

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –

TUESDAY, May 14th 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

In Person – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church – 347 Davis Avenue

SESSION OPENING

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

PUBLIC SESSION (2 Minutes): Nina Salerno, Cathleen Kenny, Andrew Jacobsen, Mark Anderson, Mario Buonviaggio, Michael Arvenitis, Lisa Crosby.

Presentations:

1. **NYCEDC Update on SI North Shore Plan** by Diana Switaj, Munro Johnson, Judah Asimov of EDC.
Diana Switaj will give an update on the NYCEDC EV Multisite RFP
2. **Two Safety Improvement Projects within Community Board**
1: 1. Fingerboard Road & Narrows Road. 2. Victory Blvd & Corson Avenue.
Presentation by DOT.

3. **City of Yes – Housing Opportunity**

The NYC Department of City Planning is proposing a citywide zoning text amendment to expand opportunities for housing within all zoning districts, and across all 59 of the City’s Community Districts. These changes to the City’s Zoning Resolution would enable more housing and a wider variety of housing types in every neighborhood, from the lowest-density districts to the highest, to address the housing shortage and high cost of housing in New York City.

Presenters: Rasika Deosthali (Borough Planner & CB 1 Liaison), Winnie Shen (Housing Planner, Housing Division) and Catie Ferrara Iannitto (Staten Island Office Director)

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – **Call for Candidates**
- Treasurer, Sunny Jain
- Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, George Turner - **Vote on letter of support for Protectors of Pine Oak Woods.**
- Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth – **1. Vote on letter regarding Assault on School Teachers and sent to CB2/3 and State & City Elected Officials.**

2. Vote on Cannabis Application Guidelines and Liquor License Guidelines.

3. Discussion on Standard Operating Procedures

---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 -

<https://sites.google.com/view/cb-1-cultural-site/home>

---Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

---West/New 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

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call or e-mail Loretta Cauldwell or the Board Office prior to the meeting at 1-718-981-6900 – Linda Maffeo, lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov.

CB1 Land Use Public Hearing Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30PM – In Person, CB1 Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite 217

Board Members

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

Non-Board Members

Phil Farinacci, ab
Charles Olson
Lisa I. Barbieri, ab

Guests: Catie Ferrara-Iannitto, DCP, Rasika Deosthali, DCP, Winnie Shen, Gabriella Vallario, City Council, Mark Anderson, Westerleigh Improvement Society.

Presentation:

City of Yes - Housing Opportunity

Handout: Worksheet for the individual components of the amendment.

The citywide text amendment would make it possible to build a little bit more housing in every neighborhood.

NYC is not building enough housing to meet New Yorkers needs. The shortage is due in part to restrictive zoning rules that limit the number and types of homes that can be built.

This leads to high rents, poor housing quality, tenant harassment, displacement and gentrification pressure, segregation and homelessness.

Over 53.6% of Staten Island renters are "rent burdened" and spend 30% of income on rent.

Zoning is one tool to address this. Other tools are subsidies, tax incentives to pressure affordable housing, & tenant protection.

We aim to update zoning rules.

Low Density Proposals - Medium & High Density Proposals - Parking Proposals

Enable conversions, small & shared apartments and infill.

Low Density for example Town Centers.

ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) in 1-2 family homes.

Medium - High Density

UAP (Universal Affordability Preference) Add 20% more housing.

Provide Parking Flexibility

Make parking optional in new buildings as market demands.

How will this affect my neighborhood?

- Modest changes over time.
- Build where there is already existing infrastructure.

The EIS (Estimate on average a little less than 1 Unit per acre over 15 years.

Results: EIS estimates a Citywide Housing Unit increment range of 58,000 to 108,900 units.

Email the Project Team with Questions:

housingopportunity@planning.nyc.gov

Timeline:

July 2024 - Public Hearing

September 2024 - City Planning Commission Vote - 50 Day Clock

End of 2024 - City Council Vote

Questions from the Land Use Committee & Guests:

FAR adjusted?

Is this wiping out the FAR?

FAR limits increased to facilitate flexibility.

ADU's

How many homeowners will want an ADU? We want to provide that option to have an ADU safely and up to code. They can only be placed in the rear yard.

DCP is engaged with DOB and FDNY. They need access.

The Certificate of Occupancy would reflect there is a ADU on the property.

In the buildings, affordable units would be integrated with the market rate units. A mix.

They would have to be ½ mile near transit. Parking spaces would be optional.

The Land Use committee agreed that the Town Center was a good idea.

No quorum, no vote.

Meeting Adjourned 7:47PM

**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
In Person, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman, Ex.
Anthony Cosentino, 1st Vice Chair, Acting Chairman**

Members

Joe Ahlstrom	Lillian Lagazzo
Michelle Akyempong, ex	Peter Lisi
Arguello, Tatiana	Ali Lula, ab
Berksteiner, Dora, ex	David McGoy
Berksteiner, Doreen	Nicole Meyers, ab
Joseph Bird, ex	Mohan Radhakrishna
Allison Brown, ex	Alina Nevradakis, ab
Telee Brown	Friday Ogbewe
Christopher Campbell	Ernest Paige
Loretta Cauldwell	Francine Reali, ex
Andre Ciprut	Joshua Renta, ex
Kathleen Coen	Cindy Salzillo, ab
Christopher Corbo, ab	Catherine Schiavone
Anthony Cosentino	Anthony Scutari, ex
Claudette Duff	Anthony Sgarlato
Samir Farag, ab	Sean Sheil
Timothy Forsyth	Nicholas Siclari
Selina Grey, ab	Jaclyn Tacoronte
John Guzzo	George Turner
Robert Holst	Siyda Williams, ab
Linda Huff, ab	Steven Williams
Sunny Jain	Nicholas Zvegintzov, ex
Linda Juarbe, ex	

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Presentations & Public Session Speakers:

Claudette Duff & Patricia Williams, John Kilcullen, Diane Malagrecia, Warren McKenzie, Nina Salerno, Ryan Crimmins, Jemaine Williams, Charlie Olson, Jonaphan Malihan, Mario Buonviaggio, Aidan Rivera, Cathleen Kenny, Jack Bolembach, Telee Brown
Marie LaFrancesca, Patrick, CTV, Michael Morrell, Elena Brady, Kelly Vilar, Rosemary Algerio, Casey Brown, Carol Reilly, Ricia Augusty.

Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order: 6:32 PM

Public Session – Friday Ogbewe

Nina Salerno – Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office – Earth Day Contest until the end of the month. Grant for Community Against Hate Crime. The deadline is May 17th. NYS passed the budget with the Staten Island Residents' Discount Program and funding for the Community Against Hate Crimes. Also included working families tax credit, tenant and homeowner protection and advancement in education funding. The senator supports Veterans' programs, Holocaust Survivor Initiative and the American Red Cross. Free mammogram events for women ages 40-79. If you want to be part of our newsletter, please let me know.

Ryan Crimmins – Speaking for DA McMahon, filling in for Agnes McBeth who is being honored tonight by the Wagner College Holocaust Center. Crime is down 5% on Staten Island. Low on homicides, only 5 this year. We are doing the best in all boroughs on stolen cars, down 40%. DA McMahon testified before city council about our funding for Fiscal Year 2025. We asked for more NYPD officers on Staten Island and a Community Justice Center on Staten Island. We had more officers in 1968 with ½ the population than we do today. Every other borough except for the Bronx has a justice center. We are hopeful for more funding in 2025. We had a successful prosecution for poison peddler. Back in 2022, Coty Hartley sold drugs to undercover cops on six occasions and received a 6-year sentence. We want to make sure we are giving sizable sentences to these people who are selling drugs on our streets. Thoughts and prayers for the fallen NYPD officer, Jonathan Diller. Port Richmond High School slashing incident where all the perpetrators are juvenile, but we are fighting with Albany for these cases to go through our office. Our “Stand Up, Stop Bullying” contest headed by Agnes McBeth. Our ceremony is coming up soon. For Spring cleaning, if you know any graffiti spots, let us know. Multi-cultural food festival coming up on May 19th, Sacred Heart School Gym from 1PM to 4PM. Free food, dancing, etc.

Jermaine Williams – We want to thank Chief Gullotta for spearheading a task force that monitors the bridges of NYC when it comes to car thefts. The Mayor will be on Staten Island on April 30th for a small business resource fair, 9:00am-1:00pm at the College of Staten Island, 28 Victory Blvd. The NYPD is having their annual baby shower at 59 Wright Street, May 18th from 12:00PM – 3:00PM.

Charlie Olson – I have been on the committees for 7 months. I wanted to join the Environmental Committee, but there is no such committee. CB2&3 have one. Yesterday, we had an eclipse and Earth Day on April 22nd. We could have gone down Forest Avenue with floats for Earth Day and handed out glasses to for the eclipse. Please look into creating an Environmental Committee.

Jonaphan Malihan – Workforce One, Industrial & Transportation Sector. We offer no cost recruitment centers funded by NYC. We are located at 120 Stuyvesant Place if you're looking for employment.

Mario Buonviaggio – Port Richmond North Shore Alliance – Between the Yankees & Mets NYEDC will be generating \$950 Million but have done nothing to clean the North Shore Rail by John Street & Nicholas Avenue. The Homeowners are being neglected by the CEO. The homeowners of all nationalities are having health hazards. They are getting fines from the health department for rat moles. They can't fix the mess in their own backyard. They are heading the 1/2 billion dollar north shore waterfront project. “It's going to get ugly”. Let Andrew Kimball decide how ugly it wants to get. He wanted a park across the street from his building to be monitored to be cleaned because he didn't want to see garbage. Shame on the council member for not responding. I sent her numerous emails with no response or acknowledgement. You can't fix a quarter of a mile strip. I am told to go there and tell them where a tree fell and getting yelled at by the homeowners. I don't collect a salary. This is going on 13 months. I am asking CB1 for EDC to come and explain to us why they are doing nothing.

Aiden Rivera - Case Manager, (co-worker Samson, also a Case Manager is also here). Central Family life center - Victims of Crime Advocates Program working with NY State. We offer compensation, referrals & accompaniment for victims of crime. If you have a broken lock or lost your glasses for example, in the act of a crime, you can be compensated. For additional information and services contact The VOCA Initiative VOCA@CentralFamilyLifeCenter.org or 718-273-8414 Ext.315.

Jack Boleback - Came back to speak about the Serpentine Ridge and ask for a letter of support. Want to clear up the confusion. **Security** will be like any park in Staten Island open from dawn to dusk. **Housing**, Staten Island needs housing and they are building a high-rise apartment on Bay Street. We need to get a nature preserve in that neighborhood because there is none. With the Environmental Bond Act passed, there is money available. We have the land that we can manage. **Steep Slope** - it's dangerous to build there and there is also asbestos in the bedrock, rare plants and wildlife. **Eminent Domain** - Government taking over the property is not going to happen. The private owners will be offered a fair market value for their home by NYC EDC. They can accept it or decline it. We need a letter of support right away. We have Senator Scarcella-Spanton, Assemblyman, Tannousis on board. The Land Use Committee voted unanimously in favor of it. I know you want to table this for May. Cathleen Kenny, Assemblyman, Sam Pirozzolo's office - He is working in Albany on the Budget. On Thursday, April 11th, he will be hosting a blood drive held at the JCC from 1-7PM.

Telee Brown - CB1 member and work with Department of Social Services - People receive benefits such as food stamps, etc. Many have been scammed. For SNAP and WICK, you can log in your card for security.

End of Public Session

Chair, Nicholas Siclari talked about starting an Environmental Committee, brought up by Charlie Olson. If you get one member to chair, you can have that committee. Answering to Mario Buonviaggio, Diana Switaj will be at May's meeting and we will ask her. As far as Serpentine Ridge, we asked for more information and we will vote in May.

Roll Call with a Quorum.

Motion to accept the minutes in the packet. Motion to accept by Robert Holst and seconded by John Guzzo.

Presentations:

1. **Claudette Duff, CB1 Board Member** – Requesting a Center for the Blind and Visually-Impaired needed on Staten Island. When I first joined the board, I had better vision and was able to drive. In the last three years have become legally blind. Now have only central 4% vision. It was a very traumatic experience for me. I am used to being very independent and helping people everywhere. Now I am disabled and dependent. The first couple of years, I stayed home. I was ashamed, embarrassed and vulnerable. Eventually I was able to get services. Somewhere in the process I needed a place on Staten Island and there was no place to go. The nearest place was Manhattan. This is not fair. I found out years ago there was a center on Staten Island and it was taken away. I spoke with Anna Marie (who will also speak) who runs a support group. She is the most positive person I ever met. I met other people in the blind community that are doing good work. Kim who has a blind daughter. About 6 months ago, we started meeting in my apartment. Asking for a letter of support from all three community boards. There are over 8,000 people in Staten Island who are blind and they are afraid to go out. There is nowhere to go. In Manhattan, they go on trips, support groups for diabetes, nutrition, medication management, breakfast and dinner groups, computer labs, they have bowling, yoga, line dancing, and teach us how to get around our apartment with a cane.

