

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –

TUESDAY, February 13th – 6:30 P.M.

Virtual on Zoom

SESSION OPENING

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

PUBLIC SESSION: Representative from Councilmember Kamillah Hank's office, (Michael Arvanites or Marci Bishop), Agnes McBeth, Anthony Scutari, Crystal Montalvo, Nina Salerno, Saul Porter, Peter Levine, Giomelly Barton, Travis Carter, Sarah Cooper, Mishell Coronel, Frederick Marte, Neil Anastasio, Michael Colacurto, Jeanne Raleigh

Presentations:

1. Adam Stojanovski, Pascale Bernard, and Phillip Rumsey of Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) – Cannabis Dispensary Guidelines.
2. Jasmilka Gonzalez of Women In Need, Inc. (WIN) will be giving us an update on the Shelter on Victory Blvd.

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---Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth

---Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe

---Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell

---Treasurer, Sunny Jain

---Chairman, Nicholas Siclari

--- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

---Land Use, George Turner

---Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom

---Public Services, Sunny Jain

---Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna

---Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth

---Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino

---Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov

---Small Business & Non-Profit Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

AD HOC COMMITTEE

---Labor, Robert Holst

---Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino

---Cultural Affairs, Anthony Sgarlato

---Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

---West Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff, Anthony Cosentino

---Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth

---Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo

---Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner

---Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual on Zoom**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

Joe Ahlstrom
Michelle Akyempong
Arguello, Tatiana
Berksteiner, Dora
Berksteiner, Doreen
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Andre Ciprut
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo
Anthony Cosentino
Claudette Duff
Samir Farag
Omar Ferriera, ab
Timothy Forsyth
Selina Grey
John Guzzo, ab
Robert Holst
Linda Huff
Sunny Jain
Linda Juarbe, ex

Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Ali Lula, ab
David McGoy
Nicole Meyers, ab
Mohan Radhakrishna
Alina Nevradakis
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige
Francine Reali
Joshua Renta
Cindy Salzillo, ab
Catherine Schiavone
Anthony Scutari
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil
Nicholas Siclari
Jaclyn Tacoronte
George Turner
Siyda Williams, ab
Steven Williams
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests

Marie LaFrancesca, BP Fossella Office, Makeda Campbell, Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office, David Pena, CM Hank's Office, Agnes McBeth, DA McMahon's Office, Nick Robbins, AM Pirozzolo's Office, Mary Bullock, Jermaine Williams, Rosemary Algerio, Sarah Gowell, Victoria Carstensen, Andrew Dorman, Catherine Burke, Charlie Olson, Jenn Holder, R.V. Augusty, Mr. Lindy Peter Crescitelli, Alicia Boyd, Barbara Wood, Frederick Marte, Lisa Barbieri, A. Lawrence, Giomelly Barton, Elena Brady, CM David Carr's office, Shellise Rogers, Samantha Bright, Miriam Arnold, Nicole Brooks, Prince Cobbina, Marsha Russell, Michael Morrell, Jason Price, Jeanne Raleigh, Joe Pozzolano, Everett Wattle, Fitim Shabani, Bruce Lauria, Alicia Boyd, Rhonda Hogan-Brock

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nicholas Siclari- 6:32PM

Roll Call and Attendance - Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Quorum present.

Chairman Siclari said with the winter storm and rising Covid and RSV cases, we shifted to a Zoom meeting. Hospitals have mask mandates again. If the area committee meets at RUMC, be aware of that.

A moment of silence for a fixture in the West Brighton Community, Dr. Louis Gianvito, a terrific man, practicing physician for a long time. He opened his house to everyone. He passed away Monday, 1/8/2024 at 96 years old. You'll be seeing it on SILIVE.

Public Session - Friday Ogbewe:

David Pena, CM Kamillah Hank's Office: I'm glad the meeting is virtual as I am sick. Hope you had a happy holiday season and a start to the new year. The Discretionary Application season is opening and closing on February 20th. It's money that our office allocates for non for profits who do work in our district. You can apply on the City Council website or go to DiscretionaryApplicationNYC.gov.

Nick Robbins, AM Sam Pirozzolo's Office: Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. The big fight is coming up on Congestion Pricing. The MTA has opened up the Public Comment Period for the final implementation and details of the Congestion Pricing Plan. The public is invited to provide comments online through email, phone and fax through March 11th. They will be holding hybrid, virtual and public hearings beginning on February 29th. Reach out to the MTA and make your voice heard. Please feel free to reach out to our office.

We have a bill coming up to introduce a \$6,000 tax deduction to veterans who are honorary discharged and remaining in New York State. We are losing too many veterans to other states who treat them better in that regard.

Regarding the Budget, Governor Hochul outlined her State of the State. Look at the Assemblyman's statements on his website and social media to see how he feels about the Governor's proposals today. We want to hear your priorities going into the budget season.

Agnes McBeth, DA McMahon's Office: We continue to do the work to keep Staten Islanders safe. Certain avenues of crime are down 20% over last year. Staten Island continues to be the safest borough in the city. Our Fentanyl Task Force has just wrapped up their sessions and have put together their recommendations for the Governor by way of funding. We will be hosting a Press Conference within a day or two about the findings of our Fentanyl Task Force. Lastly, we will continue to prosecute crime. There was a recent arrest of a school secretary from P.S. 21, Michele Cenci, facing an 18-count indictment for stealing funds that were supposed to go to programs for kids of the school. We will continue to prosecute her heavily and all those who break the law. Happy New Year to everyone. I, too have been under the weather so thank you for this pivot.

Anthony Scutari, CB1 Board Member: Happy New Year. The Bread of Life Food Drive is coming, Tentative date, March 23rd, 6:00 AM at Farrell High School. It ends as fast as we unload the trucks. Picked up on Friday and distributed on Saturday. Last year we collected over 100,000 pieces of food from all the schools on Staten Island and 20 schools in Brooklyn. We distributed to 27 recipients in Staten Island and Brooklyn. All hands are needed. We need students. We usually get the Football Team. Nick Siclari, Bobby Holst and myself have been doing this for 31 years. It started with Bob Griswald's van and a van from Forest Electric. It's up to about 7 box trucks from my union alone, 5 from Notre Dame club rentals. When we started the need was there but now it's getting worse. We are the richest country in the world where no child should go hungry. I see a lot of food pantries popping up. There is one on Forest Avenue by Lowe's. It's sad to see. In Brooklyn especially. They see the vans coming, people are waiting outside. You can see the desperation in their faces. I will have further details next month. I will speak again next month or Robert Holst or Nicholas Siclari.

