
Agnes McBeth, RCDA  
Rhys Johnson, ADA  
Jermaine Williams, NYPD SI Ambassador  
Giomy Barton, NYC Commissioners' Office  
Miriam Arnold  
Sylvie Binder, Local Buildings Presentation  
Elena Brady  
Nicole Brooks  
Eugene Carroll  
Victoria Carstensen  
Joan Cusack  
Desiree Darden  
Michelle Forero  
James Garcia  
John Gregorio  
Sarah Gowell  
Karl Hartig  
Lauren Iacono  
Farham Islam  
Tory Kaso, Climate Jobs Presentation  
John Kelly  
Bruce Lauria  
Daniel Lefkowitz  
Andy Levison  
Priscilla Marco  
Beth Meehan  
Annabelle Meunier  
Serena Miller, Logical Buildings Presentation  
Henry Morgan  
Michael Morrell  
Chloe Orem, Logical Buildings  
Eric Patterson  
Herman Perry  
Marsha Russell  
Joann Sacks  
Raziq Seabrook, National Grid Presentation  
Alexander Segan  
Mary Sobiechowski  
Kelly Yim

**Office Staff**

Linda Maffeo

Meeting to Order 6:33 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call attendance, Loretta Cauldwell

Motion to accept the minutes – George Doyle wanted his entire testimony from the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to be on record. Joe Ahlstrom had a correction about the SI Ferry RFP. Should be on the ferry not in the St. George terminal. The corrections will be made.

#### **Public Session**

Hanane Dbajat, Office of Assemblyman Tannousis – Thank you for all you do and Happy Holiday Season and Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year.

Agnes McBeth, RCDA – This past Saturday, The DA in conjunction with NYPD had a successful Catalytic Converter etching event. Hundreds of cars were etched with serial numbers including my own. The theft on Staten Island has been exploding and hopefully this will deter it. We are hoping for another event. The Pet Calendars are in. If you would like to receive a copy, send me your address and we will mail you one. Last Monday, the DA, myself and several members of the office met with the NYCHA team and presented them with our list of complaints, issues and hopes. The residents have complaints of not having cooking gas in Mariner's Harbor houses. We have been assured that all will be restored early January. If you have any concerns, please get in touch with our office. Crime, at this time is up. As you're shopping, please be diligent. Don't leave packages in your car and go back to shop. Be aware. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Frank Fontana, DOB – Announcement by the Mayor's Office, "Get Stuff Done" Report. How to build housing faster in NYC. We are partnered with SBS. One on one guidance to small business owners interested in opening a business, renovations, and permit process. Business after hours, every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM borough hall, come speak to a project advocate, or plan examiner if you have issues on your property you want to resolve. Happy Holiday and see you in the New Year.

Chris Rooney said he was in a meeting with the Snug Harbor board. They need to correct their DOB violations. They submitted the paperwork but hasn't been processed through DOB yet. Mr. Fontana asked to have the information sent to him on 1000 Richmond Terrace.

Jermaine Williams, NYPD Ambassador SI – When these Catalytic Converters are taken, if caught, they can say they were bought at the junk yard. The etching gets your vehicle on the Database and they can match the etching to the owner. It's a deterrent tool. Have a handbag with a zipper especially around the holidays. It's getting dark. Wear light colors. Happy Holidays. See you in 2023!

Nicole Brooks, Parks – Lifeguard recruitment. We started the beginning of this month and you can register for next years beach and pool season. This Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Curtis High School for signup. Happy Holidays.

Prince Cobbina, CCRB – We are focusing on young, 12-18 year olds as our CCRB Advisory Council. For young New Yorkers interested in Criminal Justice issues improving the police to youth community relations. To sit down and have a conversation. Have a great holiday.

Kelly Yim, Stapleton Library Manager – I'm delighted to meet with everyone in the community. We have a lot of services and programs going on in the branch. One of our new services is a social work intern on Mondays and Fridays, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We have a partnership with the Alice Austen House Museum, a program for seniors on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Nypl.org/Stapleton. [kellyvim@nypl.org](mailto:kellyvim@nypl.org).

