

LETTERS REQUESTED FROM TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS COMMITTEES AT THE FULL BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2019

TRANSPORTATION – Letter to Department of Transportation supporting the NYC DOT Broad Street and Vanderbilt Avenue that was presented to the Stapleton Area Committee in March and to the Full Board at the April Board Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS WERE GIVEN AT A JOINT PARKS/STAPLETON MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2019

PARKS – Letter of support to COI Arts Education for temporary installation of three benches to be installed at Richmond Terrace and Nicholas.

Letter to the NYC Parks Department for the installation of a temporary Art Mobile Studio at the Stapleton Waterfront Park.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA –TUESDAY MAY 14, 2019 -7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

SESSION OPENING

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

Ms. Leticia Remauro, SI Downtown SI Council will speak regarding the impending lawsuit against the proposed lawsuit at 44 Victory Blvd.

Ms. Samantha Stogsdill, Co-founder and Executive Vice President Mary Calla, Co-Founder and President will give a brief presentation on the Opioid Crisis on SI.

Representatives from Snug Harbor and Ms. Elizabeth Kennedy, Landscape Architect, PLLC will make a presentation on proposed improvements to the Kissel Avenue Gate and Freshwater Wetlands Path at Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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- Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney
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FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, Vincent Accornero
- Youth Services, Ernest Paige
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
- Health/Human Services, Amy Poirer
- Waterfront, Ole Olsen
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Ernest Paige
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Rooney
- Budget & Finance, Megan Delmar

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Veterans, Bob Zion
- Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky
- Labor, Priscilla Marco/Victoria Gillen
- Parks & Recreation, Norman Light, Megan Delmar
- Civic – Victoria Gillen

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting please call or e-mail Anjail Ameen-Rice or the Board Office prior to the meeting 1-718-981-6900 lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov.

TREASURER'S REPORT – FY 2019

May 2019

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO</u> <u>6/30/18</u>	<u>USED TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 - Supplies	\$ 5,095.00	2,637.33	\$ 2,457.67
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	190.00	10.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	898.00	252.00
117 - Postage	200.00	0	200.00
199 - Data Processing Supplies	2,450.00	1,880.48	569.52
300 – General Equipment	1,000.00	938.00	62.00
314 - Office Furniture	140.00	0	140.00
315 - Office Equipment	250.00	0	250.00
332 - Data Processing Equipment	294.00	0	294.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	100.00	0	100.00
400 - Contractual Services	2,000.00	1,400.00	600.00
40B - Communication	3,981.00	0	3,981.00*
403 - Office Services	150.00	0	150.00
412 - Equipment Rental	3,970.00	1,765.52	2,204.48
451 - Carfare	800.00	537.60	262.40
452 – Special Event	350.00	350.00	0
499 – FY19 Budget Only	42,500.00	35,777.00	6,723.00
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	500.00	500.00	0
622 - Contractor	14,700.00	9,299.50	5,400.50
TOTAL:	\$79,830.00	\$ 56,173.43	\$ 23,656.57

Please Note: Each Code is transferable to other codes as long as the total allocation is the same.

Larry Beslow, CB1 Treasurer

*Encumbered for FY 2019 Contracts

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Report of May 14, 2019

1. Transportation Committee meeting May 28, 2019

7 p.m., Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza Suite 217: Meeting (joint with Waterfront Committee) to hear from the NYC EDC about the expanded fast ferries.

2. Broad St and Vanderbilt Ave Street Improvements

NYC DOT's proposals for laning on the Vanderbilt Ave. and Broad St. corridors between Van Duzer Ave. and Bay St. were presented to the Stapleton Area Committee and to the Full Board.

Proposed: Letter of Support to NYC DOT.

3. Citywide Ferry Service Expansion Environmental Impact Statement

The impending Citywide Ferry Service Expansion will have environmental impacts, e.g., on waterways, bulkheads, docks, the DOT Ferry Terminal, etc.

Comments are open until July 1 2019, with a hearing for public comment June 20, 2019 6:00 p.m., Staten Island Borough Hall.

4. MTA's OMNY on horizon

OMNY is the MTA's 'contactless' replacement for the Metrocard using contactless debit and credit cards, smartphones, or a MTA replacement card. The first elements of a long phased introduction will work on SI buses, the SIRT, and the 4/5/6 subway lines.

First functionality (2019) will be debit and credit cards and smartphones, for full fare payments only. (There is a fear that Senior, Handicapped, and low-income fares might be 'abused'.)

Full functionality predicted 2021.

Expected compatibility with the MTA railroads and PATH. No dialogue with New Jersey Transit.

5. North Shore Transportation Alternative also on horizon

The North Shore Transportation Alternative is a bus or light rail with frequent service along the (more or less) dedicated right of way of the North Shore Line with frequent service from the ferry terminal to South Ave., then south on street to the West Shore Plaza.

This study was revised to reflect waterfront construction near the ferry terminal.

