

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –
TUESDAY, MAY 9TH – 6:30 P.M.
SALEM CHURCH, 634 Clove Road SI, NY 10310

SESSION OPENING

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

Troop 37 Boy Scouts, Jonathan Plaza & Liam Ferguson – Certificates Presented

PUBLIC SESSION: Agnes McBeth, Prince Cobbina, Odette Wilkens, Umamah Masum, Kelly Yim, David Shehadeh, Mike Morrell, Mary Bullock, Debbie Klingele, Nicole Brooks, Berenice Suchilt.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Joseph Harris, FDNY Division 8 Commander – Lithium-Ion Battery Storage Systems.
2. Michael Gertelman, Owner & Founder – Address the concerns of the community on the opening of the Cannabis Dispensary at 1975 Victory Blvd.

---First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
---Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth
---Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
---Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – **CALL FOR CANDIDATES**
---Treasurer, Larry Beslow
---Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
--- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

---Land Use, George Turner
---Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
---Public Services, Sunny Jain
---Youth Services, Open
---Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Rooney
---Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
---Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
---Small Business Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

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
Old Business
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



Virtual Meeting open
15 minutes before
meeting starts

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Meeting notices listed
on CB#1 Facebook
and will be e-mailed

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2. Land Use Mtg. 7:00 PM-Board Office 1 Edgewater Plaza, Rm 217	3. Silver Lake/Sunnyside/ Westerleigh Mtg. 7:00 PM, Safari Realty, 1958 Victory Blvd., 10314	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9. Full Board Mtg. In Person – 6:30 PM Salem Church 634 Clove Road	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. 	15.	16. Virtual Mariner's Harbor/Pt. Richmond Mtg. 7:00 PM West Brighton/St. George Mtg. 7:00 PM RUMC – 355 Bard Ave. SIPP Auditorium	17. Clifton/Concord/ Stapleton Meeting Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street, 6:30 PM	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23. Virtual Waterfront Mtg. 6:30 PM	24.	25.	26.	27.
28.	29. 	30.	31.			

**Virtual Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 11th – 6:30 P.M.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue, SI, NY 10310**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow, Ab
Joseph Bird, Ex
Allison Brown, Ex
Telee Brown
Christopher Campbell
Sandy Carles, Ab
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut
Kathleen Coen, Ex
Christopher Corbo, Ab
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas, Ab
Samir Farag, Ab
Omar Ferriera, Ab
Timothy Forsyth, Ex
John Guzzo, Ab
Celeste Holmes, Ex
Robert Holst, Ex
Vincent Innocente
Sunny Jain

Linda Juarbe
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Ali Mir Masum
John McBeth
David McGoy
Mohan Radhakrishna
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige, Ab
Francine Reali, Ex
Chris Rooney
Catherine Schiavone
Anthony Scutari, Ab
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil, Ex
Nicholas Siclari
Jaclyn Tacoronte
George Turner
James West, Ab
Daniel Williams, Ab
Siyda Williams, Ex
Steven Williams, Ex
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Guests

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, Umamah Masum, Senator Scarcella-Spanton's Office, David Pena, CM Kamillah Hank's Office, Angela Olsen, AM Sam Pirozzolo's Office, Elena Brady, CM David Carr.

Mario Bruno, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Environmental Protection, Bureau of Public Affairs & Communications, Heeja Pang, National Grid, Susan Montano, National Grid, Nicole Brooks, Jermaine Williams, Prince Cobbina, Ada Rodriguez, Rose Uscianowski, Michael Morrell, Sandra Ramos, Pablo Hidalgo, Starr Kent, Rev. Marilyn Landry, Andy Levison, Bruce Lauria,

Meeting to Order 6:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Nick Siclari said we are doing an exploratory search for a new meeting place and this one (St. Mary's) is geographically in the heart of our district. There will be a vote in June with a full quorum and decide which place we would like to proceed with. In May, we will be at Salem Church. Looking for a place for June (St. Mary's). A lot of churches can't commit to us.

Public Session

Agnes McBeth, RCDA, Community Liaison for DA Michael McMahon – Free Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event (our second one) with etching of the catalytic converter. Friday, April 14th at 2:00 PM, Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex. Earth Day we will have an electronic data disposal and a shred event on Saturday, April 22nd at 11:00 AM at the SI Mall in the parking lot. I received an email from Linda Maffeo (with photos) regarding information sent to her anonymously about graffiti in the area from tags of the MS-13 Gang. There are similar tags were I live on Van Name Avenue by Forest Avenue. Our office has been

alerted to it and have referred this to Captain Waldhelm of the 121 Precinct. If you see any of these similar markings, it is not the original MS-13 Gang but a less violent off-shoot of that group. NYPD will need to make a note of the location and will need to document it. If you need to know what the tags look like I will show you the photos. Ann O'Connor, ADA was supposed to be here tonight to be introduced.

David Pena, CM Hanks' Office – Want to thank this wonderful venue for hosting us. On April 29th, second annual Women in Business Expo at Empire Outlets. All female-owned businesses are invited. If you know of any, I will have a table for them. Secondly, we are working on legislation with city council and the mayor for greater funding for CMS Organizations on Staten Island and throughout the city. We want to prevent crime before it happens. Lastly, a condominium in Mariner's Harbor was having difficulty with the Department of Finance, the way they process the taxes there. We are working on legislation with city council to make the process more transparent. There was a mix-up with addresses and communication. We are trying to streamline the process so it doesn't happen again. I don't have an address but it's the place with the pool and tennis courts.

