

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING #1 AGENDA –

TUESDAY, March 12th 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: Mario Buonviaggio, Nina Salerno (Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office), Agnes McBeth, Mishell Coronel-Ie, Nicole Brooks, Rose Uscianowski, Neil Anastasio, Igor Baboshkin,

Presentation:

Jeanne Raleigh from RHOAR (Restore Homeowner Autonomy & Rights) - City Council's Local Law 18 and its effect on single and two-family homeowners.

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

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, George Turner
- Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
- Small Business & Non-Profit Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

AD HOC COMMITTEE

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

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- West Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff, Anthony Cosentino
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo
- Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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](tel:1-718-981-6900)/[Linda Maffeo - lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:Linda.Maffeo@cb.nyc.gov)

Community Board 1
LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 PM

Virtual on Zoom

Land Use Committee Members: George Turner, AIA, Chair, Michelle Akyempong-Ab, Tatiana Arguello, Loretta Cauldwell, Andre Ciprut, Anthony Cosentino, John Guzzo-Ab, Robert Holst, Lillian Lagazzo, Peter Lisi, Nicole Meyers-Ab, Friday Ogbewe-Ab, Anthony Sgarlato, Nicholas Siclari-Ex., Lisa Barbieri, Phil Farinacci-Ex., Charles Olson.

Two Presentations:

1. **Harborlights Court** - An authorization pursuant to ZR#'s 119-311, 119-315, 119-316, 119-317, to facilitate development of four new detached single-family homes, is being sought by private applicant, Grymes Hill Estates, LLC at 20, 25, 35, and 40 Harborlights Court, in the Grymes Hill neighborhood, Community District 1, Staten Island.

Speakers: Nora Martins, Phil Rampulla, Joseph Labotzi

Motion to Approve as Presented. - Vote: 3 Yes, 8 No, 1 Abstention

Mario Maselli, Resident in the neighborhood wanted us to add: "Would it be possible to make sure that the CB1 meeting minutes reflect more detailed information about the developer's advisors' responses (or lack thereof) to the following points?"

- Ms. Zhukoff's question:
 - What changes were made to the project since the filing in 2021, and how did the developer address CB1's recommendations? As I understand it, the answers indicated minimal changes, with no actions taken to address CB1's 2021 concerns (i.e. Significant alteration of the steep slope having a negative impact on lots below; questionable legality of widening road into the easement of 269 Howard Avenue, the legality of access of the easement for more than 2 homes for 269 Howard Avenue; and grading of the street blocking the back door of existing homes).
- Mr. Tormey's comment:
 - He mentioned an ongoing lawsuit against the developer for infringing on his property (263 Howard Ave) by 2 feet, which relates to the widening of the roadway.
 - The Fire Department has not yet granted permission for the project.
- My inquiries:
 - The project seeks variances on my property at 269 Howard Avenue and my neighbor's property at 263 Howard Avenue, without seeking our permission.
 - The project appears to disregard NYC zoning regulations regarding setbacks. Building the proposed road would reduce 269 Howard's side yard to as little as 5 feet and his rear yard to less than 30 feet, violating zoning requirements. The developer seems unconcerned about this impact.
 - How the easement agreement prohibits more than 2 new homes from using the easement vs the 4 new homes contemplated

I believe this additional information is crucial for a comprehensive understanding of the board's decision ahead of the review by NY Planning.

2. **Protectors of Pine Oak Woods** (Protectors), presentation slides to inform and ask for your endorsement and support on an activity that we are pursuing in Community Board-1. Our goals are to preserve as much as possible the "Green Spaces" that are all about us, in particular, properties lying close together along the Serpentine Ridge between Van Duzer and Howard Avenue. Presently actively working towards this goal and would like to bring you up to date on our work at the Serpentine. We are also working on other such areas throughout Staten Island in the hopes of likewise preserving as many other Green Areas as possible. Our presentation will only touch on our other activities outside of CB-1 in order to show our overall plans.

Speakers: Mark Latore, Jack Bolembach, Charles Olson

Motion to send a Letter of Support - Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention, 1 Ineligible.

The Ask: We ask that the Full Board, CB1 provide a Letter of Support concerning the Protectors of Pine Oak Woods' (PPOW) efforts to preserve the undeveloped public and private woodlands along the Serpentine Ridge in the Community Board's jurisdiction.

The specific block and lot numbers of the properties are listed below for your identification purposes.