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong: Happy New Year everyone. I appreciate the Zoom meeting. We have a deadline coming up for our Military Banners which is January 31st. If you ever thought of honoring a veteran in your life, now is the time. You go to our website and click on the form. Their banner and biography will remain on the website as-long-as there's a website.

Jermaine Williams, NYPD Community Liaison: Happy Prosperous New Year. I am now in charge of missing seniors due to Alzheimer's or Dementia and Youth, 12-18 years of age. The Blue-Chip Mentoring Program which is free and twice a week. Once the child is in the program, we will pick them up and drive them home for safe passage. We have Basketball, Flag Football, Pickle Ball, Volleyball and we are starting to rollout Golf. We have a golf professional, Commissioner Lynn. We continue with our Quality of Life concern. This is a multi-agency concern. Please send any concerns to me or the Community Board. Please stay off the highways. It is really bad out there with flooding, etc. Stay safe everyone.

Chairman Siclari said it looks like the meetings will be dictated by the weather. I'm not in the business of getting anyone sick. If this were all snow, we'd be trapped for days. Thank God we have a remote option which we can do on the fly. If the area committees want to use our Zoom account, please do. West Brighton/St. George meeting, not sure you want to wear masks at RUMC?

Makeda Campbell, Community Liaison for Senator Scarcella-Spanton's office: Happy New Year to everyone. Veteran's Non-Profit Capital Project, Round II. The application due date is April 19th. I have a flyer I can share. The meeting will be via Zoom. There will be a couple of sessions. We continue to do mobile offices. Tomorrow, we will be at CHASI on Richmond Terrace, 3:30PM to 5:30 PM. On Thursday, we will be at St. Joseph's Bingo Hall at 4:00PM. On Friday we will be at the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center at 11:30AM. The Senator is taking on Congestion Pricing. It places an unfair financial burden, health threats, causing traffic/pollution, and detrimental effects on our air quality. Senator Scarcella-Spanton is proud to support the Borough President, Vito Fossella in the lawsuit to stop this from being implemented.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino - No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth - No report.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe - No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell - Happy New Year. Welcome back. Looking forward to a very productive year.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain - Report is in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari - At Land Use, the City of Yes, we have the second component, Economic Opportunity. We sent out the PDF presented to us. Presently, only Peter Lisi and I filled out our worksheet. The entire document is 1,000 pages. Some of it has really great aspects, for example complaints about auto repair shops. There are things that are not great. The city is trying to encompass a 5-borough document. Some may never apply to us. The one thing that bothers me is the agricultural part. It's not going to be vegetables, but Cannabis. Take the time to look at it and fill it out all 18 points, deadline January 31st. We will see what happens next month with Covid and RSV cases and the weather.

District Manager, Joan Cusack: Happy New Year. Everyone looks great. Looking forward to moving ahead with all the issues coming up this year. Nick spoke about the City of Yes. January 31st is the deadline to return the worksheet. If we want to have a voice, we need to get those forms in. We are working with Community Board 2. They are doing the same. We are trying to get DDC to come to our Waterfront meeting either January 23rd or February 27th to give us an update on the Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center Project which starts in February. We will send the notification to everyone in case others want to come. (The meeting changed from in-person to a Zoom meeting). Everything is going well on the day to day operations. Linda and I decided to get our own Zoom account for the office. For the area committee meetings, you may feel more comfortable if someone on your committee has their own Zoom account. Finally, we need board members on the Land Use Committee and Cultural Affairs Committee. Linda will send an email asking for new members. The Land Use Committee is the most important committee according to the City of New York. We should have at least 15 board members. Presently, we have 10 members.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner- We had two applications.

27 Wetmore Road – Special Hillside Preservation District. Asking for our endorsement to keep certain conditions that have appeared to be built at this property's backyard without filing plans with the city. We don't have the authority to approve this. It's more of a city planning issue on one hand and the Department of Buildings on the other hand. We call these "non-invasive approvals". It's not going to affect anyone. These are small single-family home issues. We usually don't have a problem with this in terms of supporting it. This proposal will have some issues with DOB and City Planning before it needs to come to us. The Land Use Committee had no objections to the improvements, pool, deck, and gazebo-type structure as long as they receive City Planning approval and DOB approval. I think they will have to modify the improvements to get the approvals. A yes vote would be to support our letter that we will send to City Planning and Buildings that they would bring it up to code. The Land Use Committee voted yes unanimously with 8 out of 10 members present.

Roll Call by Loretta Cauldwell - Passes unanimously. 36-0-0.

City of Yes, Economic Opportunity – There are four goals to this. Most of these will not affect Staten Island. The committee thought there were a lot of positives but the document is 1000 pages at which 850 pages has nothing to do with Staten Island. 18 Proposals.

Goal 1: Make it easier for businesses to find space and grow.

Goal 2: Boost growing industries.

Goal 3: Enable more business-friendly streetscapes.

Goal 4: Create new opportunities for businesses to open.

No vote was taken at the Land Use Committee due to their being 18 components to look over more carefully. We will have the Full Board members look over the materials and send in the worksheet by January 31st deadline.

Alicia Boyd from Brooklyn spoke. Political activist. Has done a lot of research on these proposals. Website: MTOPP.org. They broke down these proposals.

Chairman Siclari said this is very encompassing. Please look over these and send them in. There will be one more component in the Spring: Housing.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom - Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30PM (changed to a Zoom meeting from an in-person meeting due to having DDC to speak about the Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center Project starting - they prefer Zoom).

Public Services, Sunny Jain - No snow yet. On the homeless shelter, we have tried to contact them numerous times with no response back to my three emails. They haven't opened yet. Supposed to open in November 2023. Tatiana Arguello said they are open. We will have to get in touch with them.

Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna - No meeting. Looking at our agenda for the next month meeting. We received a flyer from the office. Emergency drop-in services for young people. Operating out of Project Hospitality Facilities. We are working on having that program director come speak to us.