Nicole Brooks, Project Manager of the North Shore, NYC Parks – Thank you for attending the Mahoney Playground Reconstruction Community Input meeting on April 4th. We appreciate the comments and there is still time to make comments. Go to our website, put in Mahoney and submit your comments or call, 718-390-8005. We are hiring at NYC Parks. We have many postings on our website, NYCGovParks.org/opportunities. Walker Park and the Silver Lake Tennis House only open during the day. Nobody to man them at night for meetings.

Umamah Masum of NY Senator, Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office – Our mobile offices are open this week. If you have any concerns you can come to the Mariner's Harbor Library on South Avenue tomorrow, April 12th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM or Muslim American Society at 180 Burgher Avenue on Friday. We have information on our Social Media pages.

Ada Rodriguez, Emblem Health – We have two offices in Staten Island, 1050 Clove Road (old HIP Center) and 4771 Hylan Blvd., where we offer in-person customer service to our members (easy because your profile is in our system) and nonmembers as well. Claims issues, ID cards, authorizations, etc. We have help with financial instability, food instability, assist with housing, You don't need an appointment. We also offer fitness classes at the 4771 Hylan Blvd. location. We offer free Zumba, meditation classes, stretch and breathe, arts & crafts and other fitness classes as well. Brochures are available. Joan Cusack asked about the questions of the transition for city employees to Advantage Care. Ms. Rodriguez has cards with numbers to call for customer care.

George Doyle – State Legislature City Government is trying to pass bills that make us pay for parking on our city streets. We should write all of our city and state legislatures to deny this. It's another tax of the people of NYC especially on Staten Island. Speaking regarding Joe Carroll. Mr. Doyle was in touch with the family and up until today, they received his back pay. Gone almost a year and it has taken this long for his estate to be settled with the City of New York. This is not right for his family. District Manager Joan Cusack said it is a long process and takes time.

Rose Uscianowski of Transportation Alternatives and New Brighton Assistance Committee – hosting a cleanup later this month, the same day as Councilwoman Hanks, Women in Business Expo. It will be on Bank Street which is adjacent to Richmond Terrace that was shutoff when work started for the wheel that never happened. The street went downhill since then. The city won't do it so we are working with EDC. The first will be on April 29th at 2:00 PM. Please share the information.

Prince Cobbina, CCRB – Outreach Coordinator – We are a city agency that investigates allegations of police misconduct. Abuse of authority, abuse of power, racial profiling, offensive language, etc. We investigate and prosecute. We have a monthly community board meeting where you can bring your concerns or ideas to our board members. Go to our website, NYC.Gov/CCRB. The meetings are every other month in the office and then in the community. Tomorrow is our office meeting and then next month in the community in Brooklyn. The next Staten Island Community Meeting will be in September perhaps at the JCC on Jersey Street.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mario Bruno, NYC Environmental Protection, Assistant Commissioner - DEP Amnesty Program. Last time I came here I got married. We are offering a one-time Amnesty which ends on April 30th for eligible water and sewer customers with 100% interest forgiveness and for delinquent accounts also. To see if you qualify, go to NYC.Gov/DEP/Amnesty. Just put in your DEP

account number. You can also call 718-595-7000 or email, Amnesty@DEP.NYC.GOV. You can visit our office Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-7:00 PM, 60 Bay Street, 6th Floor. Chairman Siclari said letters went out from DEP saying the lines need to be inspected. Mr. Bruno will look into it. A resident said she had to pay \$310 for the glass on the meter which was shattered. Also told Mr. Bruno will look into it.

Heeja Pang, Consumer Advocate for National Grid, EAP Energy Affordability Program – We take care of Staten Island, parts of Queens and Brooklyn. Programs we cover are HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), a federally funded grant (not a National Grid Program), available for all heating customers once a year. You can apply if you meet the income guidelines. This past year in November was \$500 for regular HEAP. This closed on March 31st. Emergency HEAP is still open which is \$400. You can get two grants between now and April 28th. Once you get HEAP, National Grid will place you on a monthly discount for a year and then you can reapply for HEAP. You can then be put on a EAP (Energy Affordability Program) monthly program through National Grid. Once you get the HEAP discount, you get a National Grid Grant which is another \$200. Regular HEAP opens up in November of every year to apply. Emergency HEAP opens in January of every year. If you don't meet the guidelines for HEAP, National Grid created two new funds for moderate income. The Hope and Warmth Fund. It will give you \$200 towards your bill. Hearts Fighting Hunger where you can get \$150 towards groceries. If you forget to call any of these, there is still Temporary Assistance Help which is a Federal Grant where you receive temporary assistance or a one-shot deal. There is also an Energy Efficiency Program if you meet the guidelines, Empower New York or the Weatherization Assistance Program. In May HEAP also provides a cooling component called Cooling Assistance where you can get a free window air conditioner or a fan. It used to be you had to have a medical condition but that has been waived. Also you maybe able to get a new heating system from HEAP or a brand new boiler and service your heating equipment. New York State Low Income Water Assistance Program where you can get \$2,500 or \$5,000 for combined water and sewage. Senator Lanza's office will help Senior Citizens fill out applications. A question came up about having issues with getting online with a password with National Grid. Ms. Pang said she will refer them to someone at National Grid. She also said she will do other presentations if needed. Senator Lanza is having an event that National Grid will attend on Friday, May 5th.