Between Howard Avenue and Van Duzer Street

Block 615, Lot 375

Block 616, Lots 34, 36, 45, 75, 85, 140, 180, 210

By Homer Street

Block 618, Lot 260

By Cedar Cliff Road

Block 571, Lot 93

Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual on Zoom

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

Members

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

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests

Phillip Rumsey, Sean Kelly, Agnes McBeth, Alicja, Amy, Andrea Peppert-Tenzer, Antoun Sawires, Arjana Topallaj, Arlene Kuffner, Barbara Brancaccio, Barbara Feigelman, Brent Alexander, Bruce Lauria, Bryn Biren, Carmen, Catherine, Cathleen M. Kenny, Cathy Anastasio, Cathy Fattorusso, Charlie Olson, Chris & Nancy Benbow, Marie LaFrancesca, Coach E, Danielle, Danny, Darwin Yip, David Cavagnaro, Debbie Derrico, Denise Dulligan, Desiree Darden, Diana DiResta, Diane Sorensen, Dorothea Cernera, Dr. S. Landry, Eileen Harrington, Eileen Magnuski, Elana, Elena Brady, Emily & Joe, Eric, Everett Wattle, Frank Marra, Gail Checkett, Gerald Massa, Gerry Dasaro, Giosue Pugliese, Hanane Dbajat, Ilene Pappert, Pascale Bernard, Sean Kelly, Arlene Kuffner, Cathy Anastasio, Cathy Fattorusso, Desiree Darden, Diane DiResta, Irene Maiello, Jasmilka Gonzalez, Jason Price, Jeanne Brown, Jeanne Raleigh, Jeffrey Wiesemann, Jermaine Williams, Jessica Scannapieco, Jill Synmoie, Jim Newman, Joanna Gwozdz, Joe Pozzolano, John A. Castellano, John Luisi, John Maese, John Vander Neut, Johnny Sokoll, Judy Scher, Judy D., Karen, Kate Baxter, Kathleen Ahern, Kathleen Murphy, Katie Prestovino, Keegan, Kelly, Kelly Vilar, Kevin R., Kimberly Taverna, Laura McCarthy, Lisa Barbieri, Liz Riley, Magdalena Moroz, Maria Christine, Marion Hudson, Marion White, Mark Lamberti, Mark Salzillo, Mary Hernandez, MaryBeth Mastrandrea, Mary Bullock, Matthew Kuffner, Maureen Marlow, Michael Blyth, Michael Morrell, Michele Neelakantappa, Mike Schnall, MMcVey, Lindy Peter Crescitelli, Ms. Ballard, Nadia Fabozzi, Nancy McCarthy, Neil Anastasio, Nick Bond, Nick Robbins, Nina Flores, Nina Salerno, Pamela Silvestri, Patricia Cohen, Priscilla Marco, Rachel Hogan-Brock, Ricia V. Augusty, Robert Perkins, Rose Uscianowski, Roshonda Andrews, Sam Clarke, Sara Borghese, Tamara, Tarsha Black, Thomas Sheridan, Travis Carter, Tea Kvetenadze, W. Villalobos, Will Araaya, Zulan Collis, Dolores Brennan Prichard, Libby Gershansky, Inez Singer, Gerry Desaro.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Chairman Siclari asked for a moment of silence for George Doyle's passing. He was one of the longest community board members in the history of the City of New York. When he was removed from the board, he still had perfect attendance. I went to school with his son. He was the epitome of someone who adored his community and he will be missed. If there was one person that made the North Shore of Staten Island better, it was George Doyle.

Public Session - Friday Ogbewe - Condolences to the family of George Doyle.

Antoun Sawires, Constituent Liaison for CM Councilmember Hank's office: If you have any issues or concerns, I will be on the call.

Agnes McBeth, Community and Youth & Education Liaison for DA McMahon's Office: I would like to give our condolences on behalf of the DA and myself personally on the passing of George Doyle. He is a friend to our family and will be dearly missed. We were able to secure last week's top convictions on two cases. First, Jae Woo who was convicted of endangering the welfare of a minor for forcibly touching his sister. Second, Jay Quan Beckam, found guilty of murder in the second degree for the January 2022 for the stabbing death of his roommate. The DA's office is combating crime in our communities in conjunction with the NYPD. Crime is down but scams are up. Please safeguard your private information. Be careful purchasing gift cards on racks. Individuals were arrested last week for adding scanners to the back of gift cards at a local pharmacy.

Nina Salerno, representing Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office: NY Senate Bill was passed, S5757. Establishes the position of an insurance liaison on the disaster preparedness division. We are involved in the congestion pricing lawsuit with BP Fossella and the UFT. We are making sure that the assault of a retail worker would be a Class D Felony. We had a successful coat drive with the Pride Center and have still been doing our mobile office hours posted on social media. Hosting a Black History Month Event this weekend. Student Leadership Award for any outstanding youth in your neighborhood or at your schools. Italian/American Scholarship, two Academic and two Athletic.

Saul Porter, Programs from Northfield LDC. If anyone is looking for home repairs, windows, boilers or roof repairs. We have some money left for home repairs. You would have to be in the 60% median income. Call the office and get the application. First Home Assistance Program, up to \$100,000.

Travis Carter, tcarter@advocate.nyc.gov - condolences to the Board member that passed away. Bridge the Gap Program at the Family Life Center. March Advocacy Series. Talk to the Public Advocate and ask questions. Two bills were passed. Mayor Adams vetoes City Council bill that could make NYC streets less safe, Bill 586A. Bill 549 to ban solitary confinement from all city jails.

Neil Anastasio, President of the FRRCA, Forest Regional Resident's Civic Association. We serve greater West Brighton with many followers on Social Media. Cannabis Dispensaries on Forest Avenue. Preserving the character of our neighborhood. C1-1 and C1-2 Zoning. We heard from the Bagel and Card Store site, 465 Forest Avenue as well as the Capital One Bank site, 386 Forest Avenue. These sites are only two blocks apart. 465 Forest was not approved while 386 Forest was approved by the community board. As of today, neither of these sites have a license to operate although Green Empire Wellness, the card and bagel site, is lined up to receive a license from the state soon. With no guidelines from the state, the CB1 has used guidelines for the liquor licenses. We feel the proximity to schools, houses of worship, other dispensaries, etc. should be considered. Oversaturation between Bement and Park Avenues is an issue. In a 10 block area, we have three liquor stores, five stores that sell beer, 11 bars or restaurants, and three smoke shops. We urge the community board to table these cannabis licenses until these guidelines are adopted and community input is obtained. These are cash-only business that can cause a problem of criminal activity. The OCM should alert our elected officials. They must adhere to zoning regulations. The bank site details a drive through. The lot is not zoned or big

enough for this. The state needs to do a better job in reaching out for community input. Thank you Nick and your staff for the time and cooperation as we protect this neighborhood we all love.