Chairman Siclari said the Youth Committee chairs are doing a great job. In the warmer months you can get in touch with Robert Holst, Labor Committee, youth input on jobs, etc.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth - No meeting.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino - No report.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov - Meeting on Monday, January 22nd on Zoom. The Zoom link is in the report. We will be talking about "Daylighting" which is making sure we can see around corners. There is a state law about Daylighting but the situation is "murky". (We will have a speaker from DOT and hopefully the NYPD). On December 12th, we passed the resolution to approve the North Shore Rapid Transit (BRT). This is the old North Shoreline, a dedicated separated, does not cross any other traffic, right of way for 5-1/2 miles from Arlington to St. George. This by far would be the fastest transit of the North Shore. The MTA seems to be reasonable wanting to do this which is good news and we approved it. We do not want buses on Richmond Terrace near the Ferry Terminal. A certain agency objected to the buses going under the Ferry Terminal into the SIRT station. Things have changed there and we hope to get their approval now. We hope to get the buses turned around in the older platforms of the station. Someone wants to know why the express buses do not go to St. George. There was no secret agreement as far as I can tell. Premium buses are expensive. There is an \$11.79 subsidy per passenger. The MTA does not want to use these buses hanging around in traffic and it's too expensive. If you start an express bus at St.

George, it will take, to the Verrazzano Bridge, 10-24 minutes in rush hour. To the Bayonne Bridge, 14-26 minutes and to the Goethals Bridge, 16-35 minutes. In that time, you may as well have caught a ferry and gone to Manhattan. The BRT may be a big help here. The city will "rue the day" that they let the SIRT South Beach branch goes down and they sold off the right of way but it goes dead to the center of the Verrazzano Bridge Plaza. It's sad that that dedicated right of way got built over.

Chairman Siclari said Nicholas Zvegintzov's level of diplomacy has gotten better as he aged a bit and then you shot that right out of the water. Nicholas, you did a wonderful job on the BRT. Charles Fall did ask for a letter from the Community Board that he will present to the Governor on Thursday. Thank you and your committee for doing a wonderful job. The U.N. will call you for diplomacy at any given moment.

Lillian Lagazzo made comments to the MTA to tweak that project. Areas from Snug Harbor to the Richmond Terrace site. Eliminating parking wasn't good and will impact businesses for which I am not in favor. You're only saving 5.6 minutes in travel time from south near the Hilton to the Ferry. They have \$1.3 billion with \$34 annual million for operating expenses and \$64 million to buy the vehicles.

Question: Lindy Peter Crescitelli said Snug Harbor reached out to us at New Brighton Civic with concerns about the way the BRT and its current design raised and blocking their view and eliminating their dock. Has Snug Harbor reached out to you?

Nicholas Zvegintzov said yes they did. Snug Harbor first brought this to my attention that we had a deadline on the reaction. The Snug Harbor problem, the right of way of the old North Shore line fell into the water. The engineers said they could build back on the right of way. That's the good news. The bad news is that if you do new construction, you are not grandfathered in and you have to be 25 foot above sea level. Hurricane Sandy was 23 foot above sea level. That's the situation.

Lillian Lagazzo said she doesn't know where all the elected officials feel about this BRT but the State Senator Scarcella-Spanton had some objections that she was presenting to the MTA. Police turnaround times and other factors that need to be resolved.

We sent a letter by the 22nd that we support this but to solve the problem of the buses turning around in St. George.

Small Business & Non-Profit, Jaclyn Tacoronte - January 8th, we hosted our committee meeting at Mariachi a new spot that is owned by a minority woman business owner at 10 Minthorne Street. We had Christopher Campbell, Peter Lisi and Dr. Allison Brown. A few sick absences. We discussed needs assessments. There is an outstanding DRI funding, \$1.2 to \$1.6 million. We requested to Governor Hochul's office for this to be distributed to two merchants associations. One in Stapleton and one in St. George. Also for DOT lighting, sidewalks, landscapes, garbage cans, welcome banners, etc. There are some updates to the BOA announcement. Brownsville Opportunity Assessment that is management by SIEDC. SIEDC had some internal reconstructing, staffing, etc. We have some recommendations that we would like to discuss to Joan, Nick or CB1 for the next steps. City Council Discretionary Funding by Kamillah Hanks. The application deadline is 1/20/24. On January 18th there is a Passport session that Non-Profit of Staten Island is hosting. You have to have a Passport account. The city mentioned a second rollout about 90 days ago. The website crashed. It's a challenge. If you're dealing with city contracts, you should join. January 25th, Non-Profit Staten Island is hosting a member and non-member event at the St. George Theater. Next meeting is Monday, February 5th. 6:00 PM at the old Bin 5 location. It is now called Mello Bistro, 1233 Bay Street.

District Manager, Joan Cusack asked if anyone from the West Shore Industrial BID has reached out? Jackie said this was five years ago and it went stagnant. Once the funding was received and there was a change of new leadership at SIEDC. I haven't heard much. DM Cusack asked Jaclyn if she could get more information because CB2 said CB1 is involved. Jaclyn said SIEDC has rolled out several knew merchants associations including the Rosebank Merchant's Association.

George Turner asked Jaclyn if she can take a look at the City of Yes information as it applies to the North Shore "semi-urban". Your insight on how the businesses work and what's needed. Jaclyn said don't be upset if I call out all the things that need to be changed.

Anthony Sgarlato asked about the Rosebank Merchant Association with SIEDC? Jaclyn said the DA Michael McMahon hosted a meet and greet with him about 9 months ago due to a lot of break-ins and burglaries in restaurants including Vinum and Don Cheech. Rosebank Merchant Association is different from a Business Improvement District. \$400,000 to \$700,000 signed off by a Councilmember. A merchant association is a collective group of small business owners work together to beautify the neighborhood. They manage, vote on behalf of safety, lighting, garbage cans, etc. The West Shore BID and the New Dorp BID they are all Business Improvement Districts that receive funding at the time it was through Steve Matteo's office. The Rosebank Merchant Association are still in their 'infancy' stages. They just hosted a holiday event and Council member Hank's had sponsored. Our involvement with CB1 is very minimal because they receive funding from the city. Unless there's a liquor license, rezoning, land use, etc. CB1 has an opportunity to insert themselves to help them flourish. There was Liz and Ely but now with the restructuring, I'll find out who is there now.