Patricia Williams - For 30 years, my support has been in Manhattan. The commute is 2 hours. I think about the young people coming up. Let's get something started on Staten Island. Name chosen is the **Staten Island Center of Light**.

Annamarie - (couldn't hear her)

Chairman Nicholas Siclari said Claudette Duff is an asset to this community board. Motion for a letter of support for Staten Island Center of Light.

Reverse roll call, passes unanimously. Since this meeting, the letter has been sent out to all the elected officials.

2. **Bayley Seton, Then & Now** – John Kilcullen, VP, Board of Directors for PLSI, with colleagues of the Preservation League, Warren McKenzie & Diane Malagrega. Present to the community the state of the Bayley Seton Campus on Bay Street, two Historic Landmarks. The Preservation League has been around since 1977. We advocate for recognition, care and restoration of Historic Properties. We are looking for Adaptive Reuse when it comes to Bayley Seton which dates back to 1831. Designated a NYC Landmark in 1985, Staten Island's first Public Health Facility originally know as The Seaman's Retreat. It is threatened with Demolition by Neglect. There is The Seaman's Retreat, The Physician's House and the Main Hospital. The Seaman's Retreat at Bay Street and Vanderbilt (R3-2), copper trimmed which is no longer present. Windows are broken and graffiti is present. We have written letters to LPC to secure the building better. Landmark doesn't include the inside of the building. Current owner (dual ownership) is the Bayley Seton Hospital Corporation. The Physician's House, owned by the Salvation Army with the same R3-2 zoning. As of January, the porch is off the building. Trying to sell it and make it a separate tax lot. We are pushing for adaptive reuse. No information on what is happening. In 1887, Dr. Joseph James Kinyoun did research in this building and was able to isolate the Cholera gene to come up with an inoculation for it. We are asking for CB1 support to get Landmarks to step up their act. They have the resources. Copies of our journal from the 45th Anniversary Gala. Good information of what the League has done. This Sunday, Reformed Church on Port Richmond Avenue, Annual Reward Ceremony. Honoring buildings in Staten Island. Everyone is welcome.

Chair, Nicholas Siclari thanked John Kilcullen. He said he used to ride his bike as a kid around Bayley Seton. When James Oddo was BP, we tried to contact the Salvation Army, Bayley Seton, there is no answer. We would love to utilize the buildings. That would be a great place for Claudette's Center of Light. Tony Sgarlato said he did his residency there. Many studies were done there. John Guzzo said Sisters of Charity left the building like that. Maybe a lawsuit. George Turner said we need to enforce that the building doesn't deteriorate.
Motion to send a letter - Reverse Roll Call - Votte 27 yes with 1 abstention.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – Letter in packet of enforcement of Local Law 18. We had a presentation last month. Lillian Lagazzo said people want to make money but what about us, your neighbors, people coming and going with short-term rentals. It was inactive for a reason. Timothy Forsyth questioned the propriety of the board advocating for this private entity. RHOAR is not a public entity. Should we be advocating for a political change in the law on behalf of it? Jeanne Raleigh who originally gave the presentation said I want the right to use my home as a tax paying homeowner.

Motion to approve the letter: Vote: 9 yes, 14 no, 4 abstentions, 0 intelligible.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth – No report.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Call for Candidates forms. If you'd like to run for a position, they need to be returned to the office before the May meeting. At our May meeting we will also take nominations from the floor.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain – Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Want to thank everyone for my well wishes. I thank Tony Cosentino for taking over the last meeting.

District Manager, Joan Cusack: Thank you for sending the emails to both Linda and myself. It is working well.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner – 1707 Richmond Terrace. An architect who wanted our endorsement for an auto repair/painting body shop on Richmond Terrace. He couldn't get a C/O on the building because the street was not final mapped. He has to go to BSA so they can approve connection to an unmapped street. We sent him back to get more information. There was no vote.

Bayley Seton Hospital: John Kilcullen. Great presentation was given. We want to support a letter that landmarks will come in and help enforce just the level that the building doesn't deteriorate anymore. Was voted on already and we will send a letter.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom – Jonathan Diller, Police Officer and 2014 graduate at SUNY Maritime where I teach. I had him as a student. He was a great man. Moment of Silence for him.

Next Waterfront meeting on April 23rd, in person at the CB1 Office. EDC will discuss Pier 1 and the parking by the ferry. You have to keep EDC accountable.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – No report.

Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna – Ms. Ariana Topallaj comes from Literacy in Community. It's very important to read to our children, to engage in books and family time. They are funded and work with the NYC Parks Department, JCC, NYC Public Library System and they host events to teach parents how to teach children to read. This Saturday, at the Police Officer Gerard Carter Center, 230 Broad Street. The theme is Air Balloons. They will give out free age-appropriate books. Next meeting will focus on Youth opportunities on the skilled trades of unions. Robert Holst, the Chairman of Labor will address apprenticeship programs for young people to get involved in the process of becoming union members in skilled trades. We would like this to be a series. We would like to focus on Maritime trades.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth – Anthony and Timothy having a meeting next month.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Transportation, Nicholas Zveqintzov – While Nicholas is away, Christopher Campbell spoke on his behalf. Next meeting on Thursday, May 30th to review the transit on the North Shore. Next Full Board meeting, the Safety Improvement Project will be presented by DOT. DOT had a hearing on Daylighting, keeping a parking space open at the intersections mandated by New York State Law.

Outdoor dining is going from temporary to permanent. August 3rd is the deadline for applications. Portal for the District Manager to have access to and the code can be shared with office personnel. DM's can decide on their own or bring it to the board.

Open Streets on Minthorne Street, between Bay and Victory on April 19 through October 31st. Water Street between Beach and Canal, June 1st to September 28th.

Small Business & Non-Profit, Jaclyn Tacoronte – Last month meeting was at Mello Bistro, owned by a minority business owner. Michael from the Chamber of Commerce discussed additional services that SBS is providing. Tomorrow night is our next meeting where La Colmena at 774 Port Richmond Avenue will host. They will present the CDNA report (Commercial District Needs Assessment). Congratulations to Tatiana Arguello, who has been selected to sit on the Mayor's Nonprofit Committee Advisory Council.

Labor, Robert Holst – No report.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino – Adam Ganser is looking for a support letter for 1% of the Mayor's Budget for Parks. The last we had was .6%.

Motion to approve: Approved unanimously with a reverse roll call.