Jeanne Raleigh – Timothy Forsyth recommended I present to the full board after attending an area committee meeting. I have a two-family home which I have owned since 1986. ROAR, Restore Homeowner Autonomy & Rights. Our membership has increased to over 500 homeowners in a few short months throughout the five boroughs. We join to protect the homeowners from the harm of Law 18. Law 18 passed by the city council went into effect September 2023. This law restricts short-term rentals, less than 30 days. The law, dwellings of three or more units, lumped these homeowners into this restriction by accident. Asking for Community Board 1's support of our ROAR proposed legislation that serves to apply owner-occupied one and two-family homeowners in NYC to rent units in their home on a short-term basis. It includes adjustments to Local Law 18 such as pausing it for review, amending it, as well as underlying codes used to remove the rights and fine one and two-family homeowners. I would meet with community board members in order for you to support us at the City Council level.

Adam Dobrzynski, Department of Sanitation – Containerization. As of March 1st, we are asking all businesses of any size to set out waste in a bin with a secure lid. This does not apply to recyclables. You can set it out within three feet of the building line. This is part of our commitment in keeping the NYC streets clean and reducing the rat population. If you need to get in touch for further information you can contact me at adobrzynski@dssny.nyc.gov.

Roll call and attendance by Loretta Cauldwell with a Quorum.

Chairman Siclari asked for a motion to accept the minutes. 1st by Loretta Cauldwell & 2nd Catherine Schiavone.

Chairman Siclari asked that Jeanne Raleigh present at the March meeting for extra time.

Chairman Siclari said we have been getting a few Cannabis Applications and we need to get the guidelines on these. We have this meeting full board meeting on Zoom because members of OCM come from out of state or far away. Cannabis will be revenue generated for the State of New York. I have been to the civics meetings and we need to look at each application and make a decision based on the guidelines.

Presentations – OCM (Office of Cannabis Management) – Pascale Bernard, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs – Phillip Rumsey, Manager of intergovernmental Affairs, will share a slide presentation. Licenses & Key Dates – September 12, 2023, the CCB approved the adult-use regulations. The applications for these licenses began October 4, 2023. An adult-use dispensary applicant with proof of control over a location will go through the approval process on November 17, 2023 and Adult-use applications closes December 18, 2023. Adult-use license types are Cultivator, Processor, Microbusiness, Distributor, and Retail Dispensary. Community boards can express an opinion which will be part of the record for CCB. The Notification Municipalities Form an applicant must use is, www.cannabis.ny.gov/municipal-notification. A community board has 30 days to reply with opinion. A 30-day extension can be requested.

The OCM Enforcement Division has been conducting investigations on illicit Cannabis operations since January 2022. Licensed dispensaries will display a sign, New York State Licensed Dispensary.

Stay connected to OCM. Sign up for OCM email updates at cannabis.ny.gov. Email questions to, municipalities@ocm.ny.gov. Follow OCM on social media @nys_cannabis.

Q&A – Jessica Scarcella-Spanton called in from Albany. Asked about notice to the community and elected officials? I found out about it through the Staten Island Advance. The community input is incredibly important. We've gotten push-back on this overwhelmingly. There is a church nearby that

houses AA meetings. Disappointed with the lack of communication from OCM. There should be a delay on this since we were not notified and not a popular location. I've heard around NYC that illegal shops are not being closed down. Everyone in that community cherishes these two businesses, the bagel and card store. Nina Salerno from my office will be on for the remainder of the call.

Nina Salerno, 718-727-9406. salerno@nysenate.gov.

Pascale Bernard said they don't know presently if either of those locations will get licenses. Going forward, we will make sure we are in touch with your office. The community board will get a 30-day notification.

Chairman Siclari asked about the regulations changing from 500 to 1,000 feet. Can the community board set time limits, if it's near a school, etc. How much input can we give if we are advisory only.

Pascale Bernard said the community board sends their opinion within 30 days. 500 feet from a school, and 200 feet away from a house of worship. It has to be exclusively a school or house of worship. If it's a school on top and retail at the bottom, it negates that. If it's a house of worship with a daycare center or senior center, it negates that. It has to be on the same street/road. For example, I live in Harlem. If the dispensary is on 135th street and there is a school that is around the corner on Frederick Douglas Blvd., it's not the same street. This is the same as SLA. We borrowed things from SLA who has been doing this for 100 years. Presently there are no license dispensaries in CB1 location. Only 1 in the CB3 location.

Lindy Peter Crescitelli – Thank you Chairman Nick for coming out to the civics. New Brighton had a packed meeting. It seems like proper procedures were not followed, our state representatives were not informed. The CB1 chairman went out to all the civics and people were able to be heard. Also to hear that if there is a daycare in a school or church, that's valuable information. When the community raises concerns it can be stopped. Nothing is a done deal. Places to put these is in high manufacturing areas. It's away from children, AA meetings, etc.

Neil Anastasio – How can the communities voice their opposition to a site besides the community board? Will your Friday meeting be public? How is zoning regulations taking into effect at a local level?

Phillip Rumsey – The community board is built into this process. The community can send a letter to the municipalities email to voice your opinions. Friday is a Cannabis-Controlled Board Meeting. On a website there is a link to follow it. This one will be in Troy, NY near Albany.

WIN Shelter, 44 Victory Blvd, Jasmilka Gonzalez - The actual address is 1 Van Duzer Street. We are open. The shelter is called Audrey Lorde. We currently have 54 families out of 200. Ms. Gonzalez didn't have an exact count of how many that was.

Anthony Scutari asked how did you get a certificate of occupancy? That building does not look safe especially for children. Windows are broken and boarded. No sidewalks. Construction crew is working on them with no place to walk. Victory Blvd and Bay Street Park, police issue, social worker issue? Drug dealers, addicts, alcoholics. Answer: We have been open since November 9th 2023. We were issued a C/O by the government. Sidewalks are finished now. A number of units are still being renovated and not ready. The second floor looks completely open. Dangerous for children. There is 138 clients in total. 68 adults and 70 children. We have maintenance personnel on site to correct a situation immediately. Sunny Jain said they want to meet them at the site and look at it. We have not received a response.

