

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – 6:30 P.M.

SESSION OPENING

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

PUBLIC SESSION: Agnes McBeth, David Pena, Jermaine Williams, Frank Vega, Michael Colacurto, Catie Ferrara Iannitto, Colleen Siuzdak, Vanesa Limani, Michael Duffy, Jenna Chrisphonte.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Michael McMahon**, District Attorney of Richmond County – State of Public Safety on Staten Island with particular focus on the boundaries that make up CB1. Recent crime rates and trends as well as various crime prevention and quality of life initiatives our office has spearheaded.
2. **David Mandel**, Community Liaison, Public Art, Department of Cultural Affairs – Percent of Art Program for Project, Port Richmond Library, Artwork Conceptual Design. Artist: Greta McLain.
3. **Anthony Hill**, Director of Community & Government Affairs – SENY – New York Power Authority. Joined by Kaela Mainsah, Vice President of NYPA's Environmental Justice Program to discuss community engagement and literacy programs. The presentation will highlight potential career pathways in environmental leadership.

---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

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

January 2023

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CARBON FREE AND HEALTHY NYC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas emissions are a leading cause of drastic global climate change that is affecting New York City, through worsening air pollution, temperature changes, extreme weather events, flooding, and other impacts.

WHEREAS, New York City, and our Borough's front-line, low-wage workers, communities of color, and children bear a disproportionate amount of the effects of the climate crisis;

WHEREAS, buildings constitute 70% of carbon emissions in New York City contributing to a health and environmental crisis in our neighborhoods because of energy-inefficient buildings, many of which are public school buildings, and as a result, New York City spends hundreds of millions of dollars in energy costs;

WHEREAS, many of these school buildings are in need of infrastructure upgrades and retrofits that will improve the conditions of school buildings to benefit our students, teachers, staff and administrators, and reduce emissions;

WHEREAS, the \$275 million the NYC public school system spends annually in energy costs can be dramatically reduced through deep energy efficient building retrofits and installation of renewable energy systems such as solar panels;

WHEREAS, now is an opportune time to take advantage of the Federal Inflation Reduction Act's Direct Pay provision for municipalities and school districts to offset up to 50% of investment costs for decarbonization projects of NYC public schools, and enable the projected cost savings from building retrofits and solar installations to outpace the financing costs of the program;

WHEREAS, work done under this initiative, when performed under a Project Labor Agreement, will employ thousands of workers across a variety of unionized trades and help New Yorkers from historically marginalized communities' access world-class pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training pathways to gain the transferable skills that lead to family-sustaining union careers;

WHEREAS, this initiative will provide renewable energy for public schools while significantly contributing to the City's targeted 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, and in the process, create good union jobs across the five boroughs;

WHEREAS, the New York City school system, our country's largest, has the opportunity to lead the nation in decarbonizing public schools, improving our students' learning environment and the working environment for teachers, staff, and administrators while increasing environmental and economic resiliency of the City's frontline communities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the *(example)* **BRONX BP Gibson / Bronx Borough Board**, in order to greatly contribute to New York City's decarbonization and resiliency goals and expand economic mobility through the creation of good union jobs, and other workforce development opportunities, strongly supports prioritizing investment in New York City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for school building retrofits and solar energy installations to move towards carbon free and healthy schools now.

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Staten Island Community Board 1

Report of meeting of Waterfront and Transportation Committees, Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7pm, CB1 Office

Waterfront Committee

*Joe Ahlstrom, Chair, *Christopher Campbell, *Katheleen Coen,
*Anthony Cosentino, *Claudette Duff, Linda Eskenas, Timothy
Forsyth, *Lillian Lagazzo, *Peter Lisi, Ali Mir Masum, *Catherine
Schiavone

Transportation Committee

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

*At the meeting

Other CB1 members: Steven Williams

NYC DOT: John Garvey (Deputy Commissioner & Chief Operations
Officer, SI Ferry), Roseann Caruana, SI Borough Commissioner,
Erica DeCrescenzo

Press: Erik Bascome, *Staten Island Advance*

Members of the public (on file at CB1 Office)

Brief answers by DOT

Cannot discuss the union negotiations. These are performed by
NYC's Office of Labor Relations.

Cannot discuss why the schedule cancelations are not announced in
advance.

Cannot discuss the cause of the *Sandy Ground* fire.

Cannot discuss the substitution of NYC Ferry (NY Waterway) ferries
for several runs on New Year's Eve. The MEBA Union has filed an
'Improper Practice' complaint.

All the toilets on the ferries are open. [But is this really
true?]