Susan Montano – National Grid – Safety Stakeholder Engagement Team – In April there is a major promotion. You need to call 811 before you dig. 40% of people who dig, do not call 811 first and what happens is billions of dollars of damages to the infrastructure. She will send the flyers to the office.

Loretta Cauldwell - Roll Call Attendance – Quorum present.

Chairman Nick Siclari said we are trying places to find a home that we can all vote on in June. St. Mary's Episcopal Church is the heart of our district.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – Excused.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – No report.

Treasurer, Larry Beslow – Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Want to thank everyone for coming. I know it's a rough week due to the Easter holiday. If you like the information electronically, you won't get a packet. As far as the River North Project. We all saw it in the Staten Island Advance. I was elected Chairman and promised this community board I wouldn't waste your time. The people from Madison Capital and River North, they wasted our time. If I had known this, I wouldn't have entertained their motion. They promised 17 story buildings and it was all a farse. They will be building it 25 feet higher than as-of-right. It was said that maybe the city council can rescind this.

District Manager, Joan Cusack - As far as the packets, we will have less people who will want the printed reports.

George Doyle said he wasn't a big fan about how things were done for the District Manager's job but Joan and Linda are running a very efficient office and doing great things for the community.

Chairman Siclari said It's good being in person. If one person saves money with HEAP, we accomplished our goal. We are here for the people.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner – No meeting this month. Some of these projects that are submitted for our approval, we get railroaded from these folks anyway. We need to continue to raise our objections and fight for the community to get the appropriate architecture and densities that we all want.

George Doyle said he's been on Land Use a long time and he has never seen developers like Madison and River North do this to us. We've had some sleazy developers and we've had some good developers like Eric Palatnik and Phil Rampulla. When they come before us and say they will do something and they do it. I still would like to see River North and Madison dropped from building on Staten Island.

Chairman Siclari said the developers know we are advisory only. We are the first stage of a three-stage process. We have 90 days to comment on the Land Use item. It then goes to Borough Board and City Council. They said they needed these buildings a certain size for it to be successful. Chris Rooney proposed a motion to be voted on tonight to restating our objection to the entire project in the first place. To call on the City Council to rescind their approval of the River North Project and rescind the zoning resolution for them to go forward so it would not be as-of-right.

Lillian Lagazzo asked what the elected officials are saying about this.

George Doyle said they promised Councilwoman Rose everything and anything and this is what they do to us after she's gone. I think Mr. Pena should bring back to Councilwoman Hanks our disapproval of this project.

Joe Ahlstrom asked why don't we ask Madison to come to our community board and explain. To say we were willing to work with you but you're not willing to work with us. Doing this motion will accomplish nothing.

Chairman Siclari said we are asking the City Council to rescind. The motion is to write the letter to City Council to deny and rescind the variance on Madison Capital.

Nicholas Zvegintzov said the motion should include to change the zoning law back.

Motion to write the letter to City Council to deny and rescind the variance on Madison Capital
Vote - 26 Yes

Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom – Meeting on March 28th. I'm pleased to announce we got a contract for the engineers on the Staten Island Ferry finally. It took 14 years. We have not gotten a contract for the workers. The captains and mates do not have a contract. Still working on that. We discussed the Mary Cali Dalton Center. We had the assemblyman join us via Zoom and expressed our concerns for Pier 1, the fishing pier and the walk. We will have a meeting in April via Zoom unless we have presenters in which we'll meet at the board office. We had a very productive meeting and thank you those who showed up.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – Mentioned the sanitation flyer starting April 1st with the new hours to put out your garbage. 6pm if it's in a lid container and 8pm if it's in an open container or garbage bag. Hopefully this will help with the rat situation.

George Doyle asked if the Fire Department has a CCRB like the Police Department.

Youth Services - Chairman Siclari said we still have a vacancy for a chair. See Chairman Siclari or Joan Cusack if you're interested. We will also have youth on the committee.

Rules & Legislative, Chris Rooney – No report.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov – The report is in the packet and email. Meeting on March 28th. Report on the Carshare. Ten parking spaces for two companies in our district. We didn't get a report about the intersection of Watchogue and Jewett Avenues. Something was said about widening the street but nobody knows which side of the street.

We got a map of diversions of traffic in a so called open street from the Van Duzer Civic Association regarding Tappan Park.

Is there a new policy about street lighting from DOT and what capital projects are pending. We are looking for a model for all the traffic in our region. The borough commissioner said she doesn't think so because of the complexity. I believe there are such models.

District Manager, Joan Cusack said my father used to tell me that every borough in the city other than Staten Island was built with streets, numbers, etc. Staten Island was built with developments so streets didn't come as easily and carefully as the other boroughs. Everytime a section is built, they then build roads going in and out. You have to start another agency just to put a plan together. Traffic on Staten Island is horrible. We should have such an agency but I don't believe there is one. No one wants to take on that project.