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Scarlato – We've had two meetings so far and started looking at the cultural sites and organizations. We have recognized 30 of them. They will be listed on the website and FB. The links will show calendar of events.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali – Absent, no report.

West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino – Minutes in the packet.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth - Minutes in the packet.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo – Minutes in the packet. We have a request from the community to have NYPD come to our meeting to get complaints from the community answered.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner – No chair present, minutes in the packet.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi- We have Hybrid meetings, on Zoom and in person at the Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street. We are looking for new members. We invited DSNY and they didn't show up. We have a list of areas that need cleaning. The areas get cleaned and then get dirty again. On Bay Street, property owners get ticketed. Something bigger needs to be done. DOT Open Streets Program – Stapleton Saturdays with a detour of traffic from June to September, 12-5 pm on Water Street between Beach and Canal Streets. There is a demolition of a garage at 154 Wright Street. Complaints of derelict vehicles, unplatd, no registration or inspection with 6 on one street and 2 on the other. I want to thank the community board. Community starts with people like yourselves. Don't stop until the problem is solved.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari said to try to attend your area committees. In September, we want to split up New/West Brighton & St. George Area Committees to allow for a quorum. We had a motion a few months ago. We have a new carpet in our CB1 building thanks to Joan Cusack. I missed all of you last month and it's great to be back.

Old Business – Timothy Forsyth – We approach our summer swimming season. I request the DM to reach out to the Children's Aid Society. Chairman Nick said the plans are in the works but the indoor pool will not be ready for this summer.

New Business – Loretta Caldwell – We have the Precinct Council Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next one will be at Brighton Heights Reformed Church. Sergeant Spataro retired and will be back for a proper send off.

Jaelyn Tacoronte mentioned May 3rd, Community Media of SI. I will host a Q&A Session with Public Advocate, Jumaane Williams.

Motion to Adjourn – 8:21 PM

Community Board 1 Small Business Committee Meeting

Date | April 10, 2024

Location | La Colmena , 774 Port Richmond Ave, Staten Island, NY 10302

In Attendance:

Community Board 1

- Jaclyn Tacoronte, Small Business & Non Profit Chairwoman
- Alina Nevradakis
- Peter Lisi
- CB1
- CB1

La Colmena Team

- Yesenia Mata, Executive Director
- Arlette Zependa, Director
- Evelin, Program Manager

Agenda:

- Review Annual Merchant Survey Findings
- Discuss next steps to present to CB1 Board of Directors monthly meeting

Overview of Presentation:

Reviewed Merchant Survey findings...

positive and negative quotes from merchants

201 Merchant surveys collected

Top Concerns:

Crime/ safety 32%

Parking transit 24%

Marketing 17%

Yesenia welcomes open feedback from CB1 members regarding liquor license process and overall license approvals so that they can educate businesses.

301 Consumer Surveys

prominent figure Day VS. Night fear

1 % don't feel safe in day VS
24% don't feel safe at night

Goal for releasing and how can we support?

Be involved in this process together. They need CB1 support to address the needs with SBS.

We will be invited to showcase this report to SBS

Current issues : There's hostility between street vendors and businesses. How can we address this as a community?

LaPolita- Home restaurant pop-ups

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**West/New Brighton – St. George – Tompkinsville Area Committee Meeting, TUESDAY,
April 16, 2024, 6:30 PM - Virtual – CB1 Office Zoom**

Attendance:

Board Members: Claudette Duff, Co-Chair, Anthony Cosentino, Co-Chair, Tatiana Arguello, Doreen Berksteiner, Loretta Cauldwell, Katheleen Coen, Robert Holst, Linda Huff, Lillian Lagazzo, David McGoy, Catherine Schiavone, Sean Sheil, Steven Williams

Voting Non-Board Members: Eileen Harrington, Lisa Barbieri

Office: Joan Cusack, District Manager

Presentation: Samantha Skonieczny, Program Manager, Staten Island Business Outreach Center, SIBOC – Presenting the Commercial District Revitalization Report. The SIBOC is located at 686 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310, 718-816-4775 ext. 100, website: <https://www.siboc.org> and email samantha@siboc.org.

Their mission is to empower small businesses on Staten Island. They offer one on one counseling, business plan development and more. Some of the presentation focused on sections of Castleton Avenue as well as Forest Avenue and stating 295 businesses with a 13% vacancy rate.

Liquor Licenses:

Duffy's, 650 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310, Renewal Application – Representative appeared. The business has been at the same location for many years and no complaints against them received. We had a unanimous vote for a letter of support from the committee.

Compass Group USA, Inc., 631 Howard Avenue, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY 10301 – Renewal Application – Representative appeared. Unanimous vote in favor of a letter of support.

Cinderellas Restaurant Inc., 108 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10301, Renewal Application – Was invited to appear but failed to confirm with the office and was not present for their renewal.

Note: An applicant for a renewal is not required to appear unless the Community Board has complaints against the business.

Old Business:

New Business: List of criteria for reviewing cannabis applications.

Announcements: Next Local Area Committee Meeting is May 21st, 2024 - Zoom

Next CB1 Meeting, May 14th 2024, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310.

Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino – Area Committee Co-Chairs

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND/ELM PARK/ARLINGTON

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024, VIRTUAL

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened: 7:10 PM

In attendance:

Everette Wattley
Charlene Burke
Mario Buonviaggi
Selina Grey
Dora Berksteiner
Veronica Ballard
Steven Williams/
Margaret Kimble (Arlington Civics)
Deb Klisgele (Elms Park Civics)
Friday Ogbewele

Presentations/Updates: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Congestion pricing

Demolition/New Building Permit Notices:

Liquor License Renewal:

- **CT Sport's Bar/Joe Broadway's Billiards & Sports Pub (2178 Forest Ave)**

Vote:

1. Charlene Burke: Yes
2. Everett Wattlely: Yes
3. Friday Ogbewele: Yes
4. Mario Buonviaggio: Yes
5. Selina Grey: Yes
6. Dora Berksteiner: Yes

Liquor License NEW Applications:

- **New Ranchito Deli & Grocery Store (302 Morningstar Rd)** voted to table the vote. There is a discrepancy to whether the store owner can use the basement as storage. Mario got a report from the Department of Buildings that stated that the basement cannot be used for storage. We asked for the owner to get verification or clarification from the Department of Buildings that the basement can be used for storage.
- **Flurlife LLC (1371 Forest Ave)**

Vote:

1. Charlene Burke: Yes
2. Everett Wattlely: Yes
3. Friday Ogbewele: Yes
4. Mario Buonviaggio: Yes
5. Selina Grey: Yes
6. Dora Berksteiner: Yes

Cannabis License: None

Car Service Base Operating License Renewal: None

Water Service Interruptions: None

Filming Interruptions: None

Civic Groups Report:

Port Richmond Strong: May 18th, 2024 is the Banner Event. DOT is sponsoring Earth Day: on April 20th 2024: Post Ave and Castleton Ave.