- Still open to either BRT (bus) or LRT (rail). BRT cheaper and slightly more passengers estimated.
- Two 12' lanes are available on the old North Shore Line, including through marine businesses (Caddell, Atlantic Salt, etc.), though negotiations are possible to align these more conveniently for work vehicles.

EXCEPT

- A Richmond Terrace Busway will be needed on street from Nicholas St. to the ferry terminal bus lanes. BRT or LRT bus turnarounds on the ground level found infeasible due to new construction plus 'resiliency' plans.
- The \$5m for preliminary study has not been exhausted, and engineering studies continue.

6. Signage in the ferry terminal



New 'wayfaring' signage has gone up in the ferry terminal, fulfilling a promise made when the Outlets and the Wheel were authorized.

Contractors are authorized to remove all other signs, e.g., for shuttles, Snug Harbor, Metrocard machines, etc. It remains to be seen how successful this will be in the long run...

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 18, 2019 MINUTES

Attendees:

Norman Light, Co-Chair Presided

Attendance list on file at the Board Office.

Elected/Organizations/Businesses:

Jennifer Lantzas, NYC Parks, Deputy
Director of Public Art, Art and Antiquities
Presented two proposals for this summer:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Temporary Installation – CEI Arts Education at North Shore Esplanade.

Sponsored by COI Arts Education.

Three benches to be installed at Richmond Terrace and Nicholas Street.

Dates: June 2019 – September 2019

This program is called Benchmarks, youth setting the standard for social change. It provides NYC Youth a public platform to effect social change through artwork on the aforementioned benches. The program will serve up to 750 NYC Public School students in grades 5-9 in 30 schools in disadvantaged communities.

2. Temporary Installation of Art Mobile Studio in the Park: Arts and Culture residences in NYC Parks.

Sponsored by Art Built Queens Museum, NYC Parks. The site on Staten Island – Stapleton Waterfront Park.

Dates: July 1st – August 15, 2019

This project is funded by the “NEA Our Town Grant.” It creates an artist residency series housed in a custom built mobile studio in which ongoing community engagement initiatives will be paired with selected socially engaged art practitioners which will result in locally placed, public-participatory artworks created to respond to community goals and concerns.

Minutes of Community Board 1's Youth Services Committee meeting

held Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 7pm at the Community Board's office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite 217, Staten Island, New York 10305.

Committee Board Members: Ernest Paige (Chair), Anthony Cosentino, Celeste Bute Holmes, Daniel Williams, Marjorie Ryan, Sandy Carles; Non-Board Members: Donna Mazzella, Neil Berry, Debbie-Ann Paige, Kelly Vilar.

In attendance: Anthony Cosentino, Daniel Williams, Donna Mazzella, Debbie Paige, Linda Walters and Ernest Paige.

- Meeting opened at 7:00pm with attendee introductions; Chair reviewed minutes from April 2, 2019 committee meeting.
- The committee revisited the issue of homeless students on Staten Island.
- We discussed local media outlet reporting that the city is moving forward with a 200-family homeless shelter at 44 Victory Blvd., citing it can't afford to wait on alternative sites.
- Considering this reporting, the committee plans to modify any future recommendations to the CB1 Steering Committee that they continue to work with local elected officials and the Department of Homeless Services to discuss viability of other sites moving forward such as the Bayley Seton site.
- The committee pivoted to a discussion about racial disparities at the City's specialized high schools, including Staten Island Technical High School (S. I. Tech). The racial demographics of our specialized high schools are highly unrepresentative of the City's public-school system overall.
- The Mayor and the Schools Chancellor have a plan to improve diversity at specialized high schools that has been met with so resistance. The plan is two-pronged to include expansion of the Discovery program and elimination of Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).
- The Discovery program is designed to increase enrollment of low-income students at specialized high schools. The plan is to expand the percentage of seats each SHS provides for qualified students living in high poverty. Eliminating the SHSAT would be phased in over the next 3 years and would be replaced by admission of the top 7% academically of middle school students from all middle schools. Eliminating the SHSAT will require approval in Albany.
- This committee will continue to research and follow-up on this issue.
- No old or new business.
- No announcements.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

CB1 Local Area Committee
Port Richmond, Elm Park, Arlington & Mariners Harbor

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April 16, 2019

Attendees:

John McBeth: CB1, Local Area Committee Chair

Vincent Accornero: CB1, Absent

Victoria Gillen: CB1

Anjail Ameen-Rice: CB1

Pearl Minsky: CB1, Absent

Telee Brown: CB1: absent

Ali Mir Masum: CB1

Claudette Duff: absent

George Sona: CB1

Bill Morris: Voting Non-Board Member

Mario Buonvaggio – Voting Non Board Member - Absent

Mary L. Bullock, Voting Non-Board Member

Electeds/Organizations/Businesses:

NYS Assemblyman Charles Fall: Mosaab Sadeia; sadeiam@nyassembly.gov

CM Debi Rose: Stephanie Shavuo; sshavuo@council.nyc.gov, 718.556.7370

Venture House: Juliet Douglas; jdouglas@venturehouse.org

Northfield LDC: Kathleen Sforza; northfieldldc.kethleensforza@gmail.com

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

##The request by Kotten's Caribbean and American Restaurant to change the stipulations on their Liquor License will remain on the Agenda until next month. Notwithstanding significant changes requested, Kotten's did not have a representative at this meeting. No action taken.