The toilets in the terminals are closed for several hours in the
early morning because of 'damage'.

No progress on the RFP for eats and drinks on the ferries.

The MTA is working on real-time bus departure signs to be posted in the SI Terminal main hall. The Ferry will put them up when they are ready.

The ferries are to be equipped with passenger counters (more reliable than the 'turnstiles'). Undergoing testing right now.

How a passenger standing in one of the terminals can discover when the next ferry will leave

(According to the DOT)

1. There may have been an announcement before the passenger arrived, and there may be one later. ['Not in the unheated downstairs bicycle waiting area' said one commenter.]
2. You could have signed up for social media.
3. The large lighted board shows the official schedule.
4. The canine handlers usually know.
5. The Passenger Service Office is open during business hours on weekdays.
6. 'Anyway, the Ferry is free.' ['Not to the taxpayer' said one commenter.]
7. The Ferry is working on 'software' to enable the Ferry Dock Office to update the schedule on the monitors in each terminal. [Currently not working.]

There are no Ferry staff in the public areas of either Ferry Terminal except when the Customer Service Office is open. Presently trying to hire somebody for that position.

Customer Service

(According to the DOT)

The crew get Customer Service training every two years. This comprises such topics as CPA, ADA regulations, etc.

Would the Ferry consider conducting focus groups on what passengers are concerned about? No. The Ferry already knows this.

P.S. Ferry performance since the meeting...

...Has been even worse.

On Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, there was no boat at all at 2 am, making a 2-hour wait in both terminals.

Construction on Hannah St. and Murray Hulbert Ave.

At least three large projects are imminently, and possibly simultaneously, scheduled for the vicinity of Hannah St. and Murray Hulbert Ave.:

- The Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center at Lyons Pool.
- Reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and roadway.
- Reconstruction of the NYC Dock Builders Pier.

Murray Hulbert Ave. is also the sole vehicular entrance to the large Bay St. Landing development.

What is being done to ensure free access during this construction period?

DOT: Cannot speak to this alone. Involves also NYC EDC, NYC Construction Services, FDNY, NYC Parks Department...

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair, Transportation

Treasurer's Report - FY 2023 February 2023

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/22</u>	<u>USED TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 Supplies	\$1,595.00	\$570.06	\$1,024.94
101 Printing Expense	200.00	80.00	120.00
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 Svces.	1,500.00	264.00	1,236.00
40B Communication	3,013.00	0	3,013.00
403 Office Services	150.00	0	150.00
412 Equipment Rental	2,531.12	1,700.96	830.16
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	\$2,615.02	\$ 9,458.10

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

LARRY BESLOW, CB1 TREASURER
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Staten Island Ferry
St. George Terminal
1 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301

To the Crew of the Sandy Ground Ferry:

Community Board 1 would like to commend the crew of the *Sandy Ground* Ferry on the quick response to putting out the engine fire and the safe evacuation of almost 900 passengers on the afternoon of December 29, 2022.

Your action and dedication to duty ensured that all passengers that embarked the ferry in Manhattan safely reached Staten Island. The transfer of passengers to other vessels while the ferry was at anchor is an example of your exceptional dedication and service to all those who ride the Staten Island Ferry.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Siclari
Chairman

Joseph Ahlstrom
Chair, Waterfront Committee

Nicholas Zvegintzov
Chair, Transportation Committee

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Public Design Commission of the City of New York
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New York, NY 10007
Fax: 212-312-0836

Email: designcommission@cityhall.nyc.gov

Re: 9/11 Postcards Memorial Revitalization

Dear NYC Public Design Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the design put forth by New York City Economic Development Corporation for the proposed upgrades to the 9/11 Postcards Memorial in St. George, Staten Island. Postcards is a site of great importance, honoring Staten Island residents lost on September 11 and during the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. It is of the upmost importance that the Memorial is kept in condition befitting its local, national and international significance.

We believe that the planned improvements provide positive and necessary upgrades to the site. The plan includes: upgraded, submergible lighting; repair of pavement damaged by Superstorm Sandy, replacement of all broken granite plan pavers, refurbish/replacement of all damaged granite silhouettes and dividers, a new electrical panel raised outside of the flood zone, incorporation of the Survivor Tree into the Memorial area via a new pathway, new signage for the Postcards Memorial and the Survivor Tree, and new plantings and landscaping. The plan allows for much needed repairs, and also for upgrades to overall site through landscaping, signage, and the incorporation of the Survivor Tree.

We at Community Board 1 support this proposal, and are pleased to see much needed improvements planned for the site.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Siclari
Chair