Labor, Robert Holst - A letter we would like CB1 to sign off on in support of the Ferry workers. Senator Spanton talked about it. We want to send to the other elected officials. The letter is for legal protections for Ferry workers. Clear and severe penalties will act as a deterrent. Training and support programs for ferry workers to de-escalate conflicts. Establish support systems to workers who have experienced trauma. To enhance security measures with security personnel and surveillance systems. Public awareness campaign to let everyone know how serious this is and promote a culture of respect to the workers.

Reverse roll call by Loretta Cauldwell. Passes unanimously with 1 ineligible.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino - No meeting.

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato - Added board member to committee, Andre Ciprut. Chairman Siclari thanked Tony Sgarlato for taking over this committee.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali - On Thursday, I will be installed as the 62nd President of the Staten Island Board of Realtors. I've been busy. We did not have a meeting. I need to sit with Nick and Joan to see what I need to do with this role. I reached out to both hospitals to get stats on Covid and RSV. The response was see us next week. Chairman Siclari said the mask mandate is back in the hospitals and congratulated Fran Reali.

West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino - December 18th, had a small and short meeting. Liquor licenses and one Cannabis license on Forest Avenue. We approved the first Cannabis license. Anthony and I would like to see more members at these meetings. We are the largest committee in CB1. We are only getting 6-7 board members at these meetings. We are not having a quorum. The meeting is every third Tuesday of the month. Normally at RUMC but will consider doing Zoom if the weather is bad. Next meeting will be January 16th.

Chairman Siclari said that West Brighton/St. George has the most members. It's tough to get a quorum. Hopefully Zoom will help us.

Lillian Lagazzo asked for a written agenda on the area committee meetings in advance so we know who is attending. People just show up at the meeting.

There was a discussion from Anthony Cosentino that the committee agendas should go to all members of the committee and not just the chairs of the committee. That will be worked on.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth - No meeting. Next meeting is 1/17/24 at Safari Realty weather permitting.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo - Anthony Sgarlato said no meeting.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner - We had a meeting on December 18th. We had 4 liquor licenses with votes taken. Minutes are in the packet. Chairman Siclari said we are recommendation only. You should give reasons when you vote no and be restrictive with times. The next meeting is on 1/16/24 via Zoom. Chairman Siclari said the chairs are doing a great job with this committee.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisl- Chairman Siclari thanked Peter for the only one who sent in the City of Yes Worksheet. Peter asked everyone to send theirs in. I heard other boroughs are listening to the Community Board and adding things. No meeting/no agenda. A lot of exciting things happening along our waterfront. Our meetings are every third Thursday of the month at the Stapleton Library. We need a quorum. If you can't make the meetings, please remove yourself so we can get someone else. City of Yes, my area is very unique from the rest of Staten Island. A lot of it is good but some will not be good. Other boroughs have a uniqueness that SI doesn't have to these proposals. Landscape, occupancy etc., is so different than the other boroughs and it should not apply. The urban agriculture, it's great to have agriculture but we don't want saturation of blocks of marijuana growers. They need to limit the amount of marijuana growth sites. Monitor and enforce them. Life sciences, longevity and health but there is also a hazardous waste problem. We don't want saturation of life science businesses. Limit nightlife establishments in one area. Home occupation allow entrepreneurs to do business in their homes to start out so they can expand. Fortune 500 companies like IBM and Amazon were started in garages. You have to make sure you don't get saturated mechanic shops. Corner stores, will allow within 100 feet. Majority of blocks are under 100 feet. Deli's, Bordegas, smoke shops should be limited. I appreciate all of you trying to better your community, environment and society. Keep it up.

Old Business -

New Business -

Motion to Adjourn, 8:14 PM

CB1 Land Use Public Hearing Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30PM – Virtual on Zoom.

Board Members

George Turner, Chair, AIA
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
John Guzzo, ab
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Friday Ogbewe
Michelle Akyempong ab
Nicole Meyers
Anthony Sgarlato
Tatiana Arguello ab
Andre Ciprut
Robert Holst
Nicholas Siclari, Ex. Officio

Non-Board Members

Phil Farinacci
George Doyle ab
Charles Olson
Lisa I. Barbieri

Guests: Ron Rizzotti, Barbara Brancaccio, Deborah VanDermark, Priscilla Marco, Alexis Gertman, Amanda Morgan, AIA, Anna Killion, DDC, Arianna Interlandi, Bryn Biren, C6hicks, Cheryl Berretta, Christopher Corbo, David Cavagnaro, Denise Dulligan, Elizabeth, Eric, Evelia, Florinda Mattia, Glennon Karig, Jennifer, Jessica, Joe Pozzolano, Kenneth Mitchell, Mark Iamberti, Mark Salzillo, R. Marquez, Michele Neelakantappa, Mimi Hoang, AIA, Neil Anastasio, Nick Menza, Pamela Silvestri, Rasika Deosthali, DCP, Stephen Johnson, DCP, Teresa Taggart, Thomas Sheridan, Tirso Tavarez, DDC, Vanessa Baldini, Vin G., W. Villalobos, Vander D., Kellan Stanner, Michael Arvanites, R. Banks, Sean.

Three Presentations:

177 & 183 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Ron Rizzotti will speak about this private application by Clifford Siegel for CPC authorizations and certifications for restoration, subdivision, and steep slope modifications to facilitate a development of up to two single-family homes. It is being sought by Cliff Siegel on Hillside Avenue in the Grymes Hill neighborhood of the Special Hillside Preservation District of Community District 1, Staten Island.

Vacant and wooded site which has never been developed. There is an adjacent home right next to it. Certification to subdivide the site from one zoning lot into two zoning lots, R2 Zone. The minimal requirements of 40' of lot width and 3,800 square foot of lot area has been exceeded to 50' of lot width

and 5,711 feet of square footage and the other is 5,434 sq. ft. of lot area. The majority of the area is in the steep slope.

Barbara Brancaccio of 189 Hillside Avenue spoke about concerns on her property. Problems with the result of the hillside. Tens of thousands of dollars spent to rebuild a retaining wall due to landslides, mudslides, and floods in her basement with waterfalls off the side of the hillside. The homeowner feels the result of building more into the hillside will create more damage. The homeowner requested time to table this project to get a third party consultant to evaluate her property.