Lillian Lagazzo asked about security on site and curfew for the residents and visitors? Roshonda Andrews said there is a 24/7 security team. Over 100 cameras inside/outside. Curfew for adults is 10 pm, children, 9 pm. If the residents are working they can get a pass. There is a visitors room which is

scheduled by the caseworker. The visitors can't visit in the unit itself. Loretta Cauldwell asked how many of those residents are Staten Island families? We get referrals from Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) intake center. We try to place families from Staten Island as best as we can. Kelly Vilar of Staten Island Urban Center said she wants to welcome them to the neighborhood. I want to help you be successful in this challenging neighborhood. Before the building was built, WIN agreed to have a Community Advisory Group, we would love to be on it for families to have access to services. Sam Clarke said to share your contact. Claudette Duff said she would also want to be on that advisory board. In the near future, would there be an opportunity to develop a positive relationship between the residents and the community? Events so the residents feel welcomed and part of the community and the shelter is a part of us. DSS agrees with that. The advisory board meeting would be held quarterly. This site is for families only with children up to 18 years of age. Not a single women site.

Officers' Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – No report.

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth - Report in the packet. Our functional committees come up with a format opinion and opposition to any of these retail outlets that plan to open in our community with the overwhelming opposition to them. I don't see any community benefit to them. Given that we have a 30-day timeline, there may not be time for an area committee, especially one without a quorum. Our executive board have the authority to send this opinion letter.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell - - Linda Maffeo sent out the updated Area Committee and Functional Committee lists. All board members review those lists and make sure your name is in the proper committees for attendance and votes we have the proper people listed.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain – Report in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari - Chairman Nicholas Siclari said what Timothy Forsyth said was brought up at the New Brighton Civic, the New/West Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville Area Committee, it's extremely hard to get a quorum. They recommended we split that committee. We will look at that in March. I do not recommend these Cannabis applications be tabled. I would write an extensive report and detailed summary of these locations like OCM says, fill them with information. Because we only have 30 days, tabling them will not give us a say.

District Manager, Joan Cusack: The CB1 office, Joan Cusack and Linda Maffeo will miss George Doyle terribly. He called our office many times in the week to give us information and we learned from him.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, George Turner- **Harborlights Court** - An authorization pursuant to ZR#'s 119-311, 119-315, 119-316, 119-317, to facilitate development of four new detached single-family homes, is being sought by private applicant, Grymes Hill Estates, LLC at 20, 25, 35, and 40 Harborlights Court, in the Grymes Hill neighborhood, Community District 1, Staten Island. R1-1 and R1-2 Zoning District. This site has been before the board previously in 1994 for five homes and 2006 for four homes which has expired within the required four years. We were back in 2021 where City Planning did not approve the authorizations at the time so we made some changes. Phil Rampulla explained the access to the site with an existing easement that begins on Howard Avenue. Concerned with the percentage of slope on the site as well as Fire Department access and approval to use this type of private road. Also went to BSA for buildings on an unmapped street. It is valid due to their being only 4 houses. There were many questions. Drainage, Mr. Rampulla said there are no city storm sewers in this section. We have a balance of natural rain

gardens for the water to go back into the serpentine rock as well as installing drywalls on the site. There is a sanitary sewer in Howard Avenue which we will pump up to. Question about the roadway. All the roadway improvements are within the easement area. Friday Ogbewele wanted to add that he was concerned about the stone water drainage on the property but is very enthused by the processes employed for drainage such as the rain garden and natural vegetation. He applauds the construction of the dry well. Presentation by: Philip Rampulla, Principal Urban Planner, Nora Martins, Partner, Akerman, LLP, Joseph Libassi, Owner. Motion: Approve as presented made by Anthony Cosentino and seconded by Friday Ogbewele. Anthony Cosentino noted he is open to a friendly amendment if required. Vote: 3 yes, 8 no, 1 Abstention.

Protectors of Pine Oak Woods - Asking for support on an activity that we are pursuing in CB1. Preserving as much as possible the "Green Spaces" that are all about us, in particular, properties lying close together along the Serpentine Ridge between Van Duzer and Howard Avenue. Working to preserve as many other green areas as possible. Benefits are: Trees hold the land together through their root system and absorb water. They halt the creation of urban heat islands and they diminish noise. Green spaces provide habitat for all wildlife, bird species that rely on wetland. Our funding is from NYS EPF (Environmental Protection Fund). Key Parcels: 6.06 acre parcel owned by DCAS which is no cost in preserving since it's owned by the city. 1.5 acre parcel which is union-owned and the Cedarcliff Annex. Presentation by: Mark Latour, Jack Bolembach, Charles Olson. Motion to Approve for a Letter of Support. Vote: 10 yes, 1 Abstention, 1 Ineligible.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom - Meeting on Zoom, January 23rd with DDC, Mary Cali Dalton Center. They do not have a crane approval to work on Hannah Street. Concerns about entrances to and from Bay Street Landing and the Accolades. My condolences to George Doyle's family. He was at this meeting and a big help. On February 27th we will meet with EDC regarding the Waterfront, North Shore Action Plan on Zoom. I may have to switch to Teams in the future.

Public Services, Sunny Jain - We had the salt spreaders out for the snow storm. Chairman Siclari said they need to let us know when there is a transition to snow removal from regular garbage removal.