Arlington Civics Association: announced their meeting is on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 36 Richmond Terr. Fellowship Baptist Church 7:30PM.

Elm Park Civics Association: Next meeting last Tuesday of the month. St. Adalbert's. 6:30 PM.

OPEN Session: As called.

Announcements:

- **HPD Workshop on Fair Housing/** Apr 18, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
[Register Here](#)
- **HPD Workshop on Affordable Housing/** Apr 16, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time
[Register Here](#)
- **Blessed Sacrament Parish Players Present "Oliver". Sunday April 14th @ 3pm/7pm**
- **Five Borough Bike Tour May 5, 2024. 9am-6:30pm**
- **Con Edison host interactive clean energy Exhibit to celebrate Earth Day 2024**
- **Bronx: Education and stewardship activities with [The Bronx is Blooming](#) (events throughout the month of April)**
- **Manhattan: Harlem Grown's [Earth Day Festival](#) (April 20; rain date April 21)**
- **Staten Island: Con Edison Family Science: Earth Day Edition at [Greenbelt Conservancy](#) (April 23)**

- **Westchester County:** Arbor Day with White Plains Beautification Foundation (April 26)
- **Brooklyn:** Earth Day Festival at Fort Greene Park Conservancy (April 27)
- **Queens:** Climate Arts Festival at Queens Botanical Garden (April 27)

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

NEXT LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: May 21, 2024

NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING May 14th, 2024, LOCATION:
TBA

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Minutes Submitted by Dora Berksteiner

Selina Grey and Dora Berksteiner

Area Co-Committee Chairs

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

Community Board 1 Staten Island

Clifton, Concord, Stapleton Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:30 PM

Stapleton Library, [132 Canal Street](#).

Hybrid Meeting In Person & On Zoom

Meeting ID: 852 8932 8780

NYC MTA and NYC Council Woman Kamillah Hanks is requesting recommendations for new bus shelter locations on the North Shore. MTA bus shelter locations suggested:

1) In front of 538 Bay St, corner of Prospect St. 2) Bay St, corner of Vanderbilt Ave. Inc front of hospital land. 3) Targee St, in front of new school, PS R373, between Osgood Ave & Laurel Ave. 4) in front of 7 Beach St, corner of Water Street. 5) Cebra Avenue (both sides) corner of St. Paul's Ave

Amended New Liquor License Application: LIB International Sports Bar LLC, 639 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10304. There was no objection to an amendment for previously filed application to include security personnel and yes premises located within 500 feet of three or more on-premises liquor establishments.

There was a discussion about the new traffic light on the corner of Bay St & Water St. Some suggestions were changing the timing of all traffic lights around the new one. Not enough time for pedestrians to cross Water St on corner of Tappen Park.

Maybe no left turn sign except for buses.

Raised crosswalk or enhance crosswalk & markings so drivers can see pedestrians crossing. Cars parked at no parking anytime obstruct view of pedestrians crossing.

Seems like traffic builds up on Bay Street from Broad St, and on Canal Street from Library. The cause of traffic backing up is always a vehicle trying to turn left onto Water Street from Canal St.

Tappen Park now has a steady presence of NYPD patrol and the addition of 2 NYPD camera systems is a great help. Residents and businesses finally see a change in illegal activity inside of Tappen Park. Committee will still continue monitoring.

National Grid & Con Edison needs to restore and repair sidewalks, curbs and streets on Bay Street, between Sands Street and Canal Street, as a result of their infrastructure construction work.

NYC MTA & NYC Dept of Design & Construction

Bay Street, corner of Prospect Street, in front of 538 Bay Street bus stop has a years long problem of water build up, with dozens of lawsuits against NYC and growing. Bus riders are unable to safely board on and off of busses. Handicap unable to safely board on and off busses. Last notification was that NYC DDC said work should be starting soon. This location may be one of the worst and dangerous bus stops in NYC and needs to be immediately addressed.

NYC Parks

Missing tree and request for a new tree in front of 536 Bay Street and 543 Bay Street on Prospect Street side of buildings.

Meeting Adjourned.

April 23 2024 Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes

Start: 1831 (631pm)

Attendees: Joe Ahlstrom, Josh Renta, Kate Coen, Ray Fusco (Waterfront Alliance), Andy Blancero (Freshkills Park Alliance), Annette & James (Kayak Staten Island), Anthony Cosentino, Charlie Olson, David E's iPhone, Evelia's Ipad, Everett Wattle, Joan Que, Linda Juarbe, Lisa Barbieri, Peter Lisi, Sarah Gowell, Stan Sacks, Claudette Duff, R.V. Augusty, Juan F. Rodriguez Jr., Michael Harwood, Port Richmond North Shore Alliance, Steve Schwarzkopf, Tim Forsyth, Topher Campbell, Martha Echols, Steven W

Presenters: Diana Switaj (NYCEDC), Munro Johnson (NYCEDC) VP Neighborhood Strategy Dept

Presentations: North Shore Action Plan

Timeline: All projects to be delivered by 2027

Lighthouse Point - Reaching end of phase one, ribbon cutting maybe by June, Triangle equities is the developer of Lighthouse Pt. many of us were unaware they were the new developer.

Phase 2 - redevelopment to begin later this year, possibly within the next couple of months. Only the admin building and the two buildings on either side of admin building are part of lighthouse pt redevelopment. No plan yet as to usage of these three buildings.

Is building 10 part of lighthouse pt development project? Building 10 is not part of the redevelopment project (Triangle Equities). Building 10 is a separate NYCEDC project that they expect the RFP to be released this year which will coincide with the Redevelopment of Lighthouse Point.

Will hotel of phase 2 be part of this phase? Is it still happening? Munro seemed unsure of changes to original phase 2 plans.

Lighthouse Plaza Garage - Should be open by this summer.

Pier 1 Update - Planning and engineering started and RFP in process, the National Lighthouse Museum should anticipate alternative arrangements next year for usage of pier due to construction expected to start in 2025.

No tentative plans of utilizing the actual waterfront as of now. (Marinas, Boat Ramp, Kayak Launch, etc.....)

New Middle School - Any updates regarding a new middle school? NYCEDC unaware of any plans regarding a middle school currently that could benefit from using the waterfront. It has been suggested in the past to create a middle school to bridge the gap between P.S. 59 The Harborview School and the NY Harbor High School on Governors Island. Recommend reaching out to the DOE regarding this matter.