##The new traffic light at Trantor and Innis has been approved by NYC Department of Transportation. Concerns were expressed about the impact on traffic flow.

A new traffic light has been installed on the north side of Richmond Terrace to serve the anticipated foot traffic (and bus stop) at Van Pelt pedestrian plaza. Concern about coordinating with the Harbor Rd. light was expressed.

*Chair will follow with DOT on concerns, also to get determination as to when lights will be turned on. Side note: all are urged to call 311 to report pot-holes.

##Presentation: Juliet Douglas brought us up-to-date on Venture House, which provides a range of services supporting adults diagnosed with mental illness, following the "club house" model. There are now roughly 240 members listed with the Castleton Avenue site, ranging from 40 to 60 years old, with approximately 45 on-site on any given day. Two members discussed their experiences – cooking and weight-lifting were described enthusiastically, and are looking forward to attending the upcoming Clubhouse World Seminar this fall in Norway.

Venture House, in association with the NYC Mural Arts Project, invites the community to the Snug Harbor Paint Fest on May 18th, 10AM to 3PM, at the Children's Museum, and will include painting, music, free food, and more – Staten Islanders will be working together to create a mural for PS22.

###Replacement of high-intensity lights at public housing is dependant on NYCHA replacing lights on site.

*Stephanie Shavuo pointed out that these replacements require funding from Federal, State and City sources. All are urged to contact US Rep. Rose, NYS Senator Savino, and NYS Assembly members Cusick and Fall, in addition to NYCHA.

###Discussion on demolition at 2600 Richmond Terrace: another self-storage facility is proposed. There was discussion that this use does not generate jobs, adds to traffic, and has been recognized as an inappropriate use for water-front zones. It was noted that our local area was exempted from the ban – thus the sudden interest in these proposed uses.

###Liquor License renewal included Casey's Public house (Bar) at 1063 Post Ave. and Quick Pick Lotto, at 2040 Forest Ave. Neither establishment provided a representative. Nevertheless, there were no objections to the renewals.

###Water service interruptions continue due to on-going projects. Notifications to affected areas are sent by mail as well as hand-delivered.

*Mention of damage, not connected to this work, underlined the benefit of insurance for sewer/water lines

###Filming of American Saga continues in the area – watch for yellow signs.

*Chair says the community has been assured they are working to avail themselves of local sites and services.

###CB1 Member Sona pointed out the double-stripe on Forest Avenue acted as a trap for unwary drivers seeking to patronize establishments on Forest Ave (Bank of America, specifically). It was suggested that he bring this to the attention of businesses.

Next meeting: TUESDAY, May 21st, 7pm
250 Park Avenue – Community Room

April 17, 2019 Wednesday

Silver Lake Sunnyside Westerleigh Grymes Hill Area Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Attendance

Timothy Forsyth Chair Camille T. Zarrelli Co Chair
Anastasia Ciluffo CB#1 Member
Norman Light CB#1 Member
Michael Morrell Westerleigh Home Improvement
Franklin Marra Clove Lake Civic
Caroline Cutroneo Guest
Michael Istefaners Co- Owner Avocado Sushi

1. First matter of business was the demolition of the garage at 1498 Clove Road and the corner of Little Clove Road .
2. Joe & Pats Pizzeria & Restaurant at 1758 Victory Blvd. SI 10314
Request for renewal of their liquor license passed unanimously
3. Avocado Sushi III Inc. @ 1310 Forest Avenue 10314 across from Stop N Shop requesting a limited liquor license of wine, beer & Cider . Owner attended the meeting and talked about the other 3 locations on Staten Island. He explained it's a family style restaurant with a sushi bar. Hours of Operation 11am to 11 pm .Deliver to zip codes 10301, 02 and 14 . Offering 20% off bill for the first 2 months. Request for limited liquor license passed unanimously.
4. We were informed by the Clove Lake Civic and the Westerleigh Improvement Society that in the Westerleigh Community the *Eruv fence was being erected along certain areas in the community. The Hasidic Community & Young Israel are currently applying for permits to legalize what they have already started to be put in place.
(*The Eruv fence is a wire to define and allow a religious group to walk and conduct certain activities as if within their homes on the Sabbath.)
Both areas have scheduled a joint meeting on April 25, 2019 to continue this discussion on this matter.

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5. Michael Morrell stated the ongoing sewer project is nearly complete .

6. The Clove Lake Civic stated 1197 Clove Road is for rent but the sign states it is a commercial property but the property is zoned for residential use and restricted use for community facilities only.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm