

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen –Rice, Excused
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Leave
John Keiser, Absent
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Pearl Minsky
Olaf Olsen
Friday Ogbewele
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Fran Reali
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona, Excused
George Turner
Curt Ward, Excused
George Wonica, Jr. , Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Paul Duffy, Rep. Governor Andrew Cuomo
Roland Stewart, Rep. BP James Molinaro
A.J. Basile, Rep. Councilmember James Oddo
Jessica O’Leary, Rep. MOA Michael Cusick
P.O., Michelle Mazza, Community Affairs 120th Pct.
2 Police Officers’ from the 121 Pct.
Lisa Dambrosio, Director SI Adult Probation
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Beryl Thurman, President North shore Waterfront Conservancy
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Proud
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing
Peter Franchini, Flag Container
Richard Galli, Galli Engineering, Flag Container
Ellen Feldman, Galli engineering, Flag Container
Ellen Kramer, American Red Cross
John Luisi, Transportation Alternatives
Robert De Biase, SI Transportation Alternatives
Laura Barlament, SI Committee Transportation Alternatives
Joan Cusack, NYC HRA
Barbara Sanchez, Committee to save Mt. Manresa
Dr. Janet Leslie, Bement Avenue Block Assoc.
Gloria Tepper, Committee to save Mr. Manresa
Robert Dixon, Pearl Street
Claire and Jory Guttsman, Pearl Street
Sanjay Shin, Committee to Save Mr. Manresa
Haley Rogers, Sanitation Organics Collection
Louis Grecco, MD
Robert Pulwer, NYPL
Jack Bolembach, Committee to save Mt. Manresa
Diego Quinones, SI Transportation Alternatives
Shannon Rompala, Nextdoor.com
Peter Lisi, Stapleton
Bobby Digi, Stapleton Business Assoc.

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept June 2013 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Haley Rogers, Sanitation Organics collection spoke of the fall 2013 pilot area which is going to expand to the Mariners Harbor Area starting October 4, 2013. Maps of the current location including the current area of organic collection in Westerleigh and the pilot program in Mariners Harbor were available.

Mr. Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Proud spoke in opposition to the proposal permit modification for Flag Container to for dredged spoils treatment and transfer operations.

Mr. Robert Dixon and Jory Guttman spoke in opposition to the Land Use Application for Pearl Street to construct 5 single-family homes on an unmapped street which is in the Hillside Preservation District. The homes are on a very steep slope with one home. Emergency vehicles, City Sanitation are unable to navigate the turn from St. Paul's Avenue.

Mr. Robert Pulwer, New York Public Library spoke of free after school programs for middle and high school students. There are Innovation Labs from 3-6 P.M.; an application must be filled out. Fall Session starts September 30, 2013. For further information go to nypl.org or e-mail robrtpulwer@nypl.org

Ms. Ellen Kramer, American Red Cross spoke of the program they have to prepare the community for any disasters such as Sandy. If there are any civic organizations or large groups that would like to train for a Disaster Relief Team please contact Ms. Kramer at Ellen.Kramer@redcross.ny.

Mr. Jack Bolembach spoke about Mount Manresa and the efforts the Save Mount Manresa Committee have been doing. The committee is fighting for the environment, the quality of life in Staten Island, the rich geological history, with natural hills terminal moraine formed 20,000 years ago during the last ice age. Landmarks has not been responsive to Landmarking any buildings on the site. The committee would like the land turned into a park.

Mr. Robert De Biaso and Laura Barlament, Staten Island Transportation Alternatives requested the Community Board #1 to support a bike lane on Clove Road.

Ms. Shannon Rampala, Nextdoor NYC, spoke of Nextdoor.com which is a free, private social network for your neighborhood. Nextdoor makes it easy to communicate with your neighbors about the issues that matter most. Each Nextdoor website is password protected and private to you and your neighbors. To learn more go to nextdoor.com.

Mr. Peter Lisi spoke of The National Lighthouse Museum in collaboration with the NYC Parks Department Second Annual Lighthouse Hunt on Saturday September 28, 2013 at the Conference House. Teams of lighthouse hunters will span across Staten Island. There will be 3 sites to tour, St. George, New Dorp Beach and the Conference House. Pirate School will perform at 2:00. For further information please go to info@lighthousemuseum.or or call 1-855-NLM-SINY.

Mr. Bobby Digi spoke of the North Shore Restaurant Crawl being held. On Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., is to get potential customers into these restaurants, have them meet the staffs and taste the quality food, Many Restaurants are participating: DaNoi, Phunky Elephant, Blue, 120 Bay Café, Beso, Tapas and many more.. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased the day of the event starting at noon at Edgewater Hall, 691 Bay St., Clifton; 646-875-4072.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino announced there is going to be a Budget Public Hearing on October 3, 2013 – 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office. All of the area chairs were asked to get budget requests with dollar amount attached for the budget hearing. All are invited to attend.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRIS ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWEL – Mr. Ogbewele hoped all had a nice summer and, looks forward to working with the Area Chairpersons and area committees.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The Treasurer's report is in the packet.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro welcomed everyone back and explained the role of Community Board and their main function.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll urged all cultural, not-for-profits and civic organizations to attend the Budget Hearing with specific items. This is the time to come and ask capital and expense items that are needed.