St George Esplanade - RFP isolated so EDC has control of development of this site with no interference from former NY Wheel site. RFP is about to go out. Funding is approved for this single site project. Due to be complete by 2027. Engineering and design starting this year. Breaking ground in 2025.

River North Project - This is a private project. No status update on this empty lot. Michael Hardwood - speaks on River North, Madison Realty is changing design of plan. Cleanup will not start till the plan is finalized. Madison has been known to change plans in Greenpoint Brooklyn without notification to anyone. EDC will look into it.

Wheel Garage - What is going on with the Wheel Garage? RFP has been put out for this. RFP is closed now and awaiting approval of offers by EDC. They plan to use top of garage terminal as a green space

Merchant Marine Memorial - This memorial will not be touched

North Shore Railway Cleanup: No progress on cleanup so far. Question brought up by Mario of Port Richmond North Shore Alliance

Peter Lisi: The EDC needs to finalize a strong choice for the former wheel site during the RFP process.

Meeting adjourned : 1924 (724 pm)

Community Board 1 Youth Services Committee

Minutes of April 24, 2024 Meeting

The meeting began, via Zoom, at 5:30 pm. Present were: Radhaknishna Mohan (co-chair), Robert Holst, Charles Roland (Public Employees Federation), Anthony Cosentino, Anthony Scutari and Katheleen Coen.

Robert Holst, a union Electrician with IBEW, discussed "Pathways to Construction Trades" and highlighted the differences between union and non-union employment. 83% of construction-related deaths are suffered by non-union employees. The underground economy enables wage theft and employee abuse. Union employment, however, ensures a pension, retirement benefits, a 401k and a strong emphasis on safety. NYC requires union construction workers to have educational training on subjects such as fall prevention and scaffolding safety. Mr. Holst noted that NYC Commissioner of Buildings James Oddo has been vigilant about worker safety.

For young people interested in construction opportunities, Mr. Holst explained that McKee, Susan Wagner and Tottenville High Schools presently offer a "Construction Skills NY" program. Students in such programs go into Manhattan one day a week to participate as "pre-apprentices." Anthony Scutari added that young people interested in this pathway must be willing travel to job sites throughout the 5 boroughs, be prepared for very early mornings and hard work. Robert Holst agreed and added that Union construction should **NOT** be seen as "easy" alternative to college. A significant amount of classroom work must be done while on the pathway to a Union job in the construction trades. In response to a question from Mohan, Mr. Holst stated that interested individuals must be 18 years of age to seek an apprenticeship.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Coen

Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00 PM, Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Attendance: Anthony Cosentino, Chair, Timothy Forsyth, Co-Chair, Kathleen Coen (excused), Peter Lisi (excused), Ernest Paige, Catherine Schiavone, Siyda Williams (absent).

Letter to go out regarding Assault on School Teachers and sent to State & City Elected Officials

Whereas under New York State Law, it is a felony to assault a public bus driver or transit operator as well as a number of other classes of public servants in the course of their occupational duties.

And whereas, the assault of a public school teacher or paraprofessional or principal by a school student while in school generally only results in the student only being subject to school discipline and not to criminal charges.

Staten Island Community Board 1 hereby recommends that the assault of a public school teacher , paraprofessional or principal be classified as a felony and urges the NYC Council and the NYS Legislature to enact enabling legislation to accomplish this, in order to extend greater protection to our public school employees.

Anthony Cosentino
First Vice Chair Community Board 1
Chairman Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee

Timothy Forsyth
Second Vice Chair, Community Board 1
Co-Chairman Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee

From Rules & Legislative Committee Chair – Anthony Cosentino

Standard Operational Procedures:

Public Hearings:

2b. In order to assist Committee Chairpersons the Board Office will notify all members of regularly scheduled committee meetings by email and posting on CB1 website.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Cosentino
Rules Committee Chairman

Timothy Forsyth
Rules Committee Co Chairman

Catherine Schiavone
Rules Committee Member

Ernest Paige
Rules Committee Member

Standard Operating Procedure:

Executive Board:

(Existing paragraph will become #1)
(The following additional paragraph will become #2)

A Board Member may apply for a six month Leave Of Absence by a written request to the Executive Committee detailing the reason for which requested, and if granted they shall not be counted in the quorum and their Term shall not be extended, and they shall be excused from meetings accordingly. They shall be marked Leave Of Absence on attendance sheets (L.O.A.)

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Cosentino
Chairman Rules Committee

Timothy Forsyth
Co Chairman Rules Committee

Catherine Schiavone
Member Rules Committee

Ernest Paige
Member Rules Committee

**Staten Island
Rules and Legislation Committee**

Guidelines for CB Assessment of Cannabis Applications

- Proposed location cannot be within 1000 feet of a current licensed adult or medical use dispensary or another applicant previously before the CB.
- The proposed location cannot be within 200 feet of a house of worship (on the same street address or if a corner property the most common entrance used.)
- The proposed location cannot be within 500 feet of a school.
- The proposed location cannot be within 500 feet of a day care facility or facility serving children.
- The proposed location cannot be in a commercial use C1 zone.
- The proposed location must have a signed lease or ownership demonstrated for the proposed location.
- The proposed location must demonstrate minimal impact on pedestrian, vehicular, and parking traffic in proximity to the proposed location and have parking accommodations.
- The proposed license holder must notify the CB 30-270 days prior to filing their application.
 - CB has 30 days to approve or deny. CB can ask for one 30 day extension.
- The proposed location cannot be open between 2 am and 8 am.
- The proposed location cannot be open more than 70 hours/week.
- The proposed license holder cannot own or have an interest in more than 3 locations.
- A municipality may regulate:
 - Visual and architectural integrity if it is within an historic district
 - Parking
 - Traffic control
 - Odor
 - Noise

- What will the name and address of your establishment be?
- Attach a copy of your Certificate Of Occupancy
- How close is the nearest residence to your establishment? Upstairs?
- How many days a week will you be open?
- What are your proposed hours of operation?
- Do you have a kitchen?
 - Note: You must serve food if you are still serving liquor
- Will you have outdoor food and beverage service and the hours of service?
- Will you have live entertainment in your establishment?
 - If so, will you have sound baffling installed?
- Which of the following best describes your establishment?
 - Neighborhood Pub
 - Sports Bar
 - Catering Facility
 - Full Service Restaurant
 - Night Club
 - Dance Club
 - Bistro
 - Lounge
- Has this type of business changed from the building's previous use?
- Where will the customers park?
- Will you have a bouncer/doorman?
- Will there be an owner present during hours of operation?