Priscilla Marco of 192 Hillside Avenue also spoke about the water drainage and the problems there. She supported Ms. Brancaccio's efforts to get an architect to present her case.

Mr. Rizzotti said the water will not be going into a drywall, it will go directly into the storm sewer.

George Turner, Land Use Chair said the Buildings Department has rules and regulations about water traversing from one property to the other. These developers do not pass the building department if it endangers other property.

There was further discussion with Board Members who had concerns about the water and where it would go. Phil Farinacci said he has filed thousands of applications that were approved. You sign a statement and have to prove that the development will not affect the neighboring property.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari said if a member of the community voices displeasure and thinks they will be affected by a project, I think as a community, we should support them. We have a limited time to comment on this project.

Motion to Disapprove: 11 yes, 3 Abstentions

Gaming Facility Text Amendment – Stephen Johnson will speak about the City proposing a citywide zoning text amendment to allow gaming facilities as a permitted use in certain commercial districts (Section 32-10) and manufacturing districts (Section 42-10) in the Zoning Resolution. This modification would allow a gaming facility licensed by the State and developed through the new State defined siting process to be developed without regard to any potential conflict with the Zoning Resolution. Zoning Text Amendment for gaming facilities. The text amendment adds the use which right now there is none in NYC and adds it for the first time. This project is being led by NY State. C4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Commercial Districts to allow gaming facilities. M1, 2, 3, gaming facilities are not currently permitted in the city. It's not in the zoning resolution, no mention of casinos. The text amendment would add the use into the zoning resolution for the first time. This project is being led by New York State and the Gaming Commission. The license would include restaurants and hotels. Four have been built in upstate NY which leaves three licenses. NYC, Long Island, Westchester, Putnam & Rockland Counties. The amendment will be added to NYC. We already have Aqueducts Resorts World. There are nine proposals and a community advisory committee for each application. There are none on Staten Island. If there were, your Borough President, Councilmember, state assembly member, and state senator, mayor and governor would be reviewing the application. If it is approved by 2/3rd majority, then it goes to the gaming facilities location board. It's then up to CAC to approve or disapprove. If there were future licenses, this text amendment does not cover them and it does not include strip clubs or cannabis dispensaries. Chairman Nicholas Siclari said we will never have a casino on Staten Island.

Motion to Approve the Zoning Text Amendment for Gaming (doesn't affect Staten Island): 14 yes, passes unanimously. Peter Lisi said DCP should step up more when these casinos come in. They should help a library, park, etc.

Staten Island Zoo- Clove Road Restoration - Anna Killion of DDC - NYC Department of Design and Construction will present PV175CLOVE - SIZ-Staten Island Zoo Clove Road Restoration located at: 614 Broadway, Staten Island, NY 10310. The scope of this project is to Design and create a walk-through zone where guests enter the Zoo campus and explore a child's eye view of a Forest floor, with exhibits showcasing animal adaptations to weather and interactive play structures. 2) Guest Services Kiosk: Design and build a new visitors entry structure, for ticketing and information. 3) Adventure Entry: Design and build a new fence line and gateway entrance to promote the Zoo, secure the perimeter for free-ranging wildlife, and signage promoting seasonal Zoo events.

Anna Killion of DDC introduced Mimi Huang, AIA. DDC is our agency client. Parks will also be involved to make sure they approve on how we are treating the trees. The entrance way Kiosk is too small and will be renovated. There are structures that will be demolished to make room for the new animal exhibits. A new entrance plaza and new parameter fence facing Clove Road. The entrance will be widened with ADA Compliance. We will have exhibits for the Porcupine, Red Panda, Owl & Eagle. Anna Killion asked for a CB1 Support letter.

Motion to Approve Zoo Restoration plan as presented for a letter of support: 14 yes, passes unanimously.

Zoom link/ID and Passcode.

ID: 275 566 6837

Passcode: E3sv3p

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CB1 Small Business & Non-Profit Meeting

January 8, 2024

Attendees

Jaclyn Tacoronte, Chair
Christopher Campbell, Vice Chair
Peter Lisi
Dr. Allison Brown

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM

Agenda

1. Small Business Needs Assessment
Outreach Committee
Goals
 - a. \$1.6 Million Projects
 - i. 2 Merchant Associations Stapleton and St. George Neighborhood
 - b. \$200k for Merchant Association
 - c. \$500K for DOT Lighting
 - d. Sidewalks
 - e. Landscapes
 - f. Garbage Cans
 - g. Welcome Banners
 - h. National Lighthouse Money
2. BOA updates mid-October from SIEDC
 - a. Has the BOA application been submitted to the state? Ask Joan
 - b. Invite agency to speak with CB! Small Business & NonProfit Committee
3. BID Outreach collaborations
 - a. Facebook Announcement for Announcements 1st of the Month- ad in Advance statement
 - b. SLA –
 - c. Community Affairs Unit website updates 1st of the month
 - d. Invite Rosebank Merchants Association/SIEDC to next meeting
4. Liquor License Review
 - a. Protocol to send all feedback to Linda and Linda will call applicant to provide updates.

Non Profit Needs Assessment

Outreach Committee

1. ADA Accessibility- SIPCW Follow Up
 2. Promote Services
- Goals – Connect with Non Profit Staten Island, Community Groups to gather additional North Shore services. Seeking someone to lead.

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Rosebank/Shore Acres Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:30 PM – Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Board Members

John Guzzo, Chair
Christopher Corbo ab
Alina Nevradakis ab
Cindy Salzillo
Anthony Sgarlato ab

Guests

Michael Arvanites – CM Kamillah Hank's office
Geraldine Swanson
Richard Bove

Non-Board Members

George Doyle
Mike Cataldo ab
Charlie Olson

Battery Storage Units from Con Edison – Fire/Toxic
Requested Con Edison Spokesperson. Couldn't get someone to come for this meeting.

City of Yes Discussion

Canterbury House
Pastor requested - Did not show up to discuss it.
57 migrants – Showers? Proper bathrooms
City Variance signed with CB1 Deed Restriction (can't find file)

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 PM

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

January 17, 2024 Wednesday 5:00 PM at Safari Realty, 1958 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY

Committee Attendance:

Timothy Forsyth CB1 Area Co-Chair

Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society (WIS) Past President

Excused: Joseph Ahlstrom, Fran Reali, others status unknown.

Public:

Angel's Tavern restaurant owner Arjan Budzuki--- Liquor License Partner Name Amendment

Gucruavi LLC restaurant owner Nilo Gutama---Liquor License 30 Day Renewal Notice

Dan Raleigh and Jeanne Raleigh for RHOAR NYC.

Called to Order 5:10 pm

A quorum was not present.

Agenda Items;

1. Liquor License for Angel's Tavern, owner present, pro forma removal of one named partner/shareholder in corporation, ongoing business, usually closed by 10 PM, no complaints, no objections.
2. Liquor License for Gucruavi LLC, owner present, pro forma thirty day Renewal Notice, ongoing business, usually closed by 10 PM, no complaints, no objections.
3. RHOAR NYC Homeowner Group concerned about impact of recently enacted Local Law 18 on short-term rentals of owner-occupied one and two family homes, as per their flyer, plans to attend Full Board Meeting in February to make proposal for Community Board support by Motion.

Westerleigh Improvement Society: Mike Morrell had no updates from his Society.

In closing we again extended our appreciation and thanks to Fran Reali & Frank Reali for hosting the meeting space for this Area Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 pm.

Community Board 1 Staten Island Stapleton, Clifton, Concord Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2023, 6:30 PM, Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street.

Attendance:

Friday Ogbewe
Alina Nevradakis
Peter Lisi
George Doyle
Dorothy Brown
Neil Visoky
Jorge Reyes
Jorge Reyes Jr
Jeannine Kelley
Jessica Guerriero
Priscilla Marco
Eric Levine

There were no previous meeting minutes.

New CB1 Board member Alina Nevradakis was added to the Clifton, Concord, Stapleton Area Committee.

Committee decided all future meetings will have both in person & zoom virtual options of joining area committee meetings.

Notification of Marijuana Dispensary for Best Dispensary Near Me, 350 Front Street, Staten Island, NY 10304 & Notification for Marijuana Dispensary, Best Dispensary Near Me, 467 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10304. Lawyer rescinded both applications the morning of scheduled committee meeting and stated in an email that "both applicants are too low on the list to have a realistic chance of moving forward under the non-provisional license round. Accordingly, we request an indefinite adjournment until and unless OCM gives us some new information. We will rescind and resubmit." Committee decided both applicants must attend area committee meeting and resubmit notification to Community Board. CB1 to send a letter to the Office of Cannabis Management confirming the rescinding of both applications. Committee found it suspicious that both proposed dispensary applications have the same business name but lawyer said there is no relationship between both applicants. There was also a concern that both applications are for dispensaries two blocks away in the same Stapleton neighborhood.

New Liquor License Application:

J Pizza Deli, Inc., 360 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
No objections, application approved.

Liquor License Renewal: The Hop Shoppe, 372 Van Duzer Street, Staten Island, NY 10304.
No objections, application approved.

Liquor License Renewal: CAMPO BELLO RESTAURANT CBR CORP, 118 Broad Street, Staten Island, NY 10304.

No objections, application approved. Request that owner/representative attend a future committee meeting.

NYPD:

Enforcement of speeding on Beach St, between Van Duzer St and approaching into Cebra Avenue to Victory Blvd.

Enforcement of speeding tractor trailers on Front Street approaching from Hannah Street to Edgewater Plaza waterfront, across from Clifton MTA station.

Tractor trailers are still illegally parking and illegal car repair shop setup on Front Street waterfront across from MTA Clifton station. Car repair shop is dumping fluids and leaving car parts along waterfront.

Tow trucks & collision vehicles are double parked on Front Street between Wave Street & Canal Street.

Illegal Smoke Shops

Bar at 21 Broad Street

NYC Board Of Education SCA:

155 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Status on the opening of NYC School on Tompkins Avenue to serve Stapleton students & youth.

NYC DOT:

Traffic lights on Bay Street & Wave Street. Problems with pedestrians crossing & vehicles turning safely.

New traffic light on Tompkins Avenue & Tompkins Street needs new timing to avoid traffic buildup on Tompkins Avenue. Maybe a traffic sensor will help.

NYC MTA

Reassess Bus Stop previously moved to Tompkins Avenue & Hill Street.

Snow & Ice conditions at both sides of Stapleton train station entrances and sidewalks on Prospect Street & Canal Street.

DSNY

Snow & Ice conditions at 621 Bay Street & 81 Water Street.

NYC Parks

Snow & Ice conditions around Tappen Park & at the rear near bathrooms building.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024. Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND/ELM PARK/ARLINGTON

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, Jan 23rd, 7:00 PM, VIRTUAL

MEETING Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7 pm.

Updates:

City of Yes Zoning for Economic Opportunity: Public Hearing to be held in Jan 2024

Michael McMahon was sworn in for the 3rd time as District Attorney

Old Business: None

New Business:

DOT: Community Transportation Forum: JCC 1466 Manor Road Sl: 4pm – 5pm (doors open at 3:30pm)

Demolition/New Building Permit Notices:

Liquor License RENEWALS:

- Bagel Land: 1841 Forest Ave: Representative: Samir Eskander: Vote was taken, the following results.
 - Michelle Akyempong: Abstain
 - Selena Grey: Yes
 - Dora Berksteiner: Yes
 - Everett Wattle: Yes
 - Mario Buaonviaggio: Yes
 - Mary Bullock: Yes
 - Charlene Burke: Yes

Mike Olympic Grill: 1637 Forest Ave: No representative showed, no vote was taken.

New Licenses

- **New Roncizio Deli & Grocery:** Representatives: Lawyer Neil Visoky
Vote was taken. Following results:
 - Michelle Akeympong: Yes
 - Selena Grey: Yes
 - Dora Berksteiner: Yes
 - Evervett Wattley: No
 - Mario Buonviaggio: No
 - Guar Bullock: No
 - Charlene Burke: Yes
- **Guaraca Corporation Restaurant:** Representatives: Owner Segundo Cesar and Lawyer Timothy Alanwick: No vote was taken until the issue of the 500ft rule is resolved with the NYS Liquor Authority.

Water Service Interruptions:

None

Filming Interruptions:

None

Civic Groups Report:

Port Richmond Strong: The applications are almost coming to an end to submit a photo of an active or retire military veteran to be displaced on a banner along Port Richmond Ave. To submit a request to be consider you can send an email to PortRichmond.com/veterans. Subject: Military Banner Event.