Shlomo Weinstock – We were awarded a license for a Cannabis Dispensary. We look forward to breaking prohibition with all of you and look forward to introducing the systems that the state has provided for us to use. No-one under the age of 21 will be able to purchase Cannabis.

Moe Egaly – We look forward to the amount of jobs this will bring and look forward to working with retired officers especially those who have been involved with Cannabis. We will introduce to the community a clean product, grown in New York State. We look forward to introducing this and getting them away from any other market who is comfortable in selling to the



underage crowd. We hear negative stories from people getting Cannabis from other markets. We thank you for your time and look forward to being part of the community. Any questions, feel free to reach out.

Henry Morgan – Capacity Building Coordinator at NYC Service, a Division of the Mayor’s Office, with colleague, James Garcia, Director of Community Initiatives. Resources we offer to Non-profits and community-based organizations. NYC Civic Impact Funding, we give out \$200,000 annually to twenty non-profit organizations. We give up to \$10,000 per organization and all funding must be used towards volunteer management practices and programs. The next round of funding will open in the Spring, likely in March. We host “Love Your Block”, a neighborhood grant for beautification projects. Non-funding groups, Youth Leadership Councils throughout NYC by partnering with nonprofits and city agencies. Our biggest partner would be the NYPD. Applications are open if you know any teenagers, high school age. Neighborhood Engagement 70 Page Toolkit to help nonprofits and their volunteer management practices through building community partnerships. We host a three-part training series for this January. Registration will be open shortly. Free three-month consultation program for five organizations who participate. [hmorgan@mofellow.nyc.gov](mailto:hmorgan@mofellow.nyc.gov).

Lauren Iacono, Graduate Student at the CUNY School of Public Health – I am a native Staten Islander and a Pediatrician in the Bronx. Regarding Bill INT 081-2022. Amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to reporting on food and nutrition in NYC Schools which is sponsored by the Committee on Education. Students participate in 30-50 hours of developmentally focused high quality nutrition education each year. Based on data from the Department of Agriculture, only 83% of schools provide some nutrition education and 2/3rds of the schools provide only 10 hours or less. Pediatric obesity and health consequences are on the rise. Nutrition education is vital in learning about healthy eating and lifestyle and also shown to have better academic performance and improve health patterns later in life. The proposed policies to ensure reporting on food and nutrition and education by the NYC Department of Education, it would require the department to submit to the NYC Council a report on how much nutrition education on who is providing the education. What services are lacking and what resources are needed. Please support this bill.

Michelle Forero, Graduate of the CUNY School of Public Health – In support of the Bill INT 0213-2022. This bill requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct a study on the prevalence of community gardens and engaged in urban farming and agriculture and provide recommendations on how to increase and support this sector to the Mayor and his administration. Residents can gain access to healthy foods. Industrialized food products lead to obesity and health concerns with low nutritional value. Please support passage of this bill.

Daniel Lefkowitz, Resident of 80 Bay Street Landing – I have 37 years at the DEP, Deputy Chief for Emergency Construction for Sewer and Watermains. Two projects are the new Cromwell Center being built next to Lyons Pool and the Promenade Project at Pier One passed Miller’s Landing. They will be constructed at the same time. The only access to both jobs and access to the residents of Bay Street Landing is through Murray Hulbert Street, just passed the intersection of Front and Hannah Streets which is off of Bay Street. I don’t think the difficulties of this area were taken into account. We have 400+ families and also think about the emergency vehicles. When the construction is complete, with all the activities from the new Cromwell Center. It’s a single lane turn in both directions and that will back up. I have a solution. The roadway at the Promenade, Lighthouse Pointe, there is a fence that borders that property. If they open that up for the residents of Bay Street Landing and a second means of egress ingress, during and after construction. Please look into this matter seriously.