Nick Zvegintzov said in our district, the street plan was more or less established before the 1900's and what we got is what we got.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino – I prepared a letter of support for the Lt. Lia Playground in St. George. It is now in the hands of Parks.

Chairman Siclari said we heard from Nicole Brooks of Parks that they are closed at night. Our area committees used to go to Walker Park, Park House and Silver Lake Park. Mariner's Harbor found a space but are still waiting to hear. West Brighton/St. George will be in person next month.

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell – We didn't have a meeting. We will be meeting next month in person on May 16th at 7PM at RUMC in the Auditorium. We are required to wear masks. Ours is the largest committee which includes West Brighton, New Brighton, St. George and Tompkinsville. If you're a new member, check with the office. We need the attendance because we do vote and we need a quorum.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth & Camille Zarrelli – No meeting. Camille Zarrelli said we are looking for a location. Maybe we can get into Parks in September. Any issues please call the office and Linda will forward to me.

DM Cusack said we have a wonderful person, John McBeth has been going above and beyond to offer his services for the virtual Zoom meetings. I want to thank you John because what you're doing is really great and appreciated. The lack of committee meetings is what made last months full board meeting so long. Talk to John McBeth. Ms.

Zarrelli said the members have to attend. John McBeth said he has the largest area with the smallest crew but members need to attend their area committees.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo – Absent. Chairman Siclari said we have Anthony Sgarlato on the committee. Mr. Guzzo in the past used LaBetti Post for his meetings. Maybe that can start up again.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth – There was a meeting with not much going on. We will have another next week, Tuesday, April 18th. We are slated for virtual but I will reach out to Project Hospitality to see when their room will be ready.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow – Absent. George Doyle said Larry Beslow asked me to thank Joan, Linda and John McBeth for hooking him up with his virtual meeting this month. We are having the people from the men's shelter at 119 Tompkins Avenue coming to speak. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Old Business: George Doyle asked about the progress of Mount Manresa? Chairman Siclari and DM Cusack said nothing is going on there. Also Abba house on the property at St. John's University and selling property like Mount Manresa. DM Cusack said there was a St. John's meeting on April 26th in the St. John's library.

Jermaine Williams, SI NYPD Ambassador – We are having a Baby Shower on May 20th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Central Family Life Center 59 Wright Street. This is the 2nd year we are doing this on Staten Island. There were so many expected moms who came out last time. There are so many things you need and we have things that will always come in handy. Please see the flyer for a QR code.

There are many overdoses happening. Many people are taking the Narcan training and a lot of lives have been saved. Please register to take the training. Marijuana is going to be everywhere. This is what can be laced with substances.

New Business:

Jaclyn Tacoronte spoke. April 18th 11:00 AM at Flagship, Downtown Business Improvement District Meeting (BID). Many small businesses or minority women businesses that are in that district know anything about a new BID. During the height of Covid over 37% of brick and mortar businesses that were managed by minorities or women businesses that were in Stapleton were completely closed. Although we have five active business improvement districts that are managed very well by SIEDC. Business improvement districts beautify streets, etc. When you have an organized panel that is not people who work in your community, live in your community, employ in your community, I have a problem. If you live or own a business in the Stapleton, St. George, North Shore area, two dates of meetings are April 18th at 11:00 AM and the second is May 3rd at 5:30 PM at Edgewater Hall.

Ms. Tacoronte wants to propose a Small Business Committee/Nonprofit Sector like we have for the Functional Committees. Developers and businesses are coming in presenting the world to us and leave and we are left "with a bag with a hole". We need to be proactive. Ms. Uscianowski said there are Columbia University students part of the outreach efforts. Ms. Tacoronte said that's like saying, "we messed up so now we will get young adults out there to get the communities feedback".

When multiple developers and businesses are calling asking if you heard about this. If I didn't hear about this and I'm in the press world for almost twenty years, that means my sisters don't know, my business owners don't know, my community members don't know. We don't like to be in the "not know". "Everything in darkness comes to light". You would be shocked who is on the committee. Not one woman business owner, not one minority and it's disgraceful and a waste of our taxpayers dollars.

Reverse Roll Call for a new Functional Committee being established with Jaclyn Tacoronte as the Chair.

Passed unanimously.

Claudette Duff said she just heard Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Arlington are not adequately represented. Can the board compose a letter to the borough president and Councilwoman. Many people don't know how to get on the board. DM Joan Cusack said you go to the BP's website and the application is there. Ms. Duff said it's not advertised anywhere.

Chairman Siclari said it's the amount of applications and who applies to the board. If they come to three consecutive area committee meetings, can be voting non-board members.

Ms. Uscianowski said the same law that created term limits for community board members, has to do with purposely adequately recruiting people in the communities they serve.

George Doyle said the BP' office and Councilwoman's office put forward the applications to become members of the board.

Joe Ahlstrom he agrees with what's being said but he wants members to show up. We barely have a quorum tonight. Find people in the community that are interested. John McBeth said every email invite he sends out has an application.

DM Joan Cusack said it's a Citywide problem right now. Brooklyn & Bronx Community boards are having a tough time getting diversity. I spoke to approximately 15 people about getting on the board and only two applied. Members should not be interested just for their own personal issues where they live. That is a City Charter Law.