Note. CB1 policy is it's up to the Area Committee to determine if the applicant premises in a residential neighborhood. If so the restrictions are that from SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY SERVICE STOPS AT MIDNIGHT AND THE PREMISES CLOSES AT 1AM. THAT MEANS LAST CALL IS MIDNIGHT AND AND CLOSED BY 1AM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY LAST CALL IS 1AM AND CLOSED BY 2AM. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE ATTACHED TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE.

CONDITIONS CAN ALSO BE PLACED FOR SOUND, MUSIC AND OUTDOOR SERVICE. OUTDOORS I A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD MUST CLOSE BY 8PM ON SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND 10PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

SOME ESTABLISHMENTS ARE NOT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA OR ONLY HAVE BEER AND WINE LICENSES OR ARE STRICTLY RESTAURANTS AND IT IS UP TO THE APPROPRIATE AREA COMMITTEE TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS MUST PROVIDE MINUTES OF THE OUTCOME OF ALL LICENSED DELIBERATIONS.

**Anthony Cosentino
First Vice Chair CB1
Chairman Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee**

**Timothy Forsyth
Second Vice Chair CB1
Co Chair Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee**

To: Vito Fossella, Staten Island Borough President
Staten Island Borough Hall
10 Richmond Terrace # 120
Staten Island, NY 10301

From: Community Board 1
Date: May 2024
RE: Support for Conservation of Serpentine Ridge Parcels

Dear Mr. Fossella,

We understand that you and other elected officials have recently indicated your support for preserving a wide range of ecologically valuable properties on Staten Island. We are writing to thank you and to urge you to especially advocate for the preservation of woodland parcels along the steeply sloping Serpentine Ridge, which is within the area of Community Board #1.

Funds from the Environmental Bond Act passed in November of 2022 will soon be available for conservation of natural lands, and we feel that the properties along Serpentine Ridge are especially well positioned to receive such funds. Community Board #1 voted in favor of the conservation of these properties on May 14, 2024.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified Zip Code 10304 as an Environmental Justice Community in their report released in May 2022. This dense, urban neighborhood, with a large minority population, lacks a protected natural landscape where residents, especially children, can experience and enjoy nature.

By purchasing the Lots in Blocks 615 and 616, a unique nature preserve can be established, enhancing the health and quality of life for residents. Schools can organize field trips to the nearby woodlands, generating interest in environmental education and related job opportunities. Furthermore, the open land will provide stormwater retention, reducing flooding, and particulate removal, thereby improving water quality.

Additional benefits of preserving woodlands such as these include: Carbon sequestration through trees, and vegetation; lowering the temperature in surrounding neighborhoods – especially during heat waves; minimizing erosion on hillsides and keeping lower elevation properties on Van Duzer Street dry; filtering dust and pollutants from the air, helping those with asthma and respiratory issues; minimizing the creation of urban heat islands; absorbing noise; increasing property values of nearby homes; providing habitat for wildlife species; and improving the health of children living in surrounding neighborhoods.

Serpentine Barrens are classified as an S-1 habitat by the New York Natural Heritage Program. This is the rarest and harshest type of habitat in NY State. There are only five serpentine barrens in NY State, and all of these are on Staten Island. The best of these five is on the Serpentine Ridge between Howard Avenue and Van Duzer Street. The soils are extremely acidic, thin and rocky, and they lie directly upon serpentinite bedrock. They generally contain significant amounts of nickel, chromium, magnesium & other heavy

metals that are toxic to plants. Because serpentinite outcroppings are rare and isolated, their plant communities are ecological islands and these distinctive species are often highly endangered.

Serpentinite contains deadly chrysotile asbestos which is hazardous when it is mobilized in the air as dust during construction. If disturbed by excavation projects, these microscopic fibers will be released into the air, and may cause severe health problems (especially respiratory problems) for nearby residents. Children are especially vulnerable to asbestos diseases, and government health statistics prove there is a 20 to 30 year latency period after the initial exposure to asbestos fibers turns into mesothelioma and lung cancer.

Thirty-five to forty percent of all funds from the Environmental Bond Act are required by law to be allocated to Environmental Justice Neighborhoods. All such neighborhoods on Staten Island are located within the area of Community Board #1. Thus, neighborhoods such as Stapleton, Clifton, Concord, Fox Hills, Rosebank, Park Hill, & Tompkinsville should all benefit from the use of these funds for open space conservation.

The acquisition of these Lots, specifically numbered 75, 85, 34, 36, 210, 45, 180, 140 in Block 615, and Lot 375 in Block 616, is crucial for the well-being of the community and the preservation of the environment. Thank you for your support in preserving the ecologically valuable properties along Serpentine Ridge.

Sincerely,

Joan Cusack, District Manager

Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Minutes from the Cultural Affairs Committee 04/29/24

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. In attendance were members Anthony Sgarlato and non members Riccia Augusty and Charles Olson. The chair thanked everyone for attending.

A list of cultural organizations and sites was generated and distributed to the members and CB 1 via email. The list was generated as a separate internet document so that it could easily be accessed by a link placed on the CB 1 website in the cultural affairs section. It was agreed that if possible it would be a good tool for listing the fairly extensive number of cultural sites located on the north shore with minimal IT requirements.

Ricia Augusty generated a mission statement for the committee. It was agreed that a mission statement would help define why the cultural affairs committee exists and how it can benefit the CB 1 Community. It will be discussed if the statement can be placed on the CB 1 website or added to the link page.

The cultural affairs committee also further discussed and delineated its purpose to these organizations, sites and the community.

There being no further business a motion to end the meeting at 07:31 pm was made by Ricia Augusty and seconded by Charles Olson. Next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tony Sgarlato

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 May 14, 2024

Transportation Committee meeting in May

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2024, in-person meeting in the CB1 Office at 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Transit in the District: Review of Transit on the North Shore

With testimony from MTA NYC Transit

Current status of buses and SIRT

Routes by ridership, and by reliability. Comparison with city-wide and with Manhattan. Perceived problems. Improvements?

Drill-down: S40/S90 Richmond Terrace, Ferry Terminal to Matrix Park

(Linear route mostly within CB1, serving low-automobile-ownership working community, projected future route for the BRT.)

Passenger wait times, reliability, and trip cancelations.

Assessment and possibilities of improvement.

S66 route and the Petrides Campus

Coordination at the St. George Terminal

Problems for passengers predicting the next actual departure.