Youth Services, Katheleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna - Jermaine Williams of NYPD spoke about the Blue Chip Program. Report in the packet. Next meeting we will have someone from the Community Connect Program reaching out to Homeless Youth. Director of the Project from Project Hospitality, Mr. Tehe. Efforts to reach out to runaway and homeless youth.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth - We have a problem with the minutes being submitted on time. As of today, the CB1 office was still waiting for minutes. In the Bi-Laws it says, Committee chairs will submit written notes presented at the meeting with an attendance sheet to the board office by the next business day. If you can't have it the next business day, please call the office and let them know you will be a day or two late, but not 30 days late. Years ago, we had 39 members and three in the CB1 office and we had problems with minutes coming in last minute and they were overwhelmed. Now we have 49 members with only two in the CB1 office. Submitting minutes late is not appropriate.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino - Statement of Community District Needs Letter. We picked out some priorities. We need a vote to send the letter. Reverse roll call by Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell. Passes unanimously.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov - Meeting on Daylighting. The state has a law that you have to keep the 20 feet free of parking at all intersections. It can be overridden by the local municipalities. If there is no sign, the state law must prevail. DOT refused to comment. The committee says DOT should explain what the policy is and in what way it is enacted. We mitigated problems with contractors on the streets. If metal plates are banging all night, or driveways are obstructed, DOT will push contractors to mitigate this. We need this by Lyons Pool. "I'll drink a sip to George Doyle". He gave me a hard time on

many occasions but learned a lot from you, especially "do not give up". Thank you George. Chairman Nick said the minutes are in the packet but printed on both sides so you get full credit.

Small Business & Non-Profit, Jaclyn Tacoronte – Excused.

Labor, Robert Holst – Excused.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino - Lyons Pool and Recreation Center is effectively closed to further notice to facilitate construction of the new Mary Cali Dalton Recreation Center. Next meeting is February 29th was on Zoom. (To have a quorum).

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato - No meeting. We will have a meeting on February 26th.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali - No meeting.

West Brighton/St. George, Claudette Duff & Anthony Cosentino - Chairman Siclari said there was a motion from New Brighton Civic due to the amount of members and difficult in getting a quorum, we want to split the committee. Anthony Cosentino said if we can make it a temporary split. Years ago, we used to be separated and we joined them years back due to a boundary issue. Claudette Duff said she was passing by Front Street a while ago where the tractor trailers are usually parked and they were gone instrumentally because of George Doyle. Again I passed recently and they were back, so we have to do the work of George Doyle to get them removed again. Claudette said they have been struggling with a quorum in person. Last month with a Zoom meeting we finally had a quorum.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth - Minutes in the packet. No meeting this month due to no agenda.

Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth, John Guzzo - Absent. Anthony Sgarlato spoke about St. John's Episcopal Church has senior housing. The pastor was making a deal with the city to house migrants. Michael Arvenites was present from Councilmember Hank's office and we are looking at whether this is legal. Subsequently the pastor withdrew the application with the city.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner - Minutes in the packet. Next meeting on February 19th. We get a lot of liquor licenses and we need more clarity and questions answered. We need someone to come speak about it. 500' from school and 200' from a church. Not more than three licensed premises in a 500' radius.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi- We have a new CB1 Board member who joined our committee, Alina Nevradakis and three voting non-board members. Next meeting February 22nd we will try a Hybrid meeting. Cannabis applications for two within two blocks from each other, 350 Front Street and 467 Bay Street. They both had the same name and said there was no relation. The morning of the meeting, they rescinded their application. Three liquor license renewals, information in the report. Tractor trailers speeding. The tractor trailers back on Front Street, George Doyle spearheaded that. Need to be removed again. When we see a school that's closed with no seats and not serving our communities children, there's a problem in NYC. 155 Tompkins Avenue, The Hungerford School is currently closed. We need this school open. "George Doyle was 80 years young. When you spoke to him...he had a lot of energy. He was very active in many civics on Staten Island. Might be a record, community board member for 42 years serving the area committee I'm a chair of, Clifton/Concord/Stapleton. He did a lot of work with these three communities and beyond. George never stopped fighting for the community improvements like traffic and pedestrian safety. He ensured schools, buildings in the City of New York adhere to federal and civil rights laws that ensured equal opportunity for people with disabilities. He will be missed but his contribution in Staten Island will never be forgotten and a street naming in George Doyle's honor must be done."

Chairman Siclari said he will speak to the family about that and hopefully get this done. "If we had one George Doyle on every block, the North Shore would be a much better place to live. If I have to grab a ladder myself and put that sign up, I'll do it."

Chairman Siclari said, The City of Yes proposals went out for your input. We only received 15 out of 47. I didn't ask for a thesis, I just wanted input. We will be getting another City of Yes - Housing and if you get another worksheet, please fill it out. We have civics looking at us.

Please get the minutes in.

Old Business - Chairman Siclari said we will be going back in person as the weather gets warmer. It helps to have them in person.

Question came up (from Elana's iPhone) about the sale of St. John's University. Who bought it? The residents of Grymes Hill are concerned. Chairman Siclari said there are three candidates and we will get an update. We have a confirmation that it was sold already.

New Business - Jermaine Williams, NYPD Ambassador - Spearheading our Community Link Program. Focuses on multi-agency concerns. Spoke about the illegal Cannabis stores. We can get the Sheriff's Department to work with this. Condolences to the Doyle family. Include my email about the illegal parking of tractor trailers. We can have the task force come in and tow the vehicles. The Wild Avenue location was an eyesore for a long time and we finally towed the vehicles and we are getting the families back with their vehicles. Remember this is tax season, a lot of scams out there especially for seniors. If it's too good to be true, please don't fall for it. The gift cards, they are putting fake barcodes over the real ones.

Motion to Adjourn, 9:11 PM

West/New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville Area Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Claudette Duff, Co-Chair
Anthony Cosentino, Co-Chair
Tatiana Arguello
Doreen Berksteiner
Allison Brown, Ex.
Christopher Campbell
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut, ab
Katheleen Coen
Robert Holst
Linda Huff, ab
Linda Juarbe, ab
Lillian Lagazzo
Ali Lula, ab
David McGoy, Ex.
Ernest Paige, ab
Joshua Renta
Catherine Schiavone
Anthony Scutari, ab
Sean Sheil
Nicholas Siclari, ab
Jaclyn Tacoronte, ab
Steven Williams
Nicholas Zvegintzov

Non-Board Voting Members

Eileen Harrington, ab
John Luisi, ab
Lisa Barbieri

Claudette Duff - Roll call - Quorum of 15 Members.