Lillian Lagazzo said Staten Island is a year-round application. Other places, there are deadlines.

Chairman Siclari said we are supposed to be limited out, four two-year terms. We haven't heard anything yet.

Adjourned 8:08 PM.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND/ELM PARK/ARLINGTON

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th 7:00 PM, VIRTUAL:ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Joanie Cusack (District Manager)

George Doyle (CB1)

John McBeth (Chair)

Mary L Bullock (VNM)

Anjail Ameen-Rice (CB/LAC)(present)

Mario Buonviaggio (VNM)

Mir Ali (CB/LAC)(absent)

Stephanie Shavou (VNM)

Telee Brown (CB/LAC) (absent)

Everett Wattley (VNM)

Meeting called to order at 1905

Presentations/Updates:

Presentation Northfield Local Development Corp: Home improvement grant availability

Presentation: How to Join Community Board #1

Old Business:

How to report conditions: 311 (save confirmation number)

NYPL: Port Richmond Library Construction progress 33%

New Business:

HEAP home energy help is available

Demolition/New Building Permit Notices:

None

Liquor License RENEWALS:

Azzurro Restaurant & Catering, 502 Jewett Ave.: (Discussion, **NO** representative present, no objection, no opposition, no issues)

Liquor License NEW Applications:

El Rey De Oros, 150 Port Richmond Ave: (**NO** representative present, **NO** decision). A concern was raised that the current owners may have operated the business under the previous owner's name when there were problematic crimes resulting in a police raid. Owners **MUST** present their business in order to receive acceptance from LAC [amendment] **It was noted in discussion that the applicant premises was 37ft away from an existing "house of worship"**

Car Service Base Operating License Renewal:

Matamoros, 1017 Post Ave. (Discussion, NO representative present, no objection, no opposition, no issues)

Area Interruptions:

None

Civics Reports:

Arlington Community Association
Elm Park Alliance
Mariners Harbor Civic
Mariners Harbor Alliance
Port Richmond Proud
Port Richmond North Shore Alliance

Open Session:

Discussion on Street Sweeper (DSNY) for Richmond Terr
Discussion on Shore/Water Cleanup at Van Name/Van Pelt Park
Discussion on Refurbishment of POST to Community Center
Discussion on South Ave driving conditions
Discussion on Gang graffiti in area
Discussion Traffic and street blocking Housman Ave/Lasalle St/Wright Ave

Next Meeting:

May 16th, 7PM, Virtual ZOOM

Virtual Clifton/Concord/Stapleton Area Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Larry Beslow, Area Chair

Members

Nicholas Siclari
Joan Cusack
John McBeth
George Doyle
Peter Lisi
Friday Ogbewe

Guest

Lynchell Addison
Ramon Guzman
Priscilla Marco
Sam Clarke
Alice, St. George Civic Association

Presenters for Tompkins Avenue Men's Residence (with Power Point Presentation):

Jerry Heaney, Vice President for Transitional Housing for Samaritan Daytop Village.

Alyssa Sanchez, Assistant Vice President for Transitional Housing for Samaritan Daytop Village.

Tia Smith, Overseeing this site - Samaritan Daytop Village

Hailey Nolasco – Assistant Deputy Commissioner of DHS

Yvonne Ballard – Associate Commissioner Adult Shelter Operations for DHS

Jerry Heaney – Thanked us for having him. We presented about 1-1/2 months ago and was asked to do it again. We will do this as many times as we need to for the community because we are in the business of helping people help themselves since 1960. We are in the five boroughs as well as Suffolk, Rockland and Ulster Counties and run transitional housing centers, residential drug treatment programs, senior center and recovery centers and an outpatient clinic on Forest Avenue. It was run by Daytop and we merged with them six years ago. New York Foundling is the owner of 119 Tompkins Avenue and will remain the landlord of the property and we will be the tenant. We will be running a 100-bed shelter for men. The length of the contract is 9 years with a 5-year award with a 4-year renewal period.

Alyssa Sanchez – Program services includes groups like anger management, harm reduction, coping skills. Full recreational activities, with basketball courts, yard and a smoking area. Outpatient programs for mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse. Full staff with case managers, housing specialists, employment specialists. It's a 24 hour a day facility. We will have our social services staff 12-hour days between 8-4 and 4-12, 7 days a week and operation staff overnight. Individuals who can live on their own and are eligible for employment. We will connect them to educational programs and employment programs in the community and outside of Staten Island.

Jerry Heaney – We will have on-site Community Advisory meetings in the future. Behind the location is a large green space for recreation and to congregate. There is a full working kitchen where we cook the food ourselves. Better quality food. Treating these men correctly is paramount, treating them with

dignity and respect and they will act accordingly. The goal is that the men move out in a year. Maintenance will be contracted out to a company to cover the cleaning, taking out garbage, repairs, etc. Targeted date is end of July. We started recruitment and several job fairs. Work Force One on Bay Street. We will hire staff from the community. We will have security, three guards per shift with our staff. Contractually obligated to do (CAB) Community Advisory Board Meetings are quarterly. We will do external patrols.

Larry Beslow said the community didn't know about the location beforehand. You have three major schools in the area. One directly across the street.