David Pena, CM Hanks’ Office – Happy Holidays. I know you were talking about Catalytic Converters. A piece of legislation by CM Hanks passed by City Council, INT 759. It will work with DOT to help mitigate the catalytic converter problem by allowing people to get their own free etching kits through DOT. The fines will also be increased. Our office held a hearing on the Subway system and public safety. We sat down with the MTA and NYPD to discuss mitigating tactics to reduce acts of violence throughout the subway system. If you want to hear that public safety message, it is online on the City Council website. Over the past few months with the money for nonprofits, discretionary funding session tomorrow at 6:00 PM via Zoom. We will be teaching all nonprofits on Staten Island how they can apply for funding through our office and NYC Council provides various organizations that are doing amazing help for individuals. If organizations apply we can get more money for our district.

Joann Sacks, longtime resident of Tompkinsville – Dalton Recreation Center and Tompkinsville Esplanade. We know both projects are going to enhance our community and improve the quality of life for all the community members. The community is in favor of both projects. “What’s the communication line from the project to the community?” We need to be sure that the emergency vehicles have access for Bay Street Landing, Lyon’s Pool, and a small business in that area. We haven’t had that



assurance. It's going to be confusing when both projects are in construction. Maybe set up a CB Advisory board to meet with the reps of both projects regularly. Happy Holidays.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Raziq Seabrook from Clean Energy Targets of National Grid – My colleague, Carol Decina couldn't be here to join us. We are in the process of implementing a draft scoping plan to obtain more cumulative climate goals. We at National Grid fully support this program. We would like to point out four major issues of concern: 1) Methodology. Climate Action Law states, it's not just what you have to do but how you have to do it. Green Hydrogen and renewable natural gas are technologies contemplated in the plan however not contemplated as a critical match for residential use. This plan will cost billions of dollars. We can provide savings while still meeting the goals of the plan. 2) Feasibility. The way in which the climate action plan will be reached. 70% of buildings are extremely difficult or impossible to electrify. Whether it be engineering or the infrastructure of the building, zoning issue or historical designation. 3) Reliability. As we transition from point A to B. We are still responsible in keeping the lights on with safe affordable and reliable energy. The NYSERDA have concerns on the coldest days of the year. There is an equity issue because of brown outs and blackouts in minority neighborhoods. 4) Affordability. The plan doesn't breakdown the cost of it. If any program, solution, any aspect of the plan is unaffordable it becomes unfeasible and impractical. [Raziq.Seabrook@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Raziq.Seabrook@nationalgrid.com).

Tory Kaso, Campaign Director of Carbon Free and Healthy Schools - Environmental and Social Justice – (PowerPoint Presentation). Opportunity for Federal and State Funding. Efficiency audits of all NYC Public schools. Solar installation and battery storage. This could bring 45,000 good union jobs in communities which have been under resourced. Make schools healthier and safer for our students, teacher's and staff. Save schools \$275 million per year in energy costs. Buildings account for 70% of carbon emissions. With the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act, we can take advantage of significant federal funding of \$1.32 billion. We are calling for installation of solar on NYC School buildings to the amount of 150 schools per year. There's a list of 100 schools in the five boroughs, 71 of the schools are solar ready. Entire cost, \$330 million. Two of the schools are located on Staten Island, Future Leaders Elementary School is one of them. Workforce Development: Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs. CSKILLS: Providing training and direct entry access to NYC public high school seniors and residents seeking unionized-trades. NEW: Non-traditional Employment for Women, prepares, trains and places women in construction trades. Helmets & Hardhats: Assists active-duty veterans, National Guard and Reservists in transitioning to careers with NY Building trades. P2A: Pathways to Apprenticeship recruits, trains and mentors people from low-income communities in NYC and Westchester. [tkaso@climatejobsny.org](mailto:tkaso@climatejobsny.org).