Liquor Licenses:

1. Renatos - 1646 Forest Ave Staten Island, NY 10310
Owner Joseph appeared and received a unanimous vote in support of a liquor license renewal.
2. West Cork Union Hall - 502-503 Henderson Ave Staten Island, NY 10310
Owner, Mrs. Meurer appeared and received a unanimous vote in support of a liquor license renewal.
3. Blue - 1115 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10310. A representative did not appear, however a number of committee members present spoke highly of this establishment and offered a unanimous vote to renew their liquor license.

Old business - none
new business - none

At approximately 1915 hours (7:15 PM) a motion to adjourn was accepted.

Rosebank Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30PM – CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Attendance

Members

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

Non-Board Voting Members

Mike Cataldo
Charlie Olson

Guests

Josh Rivera, Con Edison
Jessica Barcco, Con Edison
Lb Olsen, Con Edison
Mr. Levine, Con Edison
Sergio Rodriguez, Con Edison
Mateamarie Vento, Con Edison
Amanda Straniere, Con Edison

Open 7:00 PM

Speaker: Josh Rivera, Director, Staten Island Regional & Community Affairs – Con Edison

One Plant on Staten Island at Fox Hill.

Topics: Overcharging/Undercharging/Puncture of Battery/Lightening Strikes/Temperature

Ford Tessler – Detroit – Toyota

Battery Sights Standards

NYS ERDA – List of all Energy Storage Installations

Developer & owners

Toxicity Report

FDNY Rule 3 – 601 Battery Storage

Tessler Mega Pack # II

Motion to Adjourn -Anthony Sgarlato - 2nd Charlie Olson.

Community Board 1 Staten Island

Clifton, Concord, Stapleton Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2023, 6:30 PM, Stapleton Library, 132 Canal Street.

First Hybrid Meeting In Person & On Zoom
Previous meeting canceled, no minutes

Request for a Street Naming for George Doyle, location to be determined by family.

Request for NYC Board of Education/School Construction Authority activate and open vacant public school at 155 Tompkins Avenue (formally The Richard H. Hungerford School)

National Grid Project Presentation: Infrastructure construction on Narrows Rd N, Dekalb St, Targee St, Rhine Ave & Little Clover Rd. Final Restoration Starts Fall 2024. Day & Night work 9am-3pm & 9pm-5am.

There were no objections or complaints to new Liquor License Application: Sally's Smokehouse, LLC, 25 Navy Pier Court
Staten Island, NY 10304.

Notification sent to wrong CB, forward to CB# 2. Topographical Bureau Official House Number Verification for 47 Farview Place, Staten Island, NY 10304.

NYPD:

Illegally parked tractor trailers & illegal mechanic/car wash business on Front St.
Illegal mechanic repair on street on Hillside Ave & Pleasant Valley Ave.
Illegal smoke shop at 681 Bay Street.

DSNY:

Garbage cleaning is needed along waterfront of Front Street, between Thompson Street and Bay Street.

(Statement added to meeting minutes)

Owner of 543 Bay Street development project previously submitted an application to CB1 for development of housing rental Option 4 with \$80,000 annual income requirements, which was approved by CB1, but CB1 approval was overrode by Council Member and then by the NYC Council, to require the owner to build development of housing rental Option 2 with \$60,000 annual income requirements. This is an option that the owner does not want to pursue if he can go with option 4. Options 4 is something the community at large would welcome as an option that would better all of us and bring money to the area.

Recommendation was made by the Clifton Concord Stapleton area committee for owner to submit a letter to land use in CB1 and to all agency's involved in filing for approval.

Request to remove area committee board members who have not attended a meeting for 1 year or more. The updated committee list is now:

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton - 10304

- **Peter Lisi, Chair**
- Friday Ogbewe
- Alina Nevradakis

Non-Board Members

- Miriam Arnold
- Dorothy Brown

Next meeting is Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm.
Adjournment.

Minutes from The Cultural Affairs Committee 02/26/24 – Zoom

Committee Chair, Anthony Sgarlato

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

In Attendance were:

District Manager, Joan Cusack

Board Members, Lillian Lagazzo, Tatiana Arguello, Andre Ciprut, Christopher Campbell, Christopher Corbo was excused.

Voting Non-Board Members, Charles Olson, Frederick Marte was absent.

Guests, Riccia Augusty, Doreen Cugno

The chair thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was recorded by Charles Olson for the Committee.

The first point brought up was to discern cultural locations and organizations on Staten Island. It was decided by the committee that CB 1 would identify and promote institutions and sites located in the community board 1 area. A preliminary list was generated. Riccia Augusty suggested St. Peter's church be added to the list. Lillian Lagazzo suggested libraries be added to the list as cultural locations. It was decided committee members will review the list, and make any additions or corrections and that the revised list be reviewed at the next meeting. It was suggested that once the list is finalized it can be submitted to the office for posting on the website with a link to each organizations website. Joan Cusack notified the committee that the website is run by NYC and the changes and additions would have to be

approved by them. Joan Cusack also identified the CB 1 facebook page as being more user friendly for adding and disseminating information.

It was also suggested by Doreen Cugno that the CB promote specific events like their education and outreach programs that benefit the community.

The question of how broad of a definition would we use to define a cultural organization or site was brought up. Further discussion on this topic will be presented at the next meeting.

Tatiana Arguello brought up the question of tasks needed to be done vs scope of the Committee's function. At present the preliminary tasks were defined as previously stated and the scope has not yet been fully decided upon by the committee. It is currently a work in progress.

Riccia Augusty stated that she will access other Community Board websites and review their Cultural Affairs Committees mission statements which we can then compare, contrast and possibly adapt parts of, to our own. She Also stated that she will join the Cultural Committee.