Jerry Heaney said when the men leave they will be getting on a bus to the ferry. If there are issues with loitering, let us know immediately. We can't project what may happen but how we respond and connect with the local precinct. The security director is an ex-NYPD officer. Samaritan Daytop Village runs 32 locations.

Yvonne Ballard said our shelters have a Good Neighbor Policy. That policy is given to all shelter residents. We and DHS would move any individual to doesn't adhere to this policy. We don't run a Methadone Program but we do run a shelter.

Questions: How would the staff address unruly participants. There is a shelter off of Victory where those participants are always causing trouble. Are sex offenders allowed? Ms. Sanchez said again it's Good Neighbors. The participant will be working with a case manager and social workers. We will know if the area is not an appropriate setting for the individual. It's like anyone breaking the law. Ms. Ballard said we can't discriminate a person with a criminal background. If someone is a parole with a sex offender restriction, they will not be able to come to this place.

Question from Ramon Guzman: I work in the Human Services Program and was in treatment. I'm familiar with these programs. Having Peers in your shelter is very important. I don't see many shelters in the South Shore. Are there curfews? There is a clinic on Tompkins and Vanderbilt. Ms. Nolasco said answered there is a curfew at 11:00 PM. If they are working, they can get a pass and come back later. Mr. Heaney said you can come to the CAB meetings and give your input.

George Doyle said Project Hospitality curfews, part of DHS didn't work and clients come and go as they please. Three schools and two nursing homes in the area. Mentioned the debacle on 44 Victory Blvd. Senator Savino, a law where you cannot put up shelters in a community without coming to us first and that's not what you did. We never received a Job Fair notice.

Mr. Heaney – Most men will not want to lose their bed because there are others that will want it. A few civic centers want us to speak with them. We will meet with Van Duzer Civic. The jobs that are posted can be held by anyone in the community or even a past shelter member. They need to meet the criteria. High School Diploma or GED, etc. We will send the next Job Fair information to the community board.

Question: Are the men in the shelter from Staten Island or all five boroughs and what is the selection process?

Ms. Ballard said we prioritize those living in a particular community. They'll also be individuals that are not from here but want to start anew to move away from a life that they had.

Question on what type of skills are going to be taught? Ms. Sanchez stated we talk about budgeting. Prioritizing and organizing, activities of daily living. It depends on what the individual will need. Employment specialists on resume writing, job searches online. Teaching how to negotiate rent or speak to a landlord. We just had a graduating class of men who became Forklift Operators. There are decent people in shelter.

Question from Van Duzer Civic, Peter Lisi: We are not against helping and assisting the homeless. The City of New York has put every shelter in a close proximity, three of them between two nursing homes and two schools. The city made the worst decision by placing these shelters in the wrong location. We were told these places are coming with none of our input. DSS has to get their act together. We have a Methadone Clinic in the proximity of a park. It takes about 1-1/2 to get someone in permanent housing. Please attend our meetings and keep us informed in what's going on. Ms. Nolasco said she wants to keep the lines of communication open. Mr. Heaney said maybe someone from the Van Duzer Civic can attend our CAB meetings.

George Doyle asked for the contact information on how to apply for these jobs. I know someone looking for a cook job. Mr. Heaney said most people apply right on our website.

Mr. Heaney assured Larry Beslow, George Doyle and Peter Lisi will be on the CAB meetings.

Adjourned.

Land Use Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 7:00 PM
CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Committee Members

George Turner, Chairman
Chris Rooney, Co-Chair
Larry Beslow
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes, Ab
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi, Ab
Friday Ogbewe
Nicholas Siclari, Ex. Officio
Camille Zarrelli

Guests

Elyse Foladare, Esq., Eric Palatnik's Office
Arne Fareth, DEP Presenter
Aditei Puplampu, DEP Presenter
Robert Olivari, DEP
Loretta Cauldwell
Nicole Brooks

Non-Board Members

Phil Farinacci

Agenda

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Silver Lake Reservoir Rehabilitation – Restore historic architecture of the two gatehouses, upgrade gate valve and piping infrastructure, Fill abandoned water mains and remove trees.

A presentation was given with slides. A concern was brought up regarding the fencing around the reservoir not being high enough. A 6-foot fence was suggested which is not part of this plan.

Board of Standard and Appeals – 43 Cunard Avenue, SI, NY 10304 – 2016-4142 A Thru 2016-4146 A – Seeks to permit the construction of a two-family residence, which does not front on a legally mapped street contrary to General City Law § 36.

Elyse Foladare, Esq. gave a presentation: GCL 36 for a 30 x 30 foot driveway because the home will not front on a mapped street, but will front on the driveway.

Motion to approve – Passed unanimously – 10 yes.

Staten Island Community Board 1 Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Grymes Hill/Westerleigh/Willowbrook
Area Committee Meeting

May 3, 2023 Wednesday 7:00 PM at Safari Realty, 1958 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY

Committee Attendance: (More detailed attendance sheet on File at Board Office)

Camille Zarrelli	CB1 Area Co-Chair
Timothy Forsyth	CB1 Area Co-Chair
Fran Reali	CB1 Member
Samir Farag	CB1 Member
Captain Joseph Ahlstrom	CB1 Member
Mohan Radhakrishna	CB1 Board Member
Andrew Dorman	CB1 Member Area Member
Sunny Jain	Excused
James West	Absent
Bruce Lauria	Westerleigh Improvement Society
Michael Morrell	Westerleigh Improvement Society (WIS) Past President

Additional Attendance sheet on file at Board office

District Manager CB#1 Joan Cusack, Assemblyman Sam Pirozzolo, and reps for Borough President ? and Councilman Carr 's office in attendance.

Called to Order 7:15 pm

Scheduled agenda item was the required Notification of a new Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensary License Application for NugHub LLC at 1975 Victory Boulevard, owner Michael Gertelman present with his attorney David Feder remotely via laptop. Mr. Gertelman gave brief intro and answered numerous questions from Committee. His premises manager, Jonathan Cohen, spouse and parents in attendance as well. He started that his permitted hours could be up to 18 hours per day, seven days a week, initially planning 8 AM to 12 Midnight. The first 6 months will be primarily delivery services only. He will have a security guard present during operating hours. His entity will occupy the entire building at 1975 Victory Boulevard, with a 1500 sq. ft. dispensary, and "related businesses" in other sections. This will be a retail dispensary for recreational marijuana sales, not for prescribed medical marijuana, with sources and prices regulated by the N.Y.S. Office of Cannabis Management. It appears that under the present regulatory procedure , the Community Board has no authority to approve or disapprove the provisional license application, but may only comment within a thirty-day window that commenced on April 24th. It was noted that the application must take into account how residential the area is and that all the side streets off Victory Boulevard in the area are predominantly residential. It was further noted that under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance like heroin and cocaine, regardless of N.Y.S. law, and the DEA has the authority to enforce the Federal law for illegal use at such a dispensary location. Assemblyman Pirozzolo spoke out at length in opposition to the proposed dispensary site as well as the entire licensing approval process. With a quorum present, the Committee referred the matter to the Full Board for consideration with a Motion to request Community Board authority to approve or disapprove

such dispensary license applications, similar to the N.Y.S. liquor license application process, and refers that to the Rules and Legislation Committee.

Mr. Gertelman and his counsel were invited to attend the CB1 Full Board Meeting on May 9th, and the Committee is requesting that this matter be a scheduled Agenda Item.

Under New Buisness

Assemblyman Pirozzolo also spoke of community concerns regarding siting of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in North Shore residential areas.

Westerleigh Improvement Society: Mike Morrell stated that there are reports and concerns of unleashed dogs in Westerleigh Park that are a potential issue for dog walkers and children and other users of the Park, and requests that the Department of Parks be notified and for increased Parks Enforcement Patrol there.

In closing we extended our appreciation and thanks to Fran & Frank Reali for hosting the meeting space for the area meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

Joseph Bird, Christopher Campbell, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan, Catherine Schiavone, Sean Sheil, Siyda Williams

Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Virtual Report of May 9, 2023

Transportation Committee meetings

None currently scheduled.

NYS DOT's Functional Class Viewer

In the Transportation Committee meeting, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, we had asked the NYC DOT:

- Are there models of the whole District, Island, region?

Seemingly not. Only local ad hoc models of, e.g., proposed signals or proposed one-way.

But the NYS DOT has a functional classification of *all* NYS's roads, and a Functional Class Viewer

<https://gis.dot.ny.gov/html5viewer/?viewer=FC>

to view them with.

The screen shot on the next page illustrates the classification of some roads according to NYS.

Near the Clove Road intersection with I-278:

(01) _____ Principal Arterial Interstate: I-278 (not surprising)