OPEN Session:

As called

Announcements:

There **WILL** be a monthly meeting **UNLESS** specifically cancelled, ZOOM information is always the same, until further notice.

NEXT LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: Feb 20th 2024

NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING Feb 13th 2024 LOCATION:
TBA

Meeting called to adjourn: 8:20 pm

Selena Gray and Dora Berksteiner

Area Co-Committee Chairs

*Port Richmond*Mariners Harbor*Elm Park*Arlington*

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West/New Brighton Committee Meeting

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, January 16, 2024th, 2024, 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 845 9778 7458

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Presentations:

(1)

Alicia Boyd of the Movement to Protect the People,
MTOPP.org, Info@mtopp.org, spoke about the City of Yes -
Economic Opportunity Aerotecone.

SOME ISSUES PRESENTED AND DISCUSSES:

*PUTTING MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES INTO
APARTMENT BUILDING AND ON COMMERCIALS STREETS.

*ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE INSIDE OF HOME
CHANGED DEFINITION OF HOME OCCUPANCY.

*COMMERCIAL INTO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS
DISCRETIONARY ACTION BY DCP

*TURNING APARTMENTS INTO COMMERCIAL

*INDOOR AMUSEMENT
ACTIVITIES INSIDE RESIDENTIAL
BUILDINGS AND OTHER ITEMS.

(2)

Jeanne Raleigh who was to address the City Council's Local Law
18 and its' effect on single- and two-family homeowners did not
appear.

Liquor Licenses Invited & Attending:

Neil of Las Casuelas Restaurant, Inc., 1255 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310, was present.

Approved – 16 in favor, the vote was unanimous, and we had a quorum.

Sandra Hung of Atlixco Bakery & Deli Inc., 10-14 St. Paul's Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301, was present.

Approved -16 in favor, the vote was unanimous, and we had a quorum.

Edward Gomez from 120 Bay Café (Cargo) was present, 120 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301, was present.
was present

Approved -16 in favor, the vote was unanimous, and we had a quorum.

Cannabis Applications

Benie Adams & Jonathan Alvarado represented Foreign Smokes & Apparel, LLC – 224 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301

Approved - 9 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention and we had a quorum.

Bradly Scammell represented John Krit's Deli, Inc. Moe's 1 Deli & Grill, 1147 Castleton Avenue, NY 10310

*Was not approved - 3 in favor, 13 opposed and we had a quorum.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Steven Williams suggested that we create a list of criteria for reviewing cannabis applications.

Announcements:

NEXT LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: February 20th, 2024

NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING February 13th, 2024 -
LOCATION: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue, Staten Island
NY 10310.

Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino

Area Committee Co-Chair

Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30PM on Zoom
Joseph Ahlstrom, Chair

Participants: Danny Ace, Linda Juarbe,
Jan K, Joe Ahlstrom chair, Lisa Barbieri, Peter Lisi, Karl Hartig, Nina Salerno Sen. Scarcella
Rep., Nicholas Siclari, Joanie Cusack, Sarah Gowell, Kate Coen, Claudette Duff, Yolanda,
Peter Garville, Asilis Boutique, Shawn Daniels, Charlie Olson, Joe Tattoni, Antoun Sawires -
CM Hanks, 9177090856, Josh Renta, Andy Blancero, Tirso Tavarez, Robert Holst, Nicole
Brooks, Mary Bullock, Christopher Campbell, Ricia Augusty, Laura Pavilonis, Kelly Vilar SI
Urban Center, TR, Gio, Lillian Laga, Cindy Voorspuy, Kathleen Murphy, Jacqueline Smith,
Barbara Wood, Tony Cosentino, Rhonda Brock,

Anna Killion (DDC) Outreach Coordinator, Cleveland Adams R850 Dalton Recreation
Coordinator, Peter Garville Project Speaker

6:35 Meeting Starts

Lyons Pool Parking Lot for new rec center

EDC needs to be consulted regarding Hannah Street overpass as well at DOT

Peter Garville Presenting Mary Cali Dalton Rec Center Located on Hannah Street next to
Lyons Pool.

One lane closure on Hannah Street during construction 4th quarter 2024

Lyon Pool will be open. Will air quality be impacted? It should not be impacted. Washdown
will be taken care on streets and on site. Chlorine Delivery will be a priority for pool during
construction.

Nina Senators office question - entrance to bay st landing from the north side of the site is
that impacted? Currently not in scope with the rec center. EDC says it will be open

The traffic pattern is a big concern during entire project. Hannah street bridge is not
approved yet to handle a large crane. REC center coordinators is awaiting word from
engineers.

Meeting Ends 1923

Community Board 1 , Staten Island

Youth Services Committee

Minutes of Meeting January 24, 2024

Present: Radhakrishna Mohan, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Steven Williams, Cathleen Kenny (Representing Assembly Person Sam Pirozzolo), Nicholas Siclari (Chairman of CB 1) and Jermaine Williams (Representing the NYPD).

The meeting, held via Zoom began at 5:00 pm. Mr. Jermaine Williams, representing the NYPD, spoke to the Committee about the NYPD Blue Chips program. Blue Chips is a co-educational program designed to reach out to young people. Young people will be mentored after school, twice a week, by officers and representatives of the NYPD. Activities will include follow ups on the students' homework, completion of community service projects, education on resisting Domestic Violence, and interactions with Blue Chips participants in other boroughs of NYC. Meeting two times per week, the students will be picked up and dropped off at home to facilitate attendance.

Various Committee members expressed enthusiasm for this effort on behalf of our youth. Mr. Mohan asked how this program differs from the NYPD Explorers Program. Mr. Jermaine Williams explained that they are structured differently, in that Explorers are issued uniforms and their attendance obligations are documented differently. In response to a question by Mr. Mohan, Mr. Jermaine Williams stated that more information can be obtained at the website Bluechips@NYPD.org.

Mr. Siclari, Chairman of Community Board 1, suggested that a representative of the Blue Chips Program should be invited to speak the Board in order to get the word out to more people about this valuable program. He also offered to provide recognition for any Blue Chip participants who might be able to attend a CB 1 meeting.

Mr. Jermaine Williams, Mr. Mohan and Ms. Coen agreed to explore this further.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katheleen Coen

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

Joseph Bird, Christopher Campbell, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan, Charlie Olson, Josh Renta, Catherine Schiavone, Sean Sheil, Siyda Williams
Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Report of February 13, 2024

No meeting this month

No TC meeting scheduled in February.

Meeting of January 22, 2024

Attendance:

Committee: Joseph Bird, Christopher Campbell, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan, Charlie Olson, Josh Renta, Catherine Schiavone, Nicholas Zvegintzov
Other Board: Lillian Lagazzo, Nick Siclari
NYC DOT: Victoria Carstensen, Mike Dolce
Open Plans: Jackson Chabot, Emily Chingay
Other: Ricia V. Augusty, Darwin, Jean, Ray

Agenda:

- 'Daylighting' (keeping one parking space empty at intersections) is mandated by NY State Law *.
- Applications in our District.

* <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/VAT/1202>

§ 1202. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.

'(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or when in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall: ...
2. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers: ...
b. Within twenty feet of a cross walk at an intersection, unless a different distance is indicated by official signs, markings or parking meters.'

The NGO Open Plans (<https://www.openplans.org/>) brought this to our attention and gave a 10-minute presentation.

They: Highlighted the NYS law; showed evidence of the effectiveness of this form of daylighting in preventing accidents

to pedestrians, cyclists, and automobiles; suggested a motion thus:

'DOT [shall] follow New York State law and install curb extensions (or daylighting) at all intersections, starting with intersections within a one-block radius of any school, senior center or facility for the disabled. If a curb extension is not installed, the daylight spot should be "hardened" with something to prevent illegal parking, such as a bike rack, containerized trash, planters or boulders.'

On its face the NYS law says parking in intersection spaces is prohibited unless explicitly pre-empted by a local jurisdiction, for example, NYC. NYC Traffic Enforcement Agents can issue tickets for violations of NYS law. But are they enforcing this law in NYC?

The Chair showed the following intersection on his own block (St. Marks Place at Westervelt Ave):



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The nearest car is parked in a NYC-posted parking space (however bizarrely sited), so it is legal, at least if it is a Carshare. The next closest one, facing downhill, is presumably violating the NY State law.

The DOT declined to comment: 'Until DOT has a plan in place, we are not at liberty to discuss this topic yet - but will in the future.'

NYC law (int 854-A) requires NYCDOT to daylight at least 100 Intersections a year (but this is less than two intersections per year per district).

11/30/23 - Mayor Adams announcement to daylight 1000 Intersections a year (but this is still less than 17 intersections per year per district).

It was the sense of the Committee that the issue was too unclear to recommend any Board action. Instead we asked the NYC DOT to comment within reasonable time whether it is NYC policy not to enforce the NHS law, and if so by what action, and to disclose plans for daylighting in our District.

Particular intersections mentioned at the meeting:

- Nicholas Ave and Innis St. (Cosentino): DOT says a 'plan' is being made.
- Hannah Street at St. Paul's Ave (Lagazzo): DOT will follow up off line.
- Crescent Ave at Daniel Low Terrace (Augusty).

Citizen actions

Citizen actions had some success in the last few weeks. Intervention by CB1 (and other entities) certainly didn't hurt.

We assume that NYC DOT's permits to contractors for work on the streets include a 'no unnecessary inconvenience to the public', and sometimes a reminder to NYC DOT will cause them to prod contractors:

- Willow Ave: A contractor finished a sewer installation that for weeks blocked one of two driveways to a commercial building, making the only convenient approach a dodge the wrong way on a one-way system. They opened the driveway and fairly soon finished the whole contract.
- 855 Forest Ave: A contractor left a loose plate that banged all day and all night, but eventually fastened it.

Traffic signals...

In November the NYC DOT sent us a list of nine intersections where the Signals Intersection and Control Unit approved new traffic signals, some known to us, some not.

At one of them, Victory Boulevard and Woodstock Avenue, a citizen had complained to us of drivers speeding downhill on Woodstock Avenue and coming to grief at the intersection. The new signals won't prevent a car speeding down the hill to make the light, but perhaps it won't hit anything on Victory Boulevard.

Ft. Wadsworth bus shelters...

Although Ft. Wadsworth, being U. S. land, is not strictly in CB1, the Committee, led by former Board Member Kevin Washington, had drawn attention to dilapidated and damaged NYC Transit bus shelters on the Fort. By continuing pressure Kevin stimulated <https://www.silive.com/news/2024/01/public-bus-shelters-inside-fort-wadsworth-in-line-for-upgrade-after-complaints-about-their-poor-condition.html> by Tom Wroblewski, published January 22, 2024.

'The bus shelters are National Park Service property, according to Daphne Yun, public affairs officer for Gateway National Recreation Area.

"We are in the planning stage of a project to address the shelters," she said.'

This doesn't sound instantaneous, but the National Park Service has admitted responsibility, which is a huge step.

And the St. George Promenade sinkhole fixed...



This one had not much to do with CB1 but was a victory for the St. George Civic Association.

After Eileen Harrington, President, got the Mayor to look at the 20+-year sinkhole, the city fixed it. It straddled the line between a parklet and the street, so it, as it were, fell between the cracks.

It turned out that the root cause was a mass of organic matter improperly used as fill decades ago, compounded with each "repair", resulting in layer upon layer slowly sinking down.

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

Treasurer's Report - FY 2024 February 2024

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/23</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00 – \$519.20	\$ 1,075.80
101 Printing Expense	200.00	200.00
110 Food & Forage	1,150.00	1,150.00
117 Postage	200.00	200.00
199 Data Process Suppl.	450.00	450.00
300 General Equip.	50.00	50.00
314 Office Furniture	140.00	140.00
315 Office Equipment	250.00	250.00
332 Data Process Equip.	\$294.00-\$294.00	0
337 Book Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
400 Contractual Svces.	1,500.00	1,500.00
40B Communication (Paid by OTI for our telephone bills – not our budget spending money)	(3,013.00)	(3,013.00)
403 Office Services	150.00	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	\$3,470.00-\$997.77	2,472.23
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:	\$10,049-\$1,810.97	\$ 8,238.03

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SUNNY JAIN, CB1 TREASURER

ENCUMBERED FOR FY2024 CONTRACTS