

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 VIRTUAL FULL BOARD MEETING - JUNE 8, 2021, 5:45 P.M.

NICHOLAS SICLARI, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

James Oddo, Borough President
Jason Razefsky
Robert Englert
Wil Fisher
Martha Bromelmeier
Nicole Brooks, Parks
Mary Bullock
Dorothea C.
Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Diana Caughill
Larry Cirillo, Carpenter's Union
Mario Buonviaggio, Pt. Richmond Strong
Roseann Caruana
J. Facciponti
Elyse Foladore
Frank Fontana, DOB
Daniel Flamhaft
Sarah Gowell
Brooke Russell-Zaccone
Max Stemba-Young, Langan
Theo Dorian
Lillian Lagazzo
Marrissa Williams, 32BJ
Michael Morrell
Stephen Whitehouse, Starr Whitehouse
Stan Sacks
Kate Ward, NYCEDC
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Mary Theresa
Lisa Thompson, RCDA
Everett Wattlely
Jermaine Williams, DSS/HRA
Neil Berry
Lily Zafaranloo, Congressional Office
Jane Wynter
Gabriella
Ben Abelman

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Joseph Carroll, District Manager

Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Allison Archer

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Jasmine Blake

Hanane, AM Tannousis

Miriam Arnold

Elena Brady, DA Michael McMahon's Office

Joann Qusack

Andrew Olsen

Julia Melzer

Alex Malescio

Chef Louis

Ronald Lauria

Bruce Lauri

Andy Levison

Dan Kaplan, FAIA

Alia Kasem

Alanna Rios

John Kilcullin

Richenda Kramer

Noah Kutner

Denisa Durovic

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Indra Gandy

Victoria Giordano

Debbie Givens

Mary Habstritt

Kathleen Harris

Michael Harwood

Joe Helferty

Sam Hersh

Lorie Honor

Richie Iorio

Zack Kadden

Patricia Rondinelli

Jahi Rose

Marsha Russell

Frank Santarpia

Mike Schnall for City Council

Ernie Sellitto

Colleen Siuzdak

Meenakshi Srinivasan

Sharon Valentin

Clara Waldron

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Nicky Siclari led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call attendance and acceptance of the minutes will wait, no quorum at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

Wil Fisher, NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) - I am joined here by several colleagues including from Department of Transportation and the Parks Department. Update following the Pandemic with our capital projects. I will speak about two projects. The Tompkinsville Esplanade Project and the New Stapleton Waterfront Project. We are strictly talking about the Capital Projects tonight. I am joined by Sam Hersh and Julia Melzer from our Capital Construction team. Showing a presentation with screen share. There are a lot of capital investments going on in the North Shore. We are currently in the process of finishing the design on the New Stapleton Waterfront Project and will be beginning design on Tompkinsville Esplanade Project to be connected to the St. George Ferry Terminal.

Julia Melzer - Stapleton Waterfront Project - This is a three Phase Project. The middle phase is one. The open space was completed in 2016 and Urby is completed. This would be the southern phase and northern phase to be completed. \$180 million for all of the new construction on Front Street which is new sewers, water mains, roadway and bike lanes, as well as the open space project. Back in 2016 we presented the conceptual project to the local community. We held a public workshop for Public Artist presentations and Artist selection (DB Lampman). In 2018, we presented the Preliminary Open Space Design to CB1 Parks Committee. In 2019, we presented Preliminary Comfort Station and Maintenance Building Design to CB1 Parks Committee. In 2019, we presented Preliminary Design to CB1 Stapleton Area Committee. Between April 2020 - March 2021, the project was suspended due to COVID-19. In the Fall 2021, EDC will present design and schedule updates to CB1. The Northern Phase will connect to the Tompkinsville Esplanade. It will be along Front Street to a park entrance to a comfort station to the Sports courts to Pier Place for some programming. This will all be adjacent to Front Street. Pier Place will have a grand stand seating complex. Will be ADA compliant and universally