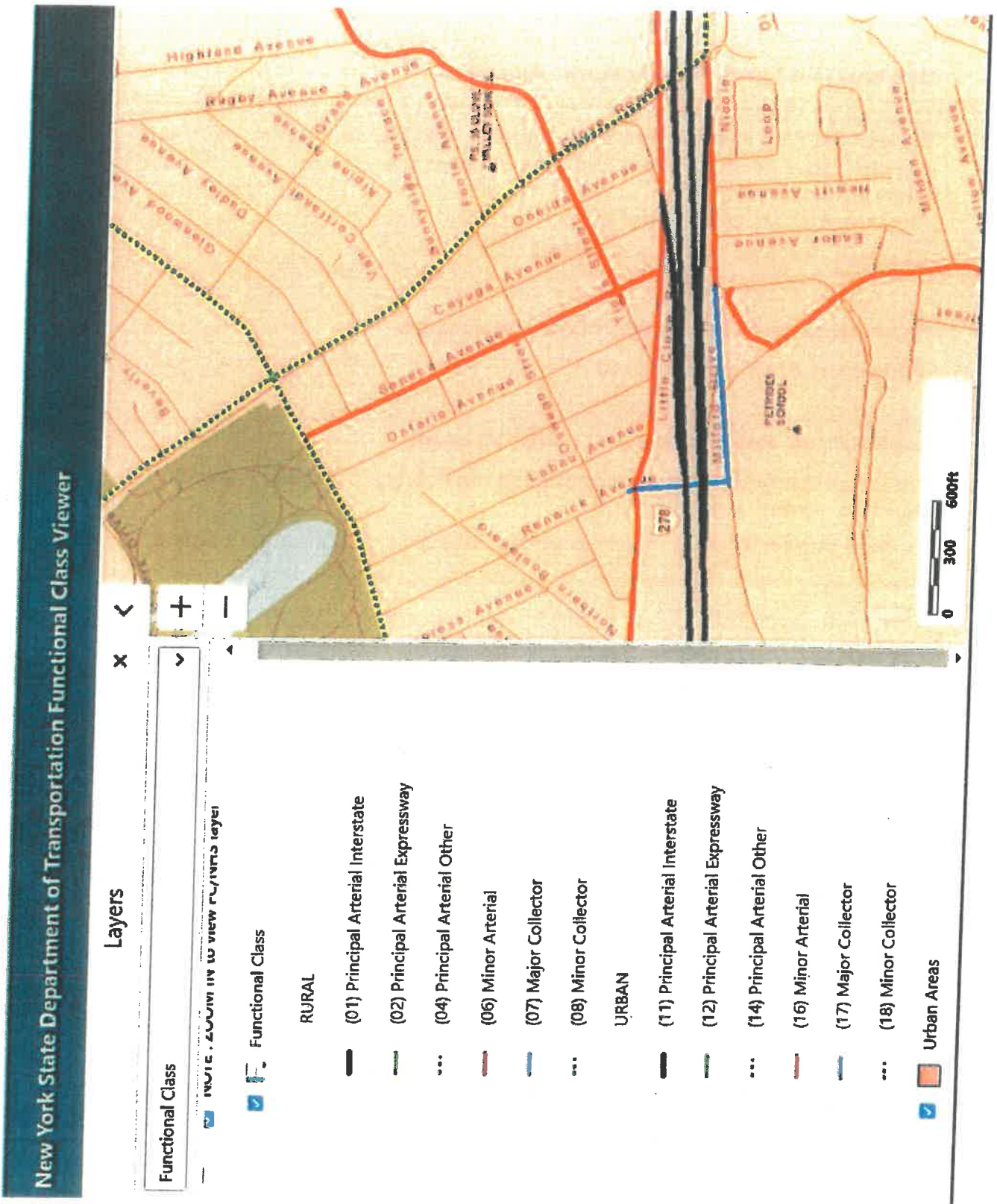
(04) - - - - - Principal Arterial Other: Clove Rd.

(06) _____ Minor Arterial: Howard Ave., Tioga St., Seneca Ave.

Seneca Ave. is perhaps a surprise.

Do different classifications imply different traffic policies?

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair



Treasurer's Report - FY 2023

May 2023

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/22</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00	\$ 1,508.99
101 Printing Expense	200.00	20.00
110 Food & Forage	1,150.00	150.00
117 Postage	200.00	0
199 Data Process Suppl.	450.00	0
300 General Equip.	50.00	0
314 Office Furniture	140.00	1,140.00
315 Office Equipment	250.00	0
332 Data Process Equip.	294.00	0
337 Book Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
400 Contractual Svces.	1,500.00	500.00
40B Communication (Paid by OTI for our telephone bills – not our budget spending money)	3,013.00	853.00
403 Office Services	150.00	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	3,470.00	719.59
451 Carfare	0	0
452 Special Event	0	0
622 Contractor	0	0
700 Chase Imprest Fund (Money for Imprest Checks only- not our budget spending money)	500.00	500.00
TOTAL:	\$13,062.00	\$ 5,641.58

PLEASE NOTE: EACH CODE IS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER CODES AS LONG AS THE TOTAL ALLOCATION IS THE SAME.

LARRY BESLOW, CB1 TREASURER
CONTRACTS

ENCUMBERED FOR FY2023

IF YOU WISH TO RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME
NEXT TO THE POSITION YOU WISH TO RUN FOR. YOU
MAY CHOOSE ONE POSITION ONLY

CHAIR _____

FIRST VICE-CHAIR _____

SECOND VICE-CHAIR _____

THIRD VICE-CHAIR _____

SECRETARY _____

TREASURER _____

IF YOU ARE CHOOSING TO RUN, THIS FORM MUST BE
RETURNED TO THE BOARD OFFICE OR THE SECRETARY
BEFORE THE MAY MEETING.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE
OFFICE.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE A BOARD MEMBER FOR
ONE YEAR TO RUN FOR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
POSITION.

Ballot

Please circle the place you would like our future meetings starting in September 2023 to June 2024.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
347 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310
(Where we had our April 2023 Meeting)

Salem Church
634 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY 10310
(Where we had our November 2022 Meeting)



RE: Notification of adult-use retail dispensary license application

License Type: New Establishment

Previous DBA:

License Number:

Dear Municipal Clerk/NYC Community Board:

This serves as notification that I (name) Michael Gertelman
of (dba) NugHub NY LLC

have obtained a provisional license from the Cannabis Control Board and intend to file an application for
full licensure with the Office of Cannabis Management to open a

☒ retail dispensary

☐ on-site consumption business

in (county name) Richmond County
located at:

☒ This business, once the license is approved, shall be

Street: 1975 Victory Boulevard

Unit:

City of Steten Island

Zip code: 10314

The mailing address is (if different from business location):

Street: 1492 Clov Road

Unit:

City/Town/Village: Staten Island

State: Zip code: 10301

(As applicable, name of business if different from above)
has retained the legal services of (attorney or representative)

Name: David Feder

Street: 225 Broadway