George Doyle said the school at PS 373, 91 Henderson Street needs more HVAC, air. Ms. Kaso said part of the recommendations are for HVAC upgrades. John McBeth asked what were the guidelines in selecting the buildings? Mr. McBeth said based on the calculations, we should have 9 on Staten Island. Ms. Kaso said the initiative is for all 1200 buildings to get done. Schools in the Environmental Justice areas will be first. Tony Sgarlato asked who will be doing the installation? Ms. Kaso didn't have an answer for that but said they are pushing for a union contractor. Jaclyn Tacoronte asked how the two locations were selected? Ms. Kaso said they haven't spoken to the SI Borough President yet, we are in the programming stages to meet with him. We spoke to the other four boroughs BP. Childhood asthma, Environmental Justice area were two components in the decision. If there are more schools to prioritize on the list, we will do that. Peter Lisi said out of 150 schools, Staten Island only received two. How many schools are each borough getting? Ms. Kaso said Manhattan has 18, Brooklyn has 37, Queens has 20 and the Bronx has 23. Chairman Nick Siclari said basically this is preliminary. Our Labor Chair will be our point of reference. Ms. Kaso said they have been talking to many agencies. Lillian Lagazzo said besides the councilmembers, did you meet with any of the three councilmembers from Staten Island? Kamillah Hanks, David Carr and Joseph Borelli? We have children with asthma and a large population of special needs children. Chairman Siclari thanked Ms. Kaso and said Robert Holst will be in contact with her.

Sylvie Binder & Serena Miller, Logical Buildings – Ms. Binder spoke about Earn money, reduce carbon (PowerPoint Presentation). We work with big buildings to reduce their carbon emissions, energy use. Local Law 84, 87, 97 implements carbon emissions caps with buildings over 25,000 square feet starting January 1, 2024. We have an opportunity for Staten Island called GridRewards.



Serena Miller, Director of Engagement and Impact at Logical Buildings spoke about GridRewards. She works with Community members and property owners and educating them. It is a free self-signup app to see and track their energy usage in real time down to the hour. By signing up, you link your Con Edison account to see your usage in Kilowatts and dollars and track your carbon emissions. During the summer, when the Grid is strained with their AC's blasting, the utility would pay its users to reduce energy and will be paid at the end of the year by check. An example was shown and the resident saved \$200.00 at the end of the year. There are ads out there, "Unplug, Get Paid". Right now we have 10,000 users in the Westchester and five borough areas. When we reduce, we save our planet.

### **Officers' Reports**

**First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino** – Excused

**Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth** – Excused

**Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe** – Happy Holidays.

**Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell** – No report. Happy Holidays & New Year.

**Treasurer, Larry Beslow** – Haven't seen the Treasurers' Report. Happy Holidays.

**Chairman, Nicholas Siclari** – A lot of people thought we would go in person. We have a fiscal situation with our checking account. Everyone that was at Salem Church, please give me your feedback. The future place has to be ADA compliant and have parking. All Saints had the requirements, but it was rundown. Linda is learning and Joan hasn't started yet. Lillian Lagazzo brought up the Cromwell Center and Promenade with making a motion and making this a safe scenario. We need to know the staging and travel access from Front Street to Bay Street. Chairman Siclari said he would like to setup a meeting with future construction and DOT. We would have to get HOA involved. The Fire Department always had issues with the turnaround. John McBeth asked if the Promenade was a private project. It was said no, it was EDC.

**District Manager Elect, Joan Cusack** – I would like to thank everyone for their good work. Everyone has great input. I would like to thank Linda Maffeo for being an unbelievably helpful person. She is learning so much and knows so much and has made it possible to get a lot of this stuff done. I have been in and out of the office and a lot is being done. Chairman Siclari mentioned that Ms. Maffeo did the budget. It was late and she got on the Webex call and got it done. We are moving along.

### **Functional Committee Reports**

**Land Use, George Turner** – For the first time, we didn't have a Land Use Committee Meeting this month.

**Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom** - We had the presentation by EDC. Mary Cali Dalton and also the Esplanade. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Staten Island Ferry will have their final contract review with hopefully a resolution. They explained a month ago at our meeting that there is a shortage of chief engineers. That has not been resolved and there are cancellations of our ferries in the evening. It's a 100 short of people. The concession is for onboard the ferry. We haven't had one since Covid hit. They put an RFP out on that concession. I hope everyone saw the PowerPoints of the two meetings, one on Mary Cali Dalton and the other on the Esplanade. This letter that you have received. We need more than 31 parking spaces underneath the center. We have to guarantee access for emergency vehicles while the construction is being done as Lillian Lagazzo said. Chairman Siclari said the Fire Department is not going to let this go forward unless it is addressed. Concerns on how we will deal with this while construction is going on. The Advisory Committee that was brought up by the Tompkinsville residents is something that needs to be addressed. We've gotten the ball rolling by having the meeting and the communication established. We need to put in the letter what the community board wants. Start sending back

your advice for this. We talked about Pier 1. They did get the survey out. People have been down there and we are moving forward with that. I will talk with Linda Maffeo to have them back to make a presentation for the Waterfront and Transportation Committee. It was a great meeting but only a start.

Lillian Lagazzo – Three comments. We need to see the traffic plan, staging plan during construction, we need written assurance that residents can have full access to their home, to Lyon’s Pool, the Recreation Center, the Yoga business and parking. Emergency vehicles should have unrestricted access at all times. The community can get access to both Front Street and Bay Street. Coming from Bay Street to Hannah, making a left at Murray Hulbert going to the Recreation Center, you need to make a sharp left. People will get rear-ended. It’s only one lane. People coming from Front Street to a Stop Sign and people coming in opposite direction must stop. Joe Ahlstrom said that Front Street has always been an issue, one way in and one way out. Ms. Lagazzo said it’s a safety issue and have to have access for all including deliveries, etc. Chairman Siclari said they are starting in 2023, we have a window to make corrections. Tony Sgarlato said the employees need parking too and it will be impossible to allow for public parking. Giomelly Barton of Commission on Human Rights. NYC has a salary transparency and available jobs for all these projects. Christopher Campbell said they will take away parking at Murray Hulbert to add benches. Chairman Siclari said let’s get the Advisory Committee together and get some ideas before getting in touch with HOA. We are 5-6 months away from breaking ground. Mr. Campbell said he can be a contact since he is the VP of HOA. Loretta Cauldwell asked if we were sending the letter with conditions. Mr. Ahlstrom added we can vote on it at the January meeting. Joan Cusack said let’s not show we approve before we get these concerns done. She didn’t feel they were concerned with the parking issue and admitted there would only be 31 spots. Mr. Sgarlato said maybe they can get a piece of the Homeport for parking or the long part of the Promenade. Mr. Ahlstrom said we had an issue with the parking at the Lighthouse Museum too. Triangle Equities is building this huge parking tower on that site at Lighthouse Pointe which will probably fit 200-300 cars. That’s still a walk to get to the Recreation Center. They couldn’t address the parking at Father Capodanno for the Center there. I don’t want to see this project go by the wayside. Mr Sgarlato said maybe DOT can set up street parking. Mr. Ahlstrom said we will hold off on the letter until we get some of these issues addressed.

**Public Services, Sunny Jain** - No snow so far but Sanitation has a new plan. Last year went well but they have upgraded it and are looking for snow laborers. Please apply at the Sanitation site. George Doyle said he heard they are putting brine down. They may not have enough for us. Mr. Jain said that is in the plan. They did it last time and it worked fairly well. If there is a shortage, we will have to see. Mr. Doyle said the new Commissioner doesn’t have the Sanitation background. Mr. Jain added the SI Crew is experienced.

**Youth Services, Ernest Paige** – Absent.

**Rules & Legislative, Chris Rooney** – He will schedule a meeting early in January to discuss some proposed amendments to the By Laws. (Meeting was actually December 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM Board Office).

**Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov**: Excused. Linda Maffeo read the notes in Nicholas Zvegintzov’s absence. Mr. Zvegintzov is still in England which is very late there. A transportation report was sent out. It contains two follow-ups. One from John Garvey of the ferries and one on the monopolies. The ferry is 80-90 staff short. Even if the staff was full, during the holidays there would be overtime. There are no tall MTA monopolies in NYC yet. Staten Island would be first. The MTA did not conduct an Environmental Impact Study yet because, “the monopolies do not create a significant adverse impact to the environment”. We will only get one 100 foot pole in Clifton so it’s not a priority for a study. On a personal note, Ms. Maffeo said thank you to Chairman Siclari and Joan Cusack for allowing her to learn and she looks forward to working with Joan officially.