accessible. The Southern Phase will be the Cove Project with ADA compliant ramps, dog park and a barbecue picnic area and a playground and maintenance facility with office space for staff. It will slope up to a overlook area. Final design schedule: EDC to update CB1 in Fall 2021 with design and schedule updates, with project updates continuing through construction phases. Spring 2022, Shoreline and Infrastructure 100% design. Summer 2022, Open Space & Buildings, 100% design. Construction Milestones: Fall 2021, Issue RFP for Existing Building Demo Contractors. Winter 2022: Award Demo Contract, mobilize for construction phase start (DOB permits). Summer 2022: Shoreline Reconstruction Construction Phase Start. Fall 2022: Northern Phase Infrastructure Construction Phase Start.

Sam Hersh - Tompkinsville Esplanade: We are looking at connecting to the Stapleton Waterfront to the Staten Island Ferry. The goal is to create that 1/2 mile pedestrian and bike pathways. There will be planting, lighting and fixtures that are salt-water tolerant with passive recreation such as seating areas. New pier for DOT Dock Builders who will maintain the ferry terminal infrastructure. The Budget is \$74 million. This is the early conceptual design. Schedule: EDC intends to re-engage CB1 in the advance of preliminary PDC submission in the Fall and also during ULLURP review. Projected Milestones: Community Engagement, 3/21, PDC Preliminary Design Submission, 4/21, ULLURP Certification, 2/22, PDC Final Submission, 3/22 and Construction start, 1/23.

Joe Carroll said Ole is in the process of setting up a meeting with Wil and his team. Nick Siclari said it is very preliminary. Let's speak in the Fall.

Loretta - Roll call at this time.

Vinny asked if we can speak to Wil Fisher of EDC regarding the numerous requests we've had over the year regarding the wheel project and the stadium. Nick said it's in such a preliminary stage. Vinny said it's not about the presentation made tonight. Wil Fisher had left already.

Public Session:

Jermaine Williams, Department of Social Services: Beach season is now open. If you want a free air conditioner, you would qualify if you have health conditions exasperated by extreme heat. Fill out an application online. Email me at Williamsje@dss.nyc.gov. Concerns with rent arrears, send me an email for an ERAP application. Make a request for back rent. Have a great summer.

Lisa Thompson, District DA McMahon's office - Save the Date, Thursday, June 17th, 5pm via Zoom, Focusing on Mental Health. An email will go out in the next day or so. Thank you for joining our DA and Staten Island Crimes Task Force press conference for update in crimes on our Jewish and Asian neighbors.

Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong - I speak regarding River North. We know when we are being groomed by predatory developers. Empty promises for nonprofits for youth and jobs that experience tells us will never happen. They cut out our union construction workers. We will be

dealing with the social consequences. Does anyone see River North residents taking public reservations to get groceries? Underused, vacant are the words they use to describe this area. I prefer an open area. This should not go forth. Thank you.

Nicole Brooks, Parks - Two updates from NYC Parks. Monday morning pitch-ins. Looking for volunteers to help pickup garbage after the weekend. They last usually 3-4 hours. NYC Parks provides all the supplies. This will make our area greener and safer. To sign up go to NYC.GOV/PARKS/STOP LTTER. Lastly, just a reminder, the beaches are now open. Pools will open on June 26. Thank you.

Mario Buonviaggio, Port Richmond Strong Civic. Last month we had our Veteran Banner Event. It was first of its kind in the City of New York. It came to our attention that morning that there are able military veterans who want to join but are not a U.S. Citizen. Upon completion of their service they would have to go through the process of becoming a US Citizen. It's unacceptable. Looking for CB1's support. Mary Bullock will prepare a letter. We are dubbing this campaign as Operation Citizenship. No man or woman should wear a uniform for this country and not be a US Citizen. A couple of local and state officials are on board. Nicole Malliotakis supports it. Senator Savino and Assemblyman Tannousis along with my colleagues in Queens and Brooklyn are on board. If you can reach out to CB 2&3, so we can spread this campaign. This has nothing to do with party lines, demographics or financial backgrounds. This is to do the right thing for the men and women who serve this country.