There being no further business, a motion to end the meeting at

08:10 PM was made by Andre Ciprut and seconded by Tatiana Arguello. Next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tony Sgarlato

February 27, 2024 Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes

Start: 1831 (631pm)

Attendees: Joe Ahlstrom, Josh Renta, Darwin Yip, Alex Rau, Chris Campbell, Stan Sacks, Kate Coen, Linda Juarbe, Steve Schwarzkopf, Roxanne Salogub, Mimi Spillane, Peter Lisi, Linda Maffeo, Macti, Robert Reid, Daniel Lefkowitz, Lillian Lagazzo

Presenters: Diana Switaj (NYCEDC), Judah Asimov (NYCEDC), Joe Pikiewicz (NYCEDC), Kim Robledo (NYCEDC), Andrew Abend (NYCEDC), Jennifer Norton (Tompkinsville Signage), Harriet Spear (Harriet Spear Studio)

Presentations: North Shore Action Plan and Tompkinsville Esplanade Signage & Wayfinding by NYCEDC

Pier 1 Fishing Pier Will be closed for full reconstruction of the pier. Pier 1 project is fully funded. It is currently going through the RFP stage.

Will the North Shore Action Plan incorporate use of our waterfront for Maritime Activities (New piers, marinas, boat ramp, kayaking, etc..)? Currently the NYCEDC has no plans to use our front for maritime activities which is a bit concerning considering the amount of money that is being poured into this project. It would be a waste to not utilize our prominent waterfront which has immense historical significance to NY Harbor as a seaport.

Parking Garage at Lighthouse point - Is it open or will it be open soon? **EDC will get back to us.**

Lighthouse Point Apt Building - will strictly be apartments with retail on the lower level. Various retail, Early Childhood daycare, and CSI Technology School will occupy the lower level as of now. They seek a temporary Certificate of Occupancy soon and expect people to start moving in possibly in the third quarter of 2024.

Bike lanes - Will be incorporated into the North Shore Action Plan

Former NY Wheel Site - EDC has separated the former wheel site(North Shore Entertainment & Amusement Site) from the current RFP, this is to ensure that the esplanade in front of the former wheel site (Bank Street) is completed should the new entertainment site fail. There was no information provided as to what type of entertainment/amusement they are looking for.

New School - This was not brought up during the meeting but a follow up should be discussed as to what type of school will be built if any. A proposal of a Maritime focused middle school would be something to discuss that could connect the P.S. 59 (The Harbor View School) to the NY Harbor High School on Governors Island. Key component is the close access to the water.

No mention of Empire Outlets and its status.

NYC FERRY - EDC will be looking into potential new ferry route whether it be Brooklyn or pier 11 Manhattan

Tompkinsville Signage - Historical informative signage will be installed throughout the two mile stretch. Signs will roughly be 3'x2' accessible and ADA compliant.

Meeting adjourned 1920 (720pm)

Meeting of the Community Board 1 Youth Services Committee
February 28, 2024

In attendance: Radhakrishna Mohan, Katheleen Coen, Anthony Cosentino, Steven Williams. Cathleen Kenny, PO Zhana Krot , Giomelly Barton (NYC Commission on Human Rights), Arjana Topallaj (Community Engagement Specialist for Literacy in Community), Jennifer Watkins (Senior Social Worker, Project Hospitality)

The meeting began, via Zoom, at 5:30 pm. Jennifer Watkins spoke about the Runaway and Homeless Youth Services at Project Hospitality, funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development. Housed at 27 Port Richmond Avenue, the Drop-In Center offers safe, inclusive and non-judgmental service to at-risk youth. The Center provides food, clothing, shelter, crisis management and referrals to psychiatric counseling. Social Workers can provide referrals as needed.

PO Zhana Krot asked Ms. Watkins if Project Hospitality was able to work with the District Attorney's Office to coordinate regarding better outcomes for at-risk youth. Ms. Watkins answered that Project Hospitality does work with the DA as well as RUMC and numerous NYC agencies.

Steven Williams asked about funding for more seats in Public Schools. Anthony Cosentino and Katheleen Coen stated that they will look into that for future discussion. The Committee discussed future topics for Youth Committee meetings.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Katheleen Coen

Parks Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM - Zoom

Anthony Cosentino, Chair

Board Members:

Mohan Radhakrishna
Joe Bird

Guests:

Nicole Brooks, Alex Chirinian, Eric Pearse - Skyline Playground Reconstruction Presentation.
Adam Ganser, New Yorkers for Parks, Presentation - <https://secure.ny4p.org/a1-percent-for-parks-petition>
Mike Schnall
Ricia Augusty
Gloria Manzano
Lindy Peter Crescitelli

Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks introduced Alex Chirinian, Landscape Architect from Parks and Eric Pearse, Landscape Architect from Stantec Consulting Firm.

Alex Chirinian - With 30 years experience, this project is the most inspirational. Introduced Eric Pearse.

First Presentation - Skyline Playground Reconstruction Eric Pearse - Landscape Architect from Stantec Consulting Firm Slide presentation for the proposed design

Project size - 1 acre, \$7.21 million
Activities for all age groups and spaces for all events.
No risk for coastal flooding or moderate storm water flooding.
Only playground for a 1/4 mile walk distance.
Preserving a good amount of existing trees. Need to remove some for the construction of the retaining wall on Harvard Avenue
The community wants inclusive play for all ages including fitness, Community gathering with spaces for gathering and dining. Drinking water and water play.
Keeping the entry off of Clyde Place.
They'll be an overlook with views to St. George and Manhattan.
Space for a future public restroom.
New proposed fencing, paint and refurbish existing and construct a new fence. Now chain-link and will be steel picket.
Incorporate flowering trees and shrubs.
Variety of seating types with LED pedestrian lighting.
Water stations.
Trash enclosures and bike racks.
Larger trees for shade.

Q&A -

Lindy Peter Crescitelli -

We have recent letters of support from the Community Board #1, The Borough President, our NY State Assemblyman and our NY State Senator who all wrote letters of support that they want the name restored to its original name of Cottages Hill/New Brighton Park.

Question: Is there a part of the Park for teenagers? Suggest a skate-board area.

Answer: There are areas by the Overlook. We will look into a skate-board area. It's hard to incorporate.

Nicole Brooks said this project is only including the Playground area. We are grating a part to shore up the retaining wall.

Questions: Areas to play a chess game or cards at a table in the park?

Lights on from dusk to dawn, will there be caps on the lighting for the brightness?

Monkey bars for stretching in the park?

Answer: The lights don't shine up but reflect down.

Mr. Chirinian said the funds are for the Playground only and reconstructing the retaining walls. We are not changing the scope of the park. We are providing better access.

Age bracket for the park are ages 2-5 and 5-12.

The fence on the two sides bordering Jones Woods is 6 feet and bordering the Pickle ball Court is 10 feet and will remain. For Clyde Place, and overlooking Harbor Yard will be 4 feet. Anthony Cosentino was concerned about intruders with a 4 foot fence. This site was P.S. 17 at one time. Lindy Peter Crescitelli said 5-12 year olds are not teenagers so there still is a concern. Teenagers need something to do there.

Anthony Cosentino said Parks should look into a higher fence than 4 feet which could be scaled and get back to us and we will wait to write the letter.

Nicole Brooks said the lower fences makes the park more welcoming. "Parks Without Borders".

Alex Chirinian said the fences are more about the kids not running out into the street. Maybe it would be more of police patrol for when the park is closed. We will address these concerns about a higher fence.

It was mentioned that a different type of fencing that is being put there would be better. I don't think a 6 foot fence at a park is welcoming.

A parent, Gloria Manzano said that she was involved in the earlier planning meetings and doesn't see anything for the teenage children that was said would be included. We could use swings for older kids and a small gazebo which was discussed in the early planning. We didn't get any notice about the tennis courts being changed to pickle ball courts. We had someone in the neighborhood showing residents/children how to play tennis for free. You can't even get a free pickle ball court with people playing there with New Jersey license plates. A higher fence may not be the answer. It is not welcoming. We had that in the Bronx and that's what made us learn how to climb them.

Mohan Radhakrishna said a tennis court would be great for the teenagers.

Mr. Chirinian will bring all these ideas back with them to the agency.

Second Presentation: New Yorkers for Parks

Adam Ganser - Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks

Slide Presentation

We are the only independent not for profit, citywide organization that advocate for quality parks & open spaces for all New Yorkers - Established 100 years ago.

We are requesting a letter from the community board for support on our initiative 1% for Parks which is 1% of the city budget for Parks.

The Play Fair Coalition - 400+ groups/organizations across the 5 boroughs.

We look into the number of Parks and Recreation Centers and their condition.

In the 70's we spent 1.4% of the city's budget. With the Fiscal Cuts in 1978 the funding went to 0.5% and today the budget remains at 0.6%. Since 1980, all other agencies, PD, Transportation, Sanitation, Corrections, etc. have recovered at over 127% but Parks is still the lowest level at 72%.

NYC spends less on Parks than other major cities. Staffing is low in a growing city.

Measurable Benefits of Parks:

- Public Health
- Environmental
- Economic

Mayor Adams although supports this, he continues to cut the budget for Parks.

44 Council members are in support.

47 Community Board are in support and have written letters including two other community boards from Staten Island.

We have 15,000 petition signatures. We want to take this information to the Mayor for FY2025 in June.

Next year, election year, this mayor will have to stand on his record.

Q&A - Anthony Cosentino said the timing is right - June 30th is the Deadline to the Mayor's Budget.

Ricia Augusty - Can a link be sent for the petition to sign.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Motion to send this letter for 1% For Parks Funding – Presentation made by Adam Ganser, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks, Speaker at the Parks Committee Meeting on February 29, 2024

[insert community board header]

Date

Mayor Eric Adams
Mayor – City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

On [Date], [Borough Community Board Number] (unanimously) passed the attached resolution in support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

Sincerely,

[insert signature]
Chair

[insert signature]
District Manager

CC:

Meera Joshi, Deputy Mayor of New York City
Sue Donoghue, Commissioner - New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Speaker Adrienne Adams, New York City Council
City Council Member Shekar Krishnan, Chair- New York City Council Park and Recreation Committee
City Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair- New York City Council Finance Committee

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

[insert community board header]

The following resolution was passed at the [insert community board] [insert meeting date] in Support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding

WHEREAS, parks and green spaces provide numerous benefits to communities, including promoting physical and mental health, providing spaces for community gatherings and events, improving air quality, climate resiliency and cooling, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents; WHEREAS, many parks and green spaces have experienced neglect and underfunding, resulting in deteriorating conditions and limited programming options;

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign proposes to dedicate one percent of the City's annual budget towards parks and green spaces, ensuring adequate funding for staffing, maintenance, and other critical needs;

WHEREAS, many large U.S. cities allocate more than one percent of their city budgets to parks, which has resulted in significant improvements to parks and green spaces in those communities. San Francisco spends 1.6 percent of its municipal budget on parks, Los Angeles spends 2.9 percent, Chicago 4.3 percent and Minneapolis 5.3 percent.

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign has garnered widespread support from community organizations, advocacy groups, and residents who recognize the importance of parks and green spaces to the health and well-being of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [insert community board] fully supports the 1% for Parks campaign and urges our elected officials to allocate this increased funding in the New York City budget. We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We call on our elected officials to prioritize parks and green spaces in budget decisions and work towards ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.