Mr. Richard Galli, Galli Engineering and Mr. Peter Franchini, Flag Container Services explained that Flag container maintains a non-putrescible solid waste transfer station on Ferry Street. The permit modification is for a construction and demolition debris procession facility and dredged spoils treatment and transfer operation.

They will perform dredged spoils' treatment and transfer operations, moor the dredged spoils' barges at their existing bulkhead and use appropriate equipment to treat the dredged spoils directly on the barge. Most of the stabilized dredged materials would be barged out; some would be off loaded on truck. The operation runs 6 days a week, 12 hrs. a day. Picking up by trucks is done on off hours.

Mr. Franchini stated that he keeps his property clean as well as the City property at the foot of Port Richmond Avenue and Richmond Terrace.

Mr. Franchini and Mr. Galli attended the Land Use Meeting on September 17, 2013 at the Board Office where Mr. Franchini and Mr. Galli agreed to hold a meeting with the community in Port Richmond. Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Chairwoman, Anjail Ameen-Rice is setting up the meeting.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – Minutes of the meeting were included in the packet. The following applications were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

1. Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 519-57-BZ – Extend the term of a previously approved variance at the BP Gas Station located at 2071 Victory Blvd.

Motion made to approve as submitted. Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-0-0.

2. Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 191-13-A – Application submitted to build a three-story office building in an M3-1 District which is located partially within the bed of a mapped street at 3161 Richmond Terrace.

Motion made to approve and seconded with the condition that applicant sign a restrictive covenant, attached to the land in perpetuity to agree to accept all costs of demolition and removal of the building if DOT plans to widen Richmond Terrace. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 20-4-0.

3. Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 232-13-BZ – Application submitted to allow a physical culture establishment to be operated by Crunch Fitness at 364 Bay Street.

Motion made to approve as submitted. Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-0-0 (ineligible)

4. Board of Standards & Appeals Application Nos. 180-13-A, 181-13-A, 182-13-A, 183-13-A and 184-13-A – Applications to construct 5 single family dwellings on an unmapped street – End of Pearl Street past Calvin Place.

Motion made and seconded to deny the applications due to the steep grade of Pearl Street and, would be inappropriate to engineer a solution to create Fire Department access; and, would be an extraordinary impact on the lower portion of Pearl Street and the surrounding community.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed to deny the application 24-0-0.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN – There will be a free Health and Wellness Expo at the Hilton on South Avenue on September 26, 2013. There will be over 100 vendors attending. Mr. Jain urged the community to participate. On September 29, 2013 there will be a free preview of Fresh Kills Park with many things to do for all ages.

A presentation was given at the Silver Lake/Sunnyside Westerleigh Area Committee and at the Human Services/Public Services by Modest Community Services for a proposed group home for 4 developmentally disabled persons at 334 Little Clove Road.

Reverse roll call taken. Vote passed 23-0-0.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – Mr. Larry Beslow announced there is a proposal to put an Eagle Academy into I.S. 49. One of our budget requests last was for an Eagle Academy. The board supports the proposal.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The report is under First-Vice Chairman.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – Chairwoman Remauro announced that Ms. Borkowski has been under the weather. It was suggested the members send her a card or text her, just let her know you are thinking about her. There was no objection to sending a letter to DOT asking for a study of smart light technology and a protected bike lane on Clove Road from Richmond Terrace to Howard Avenue.

In addition, Ms. Marco asked about the proposal for changing Bay Street to a one-way. Chairwoman Remauro stated the Borough President asked for a study. There are no plans at this time to make a change. We will ask the Borough President for a meeting on the issue.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – Minutes were included for the June meeting. The committees also meet jointly with the Land Use Committee on September 17, 2013; minutes are included in the packet.

There was not a quorum of the Clifton/Concord /Stapleton members; a consensus vote was taken for new liquor licenses to stay open until 4:00 A.M. The Board's policy for new establishments is midnight during the week and 2:00 A.M. on the weekends. A vote was taken to overturn the recommendation of the consensus vote. There were no objections the hours of operation of the two establishments will be midnight during the week at 2:00 A.M. on the weekends.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – Ms. Eskenas chaired the meeting. The minutes are in the packet.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH – Chairwoman Remauro announced that Mr. Ken Tirado who chaired Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh has resigned from the Board. Ms. Camille Zarrelli and Timothy Forsyth are going to co-chair the committee together.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Guzzo urged everyone to support the Save Mount Manresa Committee; they meet at the site every Saturday morning by the service road and Mount Manresa to protest any building on the site.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 P.M.