Michael Harwood: River North Project. This project with R7 zoning is wrong for the North Shore, for St. George and Staten Island. It's also wrong for the cause of affordable housing. It only benefits the developers and certain real estate interest. I say this as a Homeowner in St. George and a Land Lord for 12 units in the neighborhood. Current R6 zoning on these properties is for 176 units. This project is exploding with 900 units. This would be an increase of 725 units. Let's assume they are \$300,000 or \$350,000 per unit, this would increase this developers property value to \$200 million to a quarter of a billion dollars. What are they offering in return? A 7,000 square foot public plaza with the main entrance for their tenants. They are allowing triple the green space for the tenants not available for the public. This will be an open invitation to other developers to come in and build more R7 projects here and all over the island. At the Land Use meeting they said this would increase our property values. This means affordable housing will no longer be available. It will be priced out. St. George is already dense in population. We need open space, with existing hillside topography. Future businesses will want to locate here because of the neighborhood character without a wall of high-rise apartments blocking the waterfront.

Theo Dorian, President of St. George Civic Association: The developers spent a lot of their time explaining our neighborhood to us and showed little appreciation spelled out by our civic groups and by Borough President James Oddo in his urgent testimony to your Land Use meeting last week. This zoning variance is well beyond the norm. Their redrawing of the boundaries results in Gerrymandering. They would bury the hillside and Staten Island's

signature ridge line. Six times more would be added to the area. The figures would not be affordable. We support the Borough Presidents strong call.

Ronald Lauria: River North Issue. They plan on hiring the cheapest labor force. They went to our religious leaders and promise to hire minorities under wage. I have seen this exploitation on the part of developers. Developers want to set up shop and get rich in our backyard. 73 people have been killed on construction sites in the last four years. 90% were on nonunion sites and 90% were minorities. To try to increase this density against the will of the community with part-time jobs with no path to a career. I agree with Jimmy Oddo. He has been head-to-head with these developers. Stand our ground. You do this with a great labor force. Thank you.

Lorie Honor: I would like to address the River North Project but before that, I would like to address the Port Richmond Strong comment. Asking for your support on a program that would punish people that decide to serve our country. in my own family, I have a Marine son when he graduated from boot camp, was the proudest moment of my life, but also seeing the immigrants wanting to serve their country while simultaneously becoming a US Citizen. I think Port Richmond Strong has done a wonderful job but I think they are wrong in this. Undo this action. I am a resident and a candidate for Borough President. The developers of this project does not represent the vision for what the community wants for itself. This area lacks infrastructure. This is a project that the community and electives will fight. This is a greed-based plan. By opposing this project, we would honor visionaries like Jane Jacob saving Greenwich Village and Staten Island Icon Greta Moulton who saved High Rock Park.

John Killcullen: River North Project: This project doesn't make logical sense in proper planning. The St. George District was approved in 2008, the Corridor Zoning Project was approved in 2019. To date, in the St. George High Rise District there has been no hi-rise buildings built. I oppose this, it's not needed. This should not be done with an upzoning to an R7 and taking away a hillside district that was crafted for the neighborhood.

Larry Cirillo: Resident of North Shore. I represent 18,000 skilled men and women. We are in favor of responsible building. You're better off working at a fast food restaurant. You are more likely to come home from work. It's greed for the developer and the contractor.

Ernie Sellitto: Lifelong third generation Staten Islander. This should not move forward. They should abide by the current zoning laws. We may need affordable housing but not on this scale. This is Staten Island with its own character. We should not build on every green area. 341 parking spots to 780 units. We need infrastructure first. Remember, "When the bridge is paid for the toll will cease". Let's think of a better plan.

Jahi Rose: CCRB is an agency that takes complaints of police misconduct. We have changed the rules to investigate Phase I and II sexual assault. Our agency is staffed with a civilian assistance unit for trauma. The agency has the ability to investigate officers making untruthful statements.

We can make recommendations to the NYC Police Department. If you have any events coming up I can make a presentation. I will leave my contact information in the chat.

Sharon Valentin: Long time resident of Staten Island and St. George. I am opposed to the 750 units. I agree we need more affordable housing but not the amount they want to build. It will change the historic nature of our area. I sent in writing my comments, please review. Thank you.

Meenakshi Srinivasan, Senior Land Use and Zoning Advisor, here on behalf of Madison Realty Capital owners of 24 Stuyvesant Place. We are committed to building a vibrant livable, 24/7 community near the best mass transit on the island. The existing R6 zoning severely constraints the development of the property. As of right development would only deliver 167 units, significantly underdevelopment under the R6. The other area would be vacant. There would be no open space. With the R6 zoning, the building would be taller than the proposed building at the same location. Parking would be much less with only 29 spaces and 75 spaces offsite. The R7 space would create open space, build character. Since 2008, no single project has been built. This project will be the catalyst that will provide a vibrant community and economic development.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Nick wants to thank the Community Board for attending the Land Use. Thank you to Vinny for his work. He did all the heavy lifting for us. We know what the bathroom tile will look like and where the developer went to high school. I would like to bring up Borough President James Oddo for his comments.

James Oddo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you to all the members on the board. Mr. Chairman, thank you for keeping your sense of humor, it's certainly necessary. I know we're not supposed to do any politicking but I am strongly considering writing Mary Bullock's name in on the ballot for Mayor. Thank you for speaking truth for if not greed, lack of planning on this project. Thank the Land Use Chair and his committee for their attentiveness and their endurance. I'm strongly considering holding a public hearing of our own here in Borough Hall. At my advanced stage, I'm not sure I will show the endurance that Vinny and those folks showed. I want to thank them most of all for their vote. I think it is the vote that represents the overall majority of most North Shore residents and Staten Islanders. I want to highlight two quick paragraphs from my testimony last week. This proposal is precedence lead. Not only in terms of its height but also the manner in which it ignores almost every existing special district control and every underlying zoning rule that has been deemed appropriate by the same agency, City Planning over the past three decades. As well, the applicant is requesting removal or redesignation of special districts, actions that were not previously appropriate by City Planning. They are also requesting an upzoning from R6 to R73 which has never been supported by City Planning in the history of this borough. Finally, they are asking for a special permit allowing them not to comply with the very R73 regulations that their seeking. Why? because they think they can. You all have a say in this to prove that that's not true. I want to close with two comments I heard last week. Last week they called this a logical extension of the St. George Special District Area. I took umbrage with that. A previous and better version of City

Planning specifically excluded this lot from the St. George Special District and included it specifically in the Hillside Preservation District. But there was another comment that I want to touch on that was said last week at the Land Use Committee meeting. We heard the phrase, "People in the community like us." Was it said by a local resident who is deathly afraid of this density? No. Was it said by a proponent of the project who wants affordable housing? No. It was said by the very same Manhattan big developer who said, "people in the community like us." He was parroting some of my language that articulated voicing my disapproval with the Bay Street Corridor didn't include workforce housing. I would say often, the proverbial nurse married to the proverbial sanitation worker. Well the developer used those analogies and used the phrase, "people in the community like us". Just so happens a week ago, I finished reading the book, The Psychology of Persuasion, Influence. He just updated the book. He added a seventh lever of persuasion, it's Unity. Talks about how people try to influence and persuade by tapping into a shared identity. "We-ness". There is no we here. It's Staten Islanders who are tired of irrational development devastating our quality of life and forever changing this borough. That's what this precedent would do. That's what this project would do. We are not against growth. We are not against affordable housing. We are not against housing. This administration has demonstrated. They don't care about infrastructure, they don't care about planning. I think all of you do because you have lived it for decades. I thank you for your time. Thank you Mr. Chairman and the board. Stay safe.

Nick said thank you Mr. Borough President for this meeting and the late Land Use Meeting. It was passed my bedtime. I appreciate your attendance.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH -

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE - No report.

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL - No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – In the packet.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - Thank you again everybody. Thank you Borough President for both for the Land Use and our meeting. Want to thank all the board members that did their homework. That came to the Land Use meeting. I really appreciate it. I never want you to come to more meetings than you have to. It seems like every June somehow the city wakes up from their bureaucratic slumber and we get bombarded in the June meetings. Thank you for doing double duty this month. I really appreciate it.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - We had our system check meeting from Con Ed today for the summer storms. Unfortunately, there are 2,600 people out. Tomorrow we are meeting with the Office of Emergency Management over planning for the hurricane season. Lastly, I want to thank Lisa and Linda for getting us through the year. We had a series of

devastating budget cuts. It has made operations difficult but because of them, we were able to get through it.

Nick said we usually have refreshments at the last meeting. Next year we will have to owe you twice and hopefully we will be back to normal. If it wasn't for Linda and Lisa keeping the lights on. They always answer the phone and always have the paperwork, even working from home.

Joe said we want to thank Deacon McBeth for putting this Zoom in operation. Nick said hopefully Deacon, this is the last Zoom meeting we have to attend. It will be nice to see everybody.

Nick: I just want to say thank you to Vinny. I passed out at 10:45 and he was still going. He is so meticulous. Here's our Land Use Chairman, man of the hour, Vincent Accornero.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO –

IWe have a large number of agenda items.

River North application. Multi-tiered application. Zoning text amendments. 24 Stuyvesant Place. 170 & 180 Richmond Terrace. In the Special Hillside Preservations District. Removing the hillsides designation, expanding the Special St. George District onto the site and waiving the actions to allow for parking.

The motion made by the committee:

WHEREAS, this application seeks to rezone the proposed area from an R6/C2 District within the Special Hillside Preservation District to an R7-C3/C2-4 within the Special St. George District

WHEREAS, this application is in the Special Hillside Preservation District which was designed to give oversight to building in steep slope; and,

WHEREAS, the application seeks to obliterate the Special Hillside Preservation District in an area of the steepest slope in Community Board #1, and

WHEREAS, it is unprecedented for any proposal to be removed from the Special Hillside Preservation District; and,
WHEREAS, the existing R6 District provides the greatest bulk and height of any district in SI, and,
WHEREAS, The Special St. George District provides parking and other development controls designed and adopted specifically for this area, and,
WHEREAS, this development is asking for multiple authorizations and waivers all intended to maximize density and bulk in a district that can be developed without this extreme contorted level of relief, and,
WHEREAS, this application has been extremely fast tracked through the Department of City Planning and will saddle new representatives and administration with a decision that should be left for them to debate, and,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: Community Board #1 opposes all the actions proposed by the application and strongly suggests they build within existing zoning controls so as not to completely disregard all previously crafted zoning.

Roll call vote taken of Land Use Committee vote passed 12-1-0 (1 ineligible).

Motion to limit this debate by 10 minutes.

Motion to call the question.

Submit the motion as read for your vote. Passes 28 yes, 1 no, 1 ineligible.

Proposed drive through, Starbucks, 2010 Victory Blvd. 1200 square foot. Accessible from Victory Blvd into the site and Wheeler Avenue that would egress from both locations. Discussions to continue with the application going forward. Passed unanimously at the Land Use Meeting.

Call the question: Motion to approve application as submitted. 29 yes, 1 no.

Application submitted would enable the construction of a new 5-story, 55-foot mixed use-building under R3B/C1-3 (MIH) district regulations with 54,942 square feet of residential floor and 8,687 square feet of combined (retail) and community facility space (daycare) space on the ground floor for a total of 63,629 square feet. Pursuant to Mandatory inclusionary Housing, the building will contain 46 dwelling units, 12 of which will be permanently affordable to income averaging 60% of AMI and include 59 accessory off-street parking spaces at **252 Victory Blvd.**, in the Special Hillside Preservation District. This application is looking to change from an R32 and R3x to an R6B with a C1-1 overlay. There will be 59 accessory parking spaces included. Additionally, there are two parking garage entrances, the day care center must have a private entrance.

Call the question: 27 yes, 2 no.

Joe Carroll said, the power should be restored around 9 pm in Westerleigh, Mohan couldn't get on.

Three Citywide Zoning Text Amendments:

1st, Health and Fitness Establishments. Physical Culture Establishments. We would normally call a gym. License massage, yoga studio and spas. They require a special permit. We have done through the years. It was an undo burden for this type of establishment to go through the expense and the time required to have this special permit. The zoning text amendment would remove that burden. Passed 13-1 by Land Use.

Call the question: 30 yes, 1 no.

2nd, FRESH II, Expand the existing FRESH zoning incentives program to encourage the construction of new food stores in parts of the City with the greatest need including Staten Island's North Shore. Encourage grocery stores that have a greater abundance of fresh produce in areas that are deemed underserved to allow greater siting of these smaller neighborhood markets. Economic incentives, zoning incentives. A program that has been working in the other boroughs and are looking to expand Citywide. This passed 13-1-0 at the Land Use Meeting.

Chris Rooney said there are none on Staten Island.

Call the question: Passed unanimously.

3rd, last, Citywide Hotel Text Amendment. Provide the inaction of a special permitting process which would be required in the siting of a proposed hotel. Does not apply to a homeless shelter or temporary housing or a facility that was going to be used for that purpose. Only for transient hotels. Deemed by the community after discussion that this would be a layer of bureaucracy that would be unnecessary, overregulation. Motion is to deny Passed 13-1-0 at the Land Use Meeting.

Call the question: Motion to deny the application: 25 yes, 6 no.

Vinny said he wanted to thank all the Land Use Committee, we had 10 out of 11 members plus 15 Board Members at the Land Use Public Hearing. That work that we put in, almost 5 hours helped with this evening.

Nick said he couldn't thank people enough. You should be so proud of yourself. You went out of your way to make the Land Use Meeting. Vinny takes so much time to scrutinize the application. Sometimes it's tough but I just want to thank you for doing their homework and Vinny said you can see the effects. I think this is the first time Vinny finished at 7:30pm. Vinny thank you again.

Joe said how important Land Use is and this is what Corey Johnson is trying to take away from us. Be very vigilant about what's going on at the City Council.

Nick said we have slots available in September for Land Use.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – I have nothing. Have a nice summer everybody. Nick said he's glad Amy is back and hopes she's feeling better.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – We should have some information in September about the offshore wind opportunities for the North Shore of SI. District Manager, Joe Carroll and myself will be scheduling meetings with BBC regarding the Esplanade Projects. I appreciate everyone's help. Have a safe summer. Get vaccinated.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Joe said he'll be meeting with Ole and I tomorrow.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – Nick said hopefully we will be back up in September Ernest. Ernest said yes absolutely, looking forward to that. No minutes as of now.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY –No report. Looking forward to convening in September. Nick said we should add to only have 10 minute discussions on Land Use Applications. Chris agreed.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – I'll be representing the Board in various ceremonies, beach openings. Tomorrow ill be at Tom Paulo ceremony, honoring him. Will be at the CCRB meeting. Have a happy and safe summer.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV - Two subjects. We had complaints about the North end of Front Street. We heard it's the job of the EDC to fix that. Secondly, much to my surprise, visualize the north exit to the ferry terminal for the Empire Outlets, there used to be a ramp, which they took away and they were supposed to have the elevator working there which they haven't yet. We asked the Empire Outlets and they say the elevator will work in July. The previous one got rained on or something like that. We will celebrate with them. No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, ROBERT HOLST - I hope you all saw the letter I sent about the redevelopment of Staten Island's North Shore. We wrote a letter about the EZ Pass offices. MTA wants to close those offices and break that contract up and spread it across the state. We feel it's another layer of bureaucracy. We wrote the letter to all electives requesting they keep that office open. I would like to make a motion that the Board support this letter. Vincent and you guys are great at what you do. Hope you have a great summer.

Reverse roll-call. Passes unanimously to write the letter.

Vinny said some of the heated discussion was about the developer of River North making promises with jobs in construction. I'm wondering if the building trades themselves are not communicating those programs or advertising those programs to the community. If we can act as a catalyst to promote this in the buildings trades industry.

Robert Holst said he things it's pretty well know of the apprenticeships. We sent a letter to the Councilwoman from the Labor Committee recommended that she have this discussion with the developer. We never received a response. We don't know if the developer had any position on that. I don't know how to make that happen.

(more discussions - not sure who was speaking here). The unions do offer that trade apprenticeships. It's been my experience being an architect. Big projects don't get to use non-union labor very much. If they do it's a very small percentage. To build those big buildings have to be skilled laborers and they are mostly union. The developer usually doesn't have say. That is the Construction Manager's job. They manage the installation of the building development. The developer deals with this legal aspects of the Project.

Celeste said if I want to pass the word to young men and women at my church, I believe if you are allowed to be taken in as a novice, that gives you the right to put this on your resume to get more jobs similar to that. Also, does working on that site help you to get into the union.

Amy said years ago, Debi Rose broke the deal with 750 spots opened up for Apprenticeships. You get into the union by going through a program plus work on the project. Also you need to be on time and drug-free. The politicians are in the position to get this done. Last week when I asked the developer directly about the pay-scale, he said yes, but that's not true. We have to stop selling out our community.

Robert Holst said in order to step on a construction site, you have to have an OSHA card. You have to go to an OSHA class. The developer says they will pay for the class. That program is not registered with the state. The jobs they provide, there are no benefits and low pay. People don't stick with those jobs. Building Skills New York is creating a pipeline for cheap jobs. The developer should be paying people enough to be able to live in the buildings they build. It's not easy building a union these days. Electives should secure 10 positions that have a 40 year career with benefits. I'm available 18 hours a day to talk to about this.

Lyons pool is opening June 26th on schedule.

It was asked when Louis Lopez Park is reopening?

Joe said there has been a lot of delays due to the Pandemic and construction.

Nicole Brooks, Parks said, yes the pool is opening the day after school ends, June 26th. Lopez park scheduled for July. We are waiting for the lighting.

PARKS, NORMAN LIGHT – Absent.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No meeting. No minutes. I thank everyone from the committee that joined our Land Use Meeting. Have a healthy safe summer.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI – No meeting, no minutes. Have a safe and healthy summer.

ROSBANK/FT. WADWORTH, JOHN GUZZO - Lisa said no meeting. No report. Amy said John lost the connection. Nick said we will see him in September in person.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH - Did have a meeting and we are meeting next week. We will decide if we will meet in the summer. No minutes. Nick said your committee has met through all this time and you provided us with the Zoom platform. John said we will be looking for a site that meets our needs and we will talk to Lisa about whether we can meet there.

Nick said we will find a place to meet in September. It's exciting to think about being back in person.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No longer on the call.

George Doyle said he has a problem with DOT in Stapleton. Complaints about cross-street being a crater-filled street between Bay Street and the Dead End by Citibank.

Victoria said Lisa sent me this location and this is part of a DDC project. A water main is being installed there. We can now send it for pothole maintenance repair.

Secretary Loretta Cauldwell announced casting ballot for each of the current positions for the Executive Committee:

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman
Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman
Timothy Forsyth, Second Vice-Chairman
Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice-Chairman
Larry Beslow, Treasurer

Nick cast a vote for Loretta Cauldwell as Secretary.

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Nick said thank you for everything you did. It has been an honor to lead this board. I do nothing without you guys. The attendance for Land Use was great. I owe you two lunches and two dinners. I can't wait to see everyone in person. I wish everyone a healthy summer. River

North is going to be a process with City Council and the Borough President. If this one goes through there will be other developers to follow.

Joe said when it comes to the Planning Commission and orders from the Mayor to increase affordable housing.

Nick said I want to thank Joe Carroll who has been available throughout this time. Thank Lisa and Linda for controlling our budgets. I'm glad it's 8:05 pm and this meeting is over.

John McBeth said early voting starts June 12th to the 20th and then June 22nd is the Primary. Learn all you can before voting.

Fran Reali asked where the memorial is for Tom Paulo.