Departure signs, dispatcher announcements.

Plans

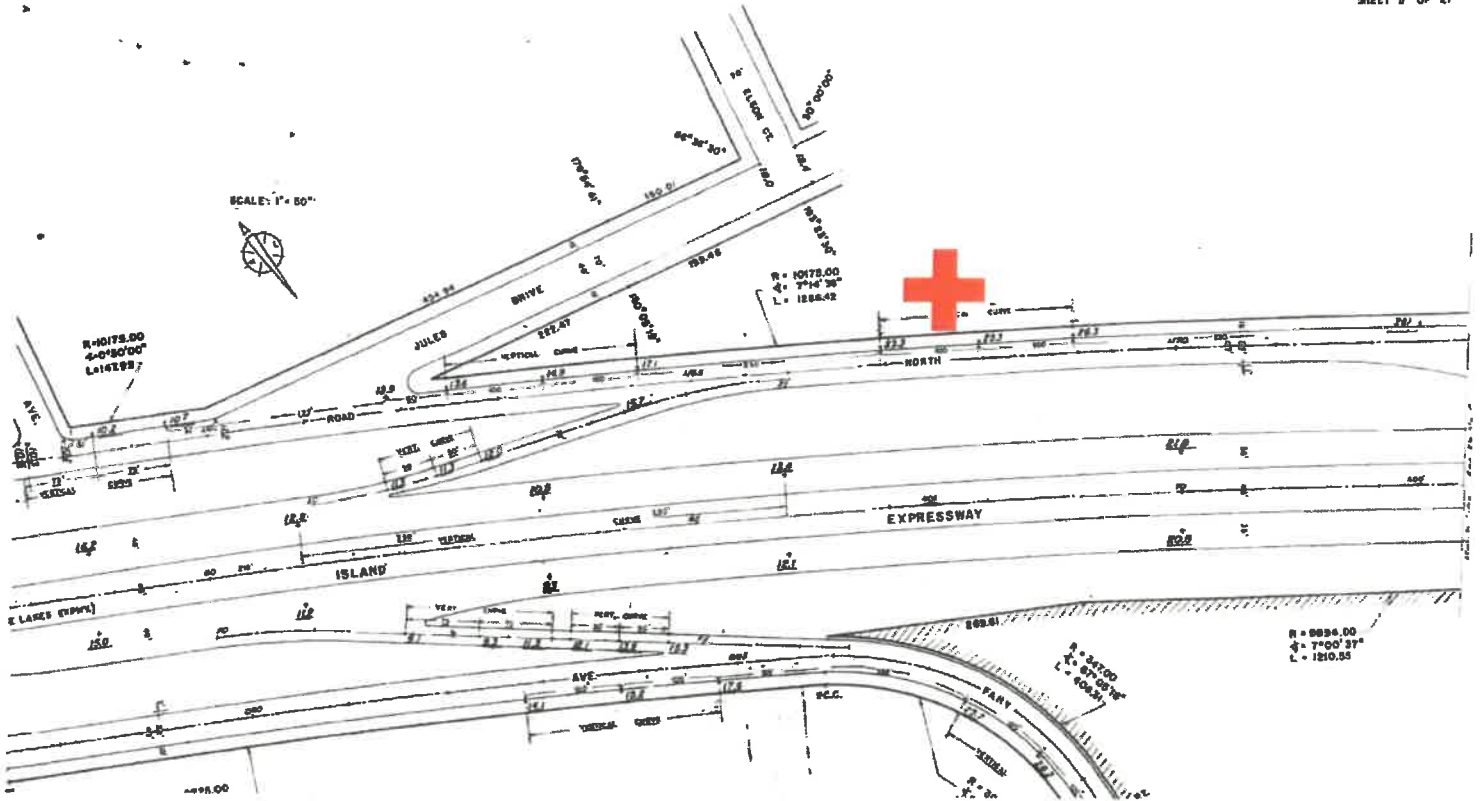
Status of North Shore Line / West Shore Line.

Did the design contractors for the North Shore Line deliver CAD / CAM models for visualization?

Other issues

Death on Goethals Rd. N.

MAP NO. 3380
SHEET 3 OF 21



Goethals Rd. N. from the official NYC Highways Map, 1965. The Red Cross is the site of the vehicle fatality. (GoethalsRdN-1965-cp18764-5RedCross.jpg)

Goethals Rd. N. is a westbound service road of the Expressway, here seen on the original 1965 highway maps. Houses on Jules Dr. back onto a stretch of Goethals Rd. N. that has no sidewalks on either side, no guard-rails on either side, and no noise barriers.

Within 600' it receives Exit 7 west from the Expressway followed by an entrance west to the Expressway, so that incoming vehicles have to merge right and slow down and exiting vehicles have to merge left and speed up on the same segment.

It was built in 1964 and has had essentially no traffic management in 60 years, except that some agency painted lane markers and a NO PARKING line on the south side, and New York City installed a speed-camera, said to be Staten Island's most lucrative, about 200' west.

For several years citizens in this neighborhood have called for traffic control on both Goethals Rd. N. and the adjacent city streets, with little success.

On Monday, March 11, 2024, a car exiting from the Expressway rolled over on this segment. A householder on Jules Dr. heard what sounded like an explosion in the back yard (backing up on this segment) and found her fence and shed demolished and the dead body of a passenger.

Within weeks she gathered some 86 signatures to a petition asking for concrete barrier walls, which she passed to the NY State DOT via Senator Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

The NY State DOT replied: 'NYS DOT must follow 23 CFR Part 772, which provides federal requirements for abatement of construction and traffic noise in connection with our projects. Such noise studies and noise abatement evaluations are conducted as part of new major construction projects or projects involving the reconstruction of highways or bridges that will significantly change the horizontal or vertical alignment of a roadway or increase the number of through-traffic lanes of an existing roadway. Currently, there are no planned projects of this type in the area you referenced that would enable us to perform noise studies and noise abatement evaluations.'

This (a) only deals with noise abatement, not with hazard abatement, and (b) only says the U.S. Government hasn't required it. Nothing in the federal requirements says the State cannot apply safety improvements on its own initiative.

CB1 queried the NY City DOT, whose only comment on Goethals Rd. N. was: 'I checked the tax map for the properties on Goethals Road North where there are no sidewalks. All of those properties have addresses on Jules Drive. These homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks at both the front and the back of their properties.'

While true, this has nothing to do with safety.

Rarely have I seen, side by side, two responses that offer such feeble excuses for not dealing with a safety issue.

The question is: How to make the DOTs step up to their responsibility for highway safety?

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair