

## **MOTIONS TO BE PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

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Vote passed Land Use Committee 11-0-0.

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### **WATERFRONT**

Follow up letter to the Mayor that was sent on August 29, 2022 and September 15, 2021 (see below) to include: Last paragraph "as stated in CB 1 letter dated --- 2021 for the good of the people on Staten Island we ask

that the city resolve the contract issue and give the employees of the Staten Island Ferry a fair and equitable contract.

CB 1 has received a letter dating September 6, 2022 that the schedule interruption is due to manning shortages. The Community Board feels that resolving the contract issue can only help recruitment and retention in that regard

August 29, 2022

To: Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor City of New York  
From: Nicholas Zvegintzov, Transportation Chairman C#1, SI  
ejackson@cityhall.nyc.gov

Dear Mayor Adams:

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Meanwhile all the MTA subways and the buses along main arteries, including in Staten Island, run at least twice an hour all night.

Thus, Staten Island travelers are uniquely handicapped during the night hours.

If the cuts in the Staten Island Ferry schedule continue, these should not fall discriminatorily on night travelers.

As always, thank you for your concern for and interest in our community.

Cc: Hon. Vito Fossella  
Hon. Kamilla Hanks  
Hon. David Carr  
Hon. Joseph Borrelli  
Yandis Rodrigues, DOT Commissioner  
Roseann Caruana, SI DOT Commissioner  
John Garvey, Manager Ferries  
Roland Rexha, Secretary-Treasurer, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association

September 15, 2021

Hon. DeBlasio  
City Hall  
New York, New York 10007  
[EJackson@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:EJackson@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Dear Mayor, DeBlasio:

As the labor committee of community board 1 of Staten Island, we are writing today regarding the staffing issues at the Staten Island Ferry. It has come to our attention that NYC has been unable to settle a new contract with the workers that operate ferries in St. George. 11 years is far too long to not have a contract in place with the union that represents them. These workers are vital for Staten Islanders and enable us to have reliable and timely transportation to and from lower Manhattan.

Further, we agree with the finding of the city back in 2003 that said the ferry didn't have professional Mariners because of the low wages being offered.

We at the labor committee of Community Board 1 urge you to do all you can to ensure a fair and equitable contract is settled with these workers that so many Staten Islanders rely on. We hear often that NYC is a place where working families will be protected and alas, we have employees of the city itself working 11 years without a contract. It's long past time to set that right. These workers are our friends, family, and neighbors. Let's treat them better.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Siclari  
Chairman

Robert Holst  
Labor Committee Chairman

Hon. James Oddo  
Hon. Debi Rose

### **NEW BUSINESS MOTION**

A letter be sent to Councilwoman Hanks for the placement of an honorary street name sign for Joseph Carroll at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Clove Road.

# **COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

## **VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

### **SESSION OPENING**

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

Dan Messina, President, CEO, Richmond University Medical Center will give an update on the new Emergency Room opening.

A brief presentation will be given by Bridgette-Ingram Roberts, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Public Affairs, Health and Hospital Corporation.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Richard Day, Scott Kerr, Ann Lawrence, Agnes McBeth, John Stepensky, Frank Fontana, David Pena, Mary Bullock, Deidre Carroll-Morris, Crystal Vera-Montalvo, Evelyn Kormanik

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

### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

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

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Old Business  
New Business  
Adjournment



## **Land Use Public Hearing September 7, 2022 - 6:30 P.M. - Virtual**

### **MEMBERS**

George Turner, Chair  
Chris Rooney, Co-Chair  
George Doyle  
Anthony Cosentino  
Camille Zarrelli  
Larry Beslow  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Guzzo, Absent  
Kevin Washington  
Lillian Lagazzo  
Celeste Holmes  
Nicholas Siclari, Ex-Officio  
John Guzzo, Absent

### **GUESTS**

Adam Beckerman, DCP  
Ron Rizotti, Rep. 334 Van Duzer St & 814 Richmond Terr  
Ousmane Diallo, Rep. Assemblyman Charles Fall  
Miriam Arnold  
John Kilcullen  
Andrew Dorman  
Shelise Rogers  
Jason Price

### **Office Staff**

Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator  
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

### **Non-Board LU Members**

Phil Faranaci, Absent  
Ernie Selitto, Absent  
Sam Schiff, Absent

### **Board Members Non-LU**

Christopher Campbell  
Kathleen Coen  
Steven Williams

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Land Use Chairman George Turner called the Land Use Public Hearing to order at 7:34 P.M.

Mr. Adam Beckerman gave a few updates City Planning is crafting, SI zoning relief initiatives, zoning or housing opportunity and zoning for economic carbon. All are in very early stages. Mr. Beckerman will forward any information available and will be setting up a meeting with Land Use Chairman George Turner.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2022-40-BZ – Variance request to construct a new two-family detached home contrary to minimum lot width regulations located at **334 Van Duzer Street**.

Mr. Ron Rizotti showed plans and explained that the variance is needed due to the zoning district R3X requires a minimum lot width of 35 feet, and the site is 30 feet wide with 160- foot depth, The proposed residence will comply with all other requirements pursuant to the Lower Density Growth Management Area.

The variance would allow for the construction of a two-story 2,967 square foot two-family detached home with 3 parking spaces and a detached garage.

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Mr. Ron Rizotti showed plans and explained the building would be converted from its current use to a brewery for Kill Boro Brewing Company. The proposal is to build a 1,122 by 77'-4" glass enclosure in front of the existing building along Richmond Terrace to allow for a patio seating area. Since this area is within the widening area the GCL 35 approval is needed. No other enlargements are proposed to the existing building.

Mr. John Kilcullen mentioned that the St George Civic welcomes this type of business in the area and that is needed.

A few Board Members raised concern of the previous use of Brighton janitorial supplies where cleaners etc. were made and now the new use being food and beverage. Assemblyman Fall's representative had concerns of parking.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

## **Staten Island Community Board 1**

Transportation Committee

Joseph Bird, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Radhakrishna Mohan, Kevin Washington

Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Virtual Report of September 13, 2022

### **No meeting upcoming**

### **New members**

2022 CB1 member Katheleen Coen joined the TC as a new member.

### **Mission of TC**

When CB1 invited new members to join Functional Committees, I defined the TC's roles as follows (more or less from experience). Comments and guidance are welcome.

Helping residents to navigate and shape the City's transport and transit resources for their welfare

E.g., What can be done about traffic problems in my area?

Helping residents to get around

Helping our District residents with their own transportation challenges.

Looking for creative solutions

There is contention between our residents, who want to live safe, and non-residents, who often want to get through our District as quickly as possible (i.e., to the ferries). Not easy to reconcile, so it begs for creative solutions.

Advocating for resources and progress for useful projects

We have to keep advocating for potential projects, e.g., the North Shore BRT.

Keeping the squeak in the squeaky wheel

We need to keep calling 'every Monday morning at 9' until we get answers. The government's tactic is often to fail to answer and hope that the question will go away.

## **NYC DOT**

With a new Mayor and DOT Commissioner, and a new Borough Commissioner and staff here in Borough Hall, we seem to be getting clearer answers than before.

## **Resident requests**

We now have better guidance on what induces DOT to take action (starting with a formal study) on a resident complaint, especially one asking for a major change such as a one-way street. If the DOT does not unilaterally take action, as it will sometimes based on grave incident statistics, it is up to us to ascertain whether there is substantial resident agreements.

I am now recommending that we reply to residents' initial complaints with guidance such as:

'Dear XXX

Thank you for your email regarding...

Generally the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) makes a study of any major traffic change such as this only after a recommendation from us.

We would have to know if the proposed action is approved by other residents, e.g., via a petition or other letters of support, before making a recommendation.

Then the DOT will study the existing configuration and traffic counts, and will make a recommendation, which may include other traffic control measures.

Can you give us more evidence of residents' support?

I am also sharing your email with our Transportation Committee.'

## **The SI Ferry: Union contract; Missing night service**

A total ferry service stoppage on August 3 and 4, with both crews and the Mayor playing hardball, emphasized that the principal crew union has not had a new contract (or a raise) for more than 10 years, and it seems that serious negotiations have now started.

This negotiation is doubtless beyond our influence, but meanwhile crew shortages are being regularly dumped on night travelers, who are quite numerous but seen as less politically influential than day travelers. Once-per-hour ferries are back most nights, especially at weekends.



CB1 sent to elected and DOT and to the Union (Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association) the following:

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**Carshare**

The NYC DOT has been studying Carshare (e.g., Zipcar, etc.) for two years, though not including Staten Island.

Now they propose two Carshare-dedicated on-street parking places for two cars each on Staten Island and in CB1:

Closest corner	Side	Address
Benziger Ave/Westervelt Ave	S	109 Benziger Avenue
Curtis Pl/Westervelt Ave	N	49 Curtis Place

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Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

## Treasurer's Report - FY 2023 September 2022

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

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

LARRY BESLOW, CB1 TREASURER  
CONTRACTS

ENCUMBERED FOR FY2023

\* Proposed amount after Direct Orders approved.