Joe Ahlstrom said Mr. Zvegintzov was concerned about the arrivals of the ferries, there was no way to tell. He spoke with John Garvey. They did put the AIS (Automatic Identification System) screen in the terminal so you can see the ferry boats approaching St. George. Chairman Siclari mentioned it doesn’t give you a time of arrival and he’s not crazy about it. Mr. Ahlstrom said it doesn’t have the bus tracking which Chairman Siclari wanted. George



Doyle said he put in requests to have the outside seating at El Patron, 520 Bay Street taken down because it's "ugly, not in use, and it's useless". We spoke to Victoria Carstensen of DOT who has been out to see it and nothing has been done. The other was J's On The Bay that they took away. Chairman Siclari said we can write a letter to the Mayor to remove some of these seating areas. Joan Cusack said she had a meeting with DOT about it. The city doesn't have enough inspectors. They are working on them. Ms. Carstensen from DOT said she will check on this and get back to us.

**Labor, Robert Holst** – Hope for Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men. Merry Christmas.

**Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino** - Excused.

**Cultural Affairs, Anthony Scutari** – Not available.

**Health & Human Services, Fran Reall** – Absent.

**West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell** – We had a joint meeting with Waterfront and Parks regarding the projects previously discussed by Mr. Ahlstrom. Chairman Siclari said eventually you will have to meet in person. We have to reach out to Parks and see if you can meet at Walker Park and Silver Lake. Maybe by the Spring. Ms. Cauldwell said she asked Parks and they aren't open yet.

**Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth & Camille Zarrelli** – Both excused.

**Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo** – Couldn't get on the call.

**Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth** – Happy Holidays to everyone. We had a meeting last month and we will have a meeting next week. We are still meeting virtually and looking for a site. Chairman Siclari said he wants to thank John McBeth. "He's been like a Timex clock". He has met throughout the Pandemic, provides us our Zoom and want to recognize him for perfect attendance.

**Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow** – No meeting or minutes. Working on having a meeting in January. Happy Holidays.

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Anthony Scutari said Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year. With all this new building and projects, we need two hospitals and a new one on the North Shore. Going to Urgent Care Centers doesn't work because they send you to the ER anyway. In November, I had my fourth grandchild which is great. My wife was at my daughter's house and I fell in the bathroom. I had eleven staples put in my head. I went to RUMC and they were great and I was in that hospital for 24 hours. The nurses and doctors never stopped with so many people coming in. I left and went back for a kidney stone and that was an 8 hour stay in a chair. Children sitting in a chair for longer than 8 hours. Chairman Siclari and I have a friend at SIUH North because RUMC couldn't take care of him. Let's start working on it. If there is ever a catastrophe we will be in trouble. George Doyle said we have a building on the North Shore that was a hospital, Bayley Seton Hospital. Ask the Councilwoman and Borough President to get that hospital running again. It's still in good shape. RUMC still uses part of that hospital for Psychiatric patients. Mr. Scutari said also we need to look into the Nursing homes and how they take care of the elderly. Chairman Siclari said he has been on the board for 15 years and chairman for 10, in the Statement of Needs Budget, the top five has always been to add a NYC Hospital to Staten Island. Mr. Scutari said we need a letter about the hospitals.

Jermaine Williams said the 120 lost a great inspector Kinsella, she has been promoted and is at 1 PP. By January 1<sup>st</sup> we are hoping to have a new inspector while Captain Perez is holding it down. I am happy they are doing something with Cromwell. We need something where our young kids can go to keep them out of trouble.

George Doyle said on the old Staten Island Hospital site, the Borough President and City Councilwoman are going to make decisions on what goes there without input from the community. Mr. Doyle also said the State Legislature passed a lot of bills. One important one was the Fentanyl Bill. The Governor vetoed the bill. She puts through a Hate Crime Task Force which is also important. The elected officials in Albany asked for a Task Force for Fentanyl. I think we should send her a letter stating that we need that task force. Chairman Siclari said we have to get this information prior to these meetings so we can be prepared to send these letters.

Meeting ended at 8:42 P.M.



## **Staten Island Community Board 1**

Transportation Committee

Joseph Bird, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan  
Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Virtual Report of January 10, 2023

### **Transportation Committee meeting, 7 pm, Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza Suite 217.

In parallel with the Waterfront Committee meeting, same time and place.

Topic: Testimony from the Staten Island Ferry on service in the light of the *F/B Sandy Ground* accident on December 22, 2022, the use of NYC Ferries in the SI Ferry schedule, and the ongoing lack of a contract with the Marine Engineers.

### **About joining the Transportation Committee**

Our Committee has lost Kevin Washington when he left the Board. He was a valuable member, having come up with our Public Hearing on Transportation Infrastructure on the North Shore, among other projects.

For you new Board members considering a Committee...

Ours is a historic district originally planned with a network of streetcar lines and ferries. In 2023 it has an Interstate Highway, a highway bridge to Brooklyn, two highway bridges to New Jersey, a major inter-modal transit hub at St. George, and an ongoing frustrating conflict between moving people and protecting the neighborhood.

The Transportation Committee's roles (my experience):

- Helping residents deal with particularly harmful effects of transportation or transportation policy;
- Helping residents to get around;
- Looking for creative travel and transit solutions;
- Advocating for resources and progress for useful projects;
- Keeping the squeak in the squeaky wheel.

I and the other members can explain more if you are interested.

## **SI Ferry cancelations, NYC Ferry replacements**

SI Ferry service cancelations were disastrously bad during the holidays.

The Ferry ran one-hour service for 16 nights in December, including the Friday before Christmas, Christmas Eve (including all afternoon on Christmas Eve), Christmas Day, and the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (New Year's Eve) before New Year.

On New Year's Eve there was no service at all between 12 midnight and 2 am. Plus only two boats during the evening rush hour on the Friday before Christmas. (Plus one-hour night service on New Year's Day.)

This chaos had more or less been promised by John Garvey, Deputy DOT Commissioner / Chief Operating Officer of the Ferry) in testimony to CBI: 'In years past, even with considerably higher headcounts, we often faced high callouts for the winter holiday season which in turn resulted in considerable overtime coverage.' 'Overtime coverage' means random cancelations since crews are free to refuse overtime.

(This comment refers to a full headcount; the current headcount is down 80-90 staff.)

According to <https://www.silive.com/news/2023/01/si-ferry-union-new-years-eve-use-of-smaller-private-vessels-was-profoundly-unsafe.html>, NYC threw two runs of NYC Ferry (NY Waterway) ferries into the New Year's Eve night service, loading and unloading them inside the Ferry Terminals.

## **F/B Sandy Ground accident inquiries**

The engine room fire accident that crippled the *F/B Sandy Ground* on December 22, 2022, will trigger an inquiry by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and possibly another by the U. S. Coast Guard.

According to the NTSB: 'Once the final accident investigation report has been adopted, the final copy of the report will be prepared for public release. ... NTSB investigations do not end at the determination of a probable cause. In many cases, investigations reveal important safety issues that we address with Safety Recommendations. These recommendations can be directed to regulatory agencies, manufacturers, state and local jurisdictions, companies, and other organizations involved in the specific transportation area.'

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Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair



## Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

12/29/2022 – 2:00 pm

### Attendance:

#### Members

Chris Rooney Chairperson

Anthony Cosentino

Ernest Paige

Anjail Ameen-Rice

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm

A discussion was held on revising Community board 1 By-Laws, in particular **Article IV Meetings – Section 6**. The committee discussed a new standard to help board members recognize and understand the concept of conflict of interest. It was recommended that the definition of **Ineligible** be read before the first vote during the first board meeting of the year (i.e. September) and also read any time a new board member has been appointed and sworn in and is in attendance at their first board meeting operating as an official voting board member.

#### Motion:

The definition of ineligible (i.e., any Board member who is related to, employed by, does business with, or could receive any benefit from the person or party that is the subject of a motion if the motion is approved) should be read by the Community Board Secretary prior to the first vote of the Board's year and at any subsequent meeting when a new member is sworn in and participating for the first time as an official voting board member.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion Passed

The second discussion included a conversation on whether newly appointed board members, who have been sworn in, should be permitted to vote on *old board business* during their first meeting as an official board member. Old board business is defined as any topic that was previously discussed at any meeting prior to the newly appointed board member being officially appointed and sworn in.

#### Motion:

New community board appointees cannot vote on an old matter (old board business) during their first board meeting attending as an official voting board member. This includes discussions on controversies and previously tabled issues.

Vote: 3-1-0

Motion Passed

Future Meeting: To discuss and explore the definition of emergency in regard to designating property for homeless shelter development.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Rooney

Chair, Rules & Legislation Committee

**Virtual Mariner's Harbor, Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting,  
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Members: Anjail Ameen Rice, John McBeth, Ali Masum

Voting Non-Members: Everette Wattley, Stephanie Shavou, Mario Buonviaggio, Mary Bullock

No Presentations

Liquor Licenses

New:

STK, 939 Richmond Ave, NO SHOW, NO OPPOSITION...please apply standard requirements: Close by Midnight weekdays, trained servers, electronic security preferred with at least one camera pointing towards the street/parking lot

Guaraca Corp, 236 Port Richmond Ave, Owner presented, Strong Community Opposition, vague answers to simple questions, said yes to any question asked without thought and without trust. VOTE RESULT was NO. 4-no, 2-yes with conditions, 1-abstain.

Renewal:

Recuerdos Mexicanos, 232 Port Richmond Ave Numerous Community Complaints, Representative presented, Community and NYPD have numerous complaints including intoxicated security, excessive serving, improperly served alcohol in plastic containers as juice. License holder may be a convicted felon. Our recommendation is DO NOT RENEW until the community has an opportunity to address their concerns

Romance Bar & Restaurant, 163 Van Pelt Ave, NO SHOW, NO OPPOSITION, minor complaint: please do not post large plastic flyers promoting events at the Restaurant, litter and clutter.

John McBeth



## Treasurer's Report - FY 2023 January 2023

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/22</u>	<u>USED TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00	0	\$1,595.00
101 Printing Expense	200.00	0	200.00
110 Food & Forage	1,150.00	0	1,150.00
117 Postage	200.00	0	200.00
199 Data Process Suppl.	450.00	0	450.00
300 General Equip.	0	0	0
314 Office Furniture	140.00	0	140.00
315 Office Equipment	250.00	0	250.00
332 Data Process Equip.	294.00	0	294.00
337 Book Subscriptions	100.00	0	100.00
400 Contractual Svces.	1,500.00	0	1,500.00
40B Communication	3,013.00	0	3,013.00
403 Office Services	150.00	0	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	2,531.12	872.20	1,658.92
451 Carfare	0	0	0
452 Special Event	0	0	0
622 Contractor	0	0	0
700 Chase Imprest Fund	500.00	0	500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,073.12</b>	<b>872.20</b>	<b>\$11,200.92</b>

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Community Board No. 1

January 10, 2022

Anna Killion  
NYC Department of Design and Construction  
Communication & Policy  
[KillionAn@ddc.nyc.gov](mailto:KillionAn@ddc.nyc.gov)

Dear Ms. Killion:

Community Board 1, Staten Island is in support of the Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center in Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York if the following is addressed:

**Construction Impacts on Access:**

- For Bay Street Landing Apartments
- For Emergency Vehicles
- For Businesses
- For Deliveries
- For Traffic

Number of parking spaces on the Dalton site. There is a need for more than 31 parking spaces.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Siclari  
Chairman

NS/lm