

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, APRIL 9, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Isabella Cardona, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. Borough President Molinaro
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Jessica O’Leary, Rep. Assemblyman Cusick
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
P.O. Quania Rios, 120th Community Affairs
Lisa Dambrosio, NYC Probation Dept.
Kevin Reeves, NYC Probation Dept.
Michael Rieser, GrowNYC
Haley Rogers, Dept. of Sanitation
Cindy Voorspuy, NYC Parks & Recreation
Robert Crisalli, Jewish Board Family & Children Services
Cuneyt Celebiogh, Jewish Community Center
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Sal Turchio, NIA Community Services Network
Linda Pederson, CERT
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Jennifer Knight Hamilton, Neighborhood Housing Services
Donna Cusick, Manor Road
Anne Spira, Nixon Avenue
Jerry Lin, Shen Yun Show at Lincoln Center
Robert Crisalli, Services to survivors of Hurricane Sandy
Randy Corn, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers
Shaun O’Conner, Nixon Avenue
Stu Wolk, New Charter School
Sam El Miniawhy, Rep. 1293 Clove Road

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 256-82-BZ - Extension for a term of 10 years of a special permit at 1293 Clove Road.

Mr. Sam El Miniawhy, representing 1293 Clove Road stated there have been no changes to the application, the same Veterinary office resides at the location.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2-13-BZ –Application to legalize extension for retail use in a residential district at 438 Targee Street.

This item was tabled at last month's Land Use Public Hearing back to the Stapleton/Clifton/Concord Area Committee Meeting. A representative did attend the area committee meeting.

Even though it is not part of the application, residents in attendance did not like that the applicant could not provide what type of business was going to be put in the extension.

A list of what is allowed in a Use Group 6 was read and is on file at the Board Office.

A motion will be read regarding design approval of the Outlets/Hotel which was presented at the April 1, 2013 Land Use Meeting at the Full Board Meeting

Land Use Public Hearing closed.

The following motions were made, seconded and voted on as follows:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 256-82-BZ - Extension for a term of 10 years of a special permit at 1293 Clove Road.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Roll call vote taken of the Land Use Committee, vote passed 7-0-0.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2-13-BZ –Application to legalize extension for retail use in a residential district at 438 Targee Street.

Motion made and seconded to approve with the condition that no liquor store or bar be permitted under the Use Group 6. Roll call vote taken of the Land Use Committee, vote passed 6-3-0.

Land Use Meeting adjourned.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the Board Meeting to order at 8:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance, quorum present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Fran Reali spoke of a free seminar for veterans to start a career in Real Estate. Reali Realty is holding a Free Seminar to learn how to start a career in real estate with little to no money out of pocket. Frank and Fran Reali launched a scholarship program that includes free real estate schooling, training, business cards and more. The free seminar for veterans is on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 - 7:00 P.M. at 1958 Victory Blvd. For more info or to register call 718-442-5200 or e-mail careers@safarirealtyonline.com

Mr. Jerry Lin spoke of the Shen Yun performing arts which brings to life 5,000 years of Chinese civilization through classical Chinese dance and music. There are nearly 100 artists, 400 costumes and the only orchestra in the world featuring both classical Western and Chinese instruments as permanent members. They will be performing at Lincoln Center. For tickets the box office number is 1-800-818-2393.

Mr. Robert Crisalli of Project Hope spoke of the services offered by Project Hope which include: Individual crisis counseling, information/educational support, group counseling, public education, community networking & support for victims of hurricane sandy. You can contact project hope 24/7 at 1-800-543-3638.

Ms. Donna Cusick thanked the board for hosting meetings etc. regarding Brookside Avenue.

Mr. Michael Reiser, GrowNYC spoke of St. George Day at Tompkinsville Park, Victory and Bay on Saturday, April 20th from Noon to 7:00 P.M.. There will be bands, performances, earth day, trees, plants and herbs, free bike repair, recycling games, compost, book fair, giant puppets, e-waste collection and more. For more information go to www.stgeorgedaysi.org

Mr. Sal Turchio spoke of Post-Sandy Assistance through National Emergency Grant. NIA has a rich history of improving the quality of life in communities for the children, families, seniors and businesses through vital cost-free programs for all. For more information contact Mr. Turchoio at struchio@niabklyn.org

Mr. Randy Corn, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers to continue to rebuild for homeowners who were devastated by hurricane sandy. Currently the Southern Baptist have tents set up at Zion Church, they need to be relocated to a site which has use of electric. If anyone has any suggestions where the tents can be set up for over 200 volunteers helping rebuild from hurricane Sand, please contact Mr. Corn at sandy@namb.net

Mr. Shaun O' Conner and Ms. Anne Spira spoke of an unoccupied home at 11 Nixon Avenue which has debris in front of the home and in the rear. This is an ongoing complaint.

Mr. Stu Wolf asked the Board for a letter of support for the ELL Academy at Wolf Prep Charter School. Handouts were available of the schools mission statement etc.

Ms. Lisa Dambrosio and Mr. Kevin Reeves, NYC Probation Dept. stated there are probationers available to do community clean-ups, ,and other jobs in the community. All work done is supervised. For further information please contact 718-876-7772.

Public Session closed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Call for Candidate forms will be e-mailed out to every member on the Board. Call for candidate forms must be submitted prior or at the May Board Meeting. All forms received prior to the May Meeting will be sent with the May Agenda. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May Board Meeting only. You must be a Board Member for one year to run for an Executive Committee position.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO –Chairwoman Remauro asked Mr. John Guzzo and Mr. Anthony Cosentino to coordinate with the Department of Probation to clean the property on Nixon Avenue. Chairwoman Remauro asked Michael Bryantsev, Rep. Borough President Molinaro and Isabella Cardonna, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg, CAU to look into the possibility of putting the tents at Ft. Wadsworth or the Coast Guard Base. Chairwoman Remauro spoke of a presentation she saw of the mitigation system used by the Dutch. It is remarkable and is going to arrange to have presentations given to the Elected Officials. Lastly, Chairwoman Remauro mentioned that all Board Members received invitations to a reception for the grand Opening of the View on April 18, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. at 224 Richmond Terrace.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll announced the Snug Harbor Spring Festival on May 4th and 5th. They will be giving away trees, selling orchids, plants.

Representatives from the Department of Sanitation were in attendance to present the new Organics Collection Program. The pilot program is going to start in Westerleigh to create valuable compost and send less waste to landfills. A starter kit will be delivered between April 22, 2013 and May 3, 2013 which includes a brown bin and a small kitchen container. Sanitation will begin collection on May 4, 2013. Residents are not mandated to organic recycle.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following motions were made, seconded and voted on as follows:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 256-82-BZ - Extension for a term of 10 years of a special permit at 1293 Clove Road.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Roll call vote taken vote passed 28-0-0.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2-13-BZ –Application to legalize extension for retail use in a residential district at 438 Targee Street.

Motion made and seconded to approve with the condition that no liquor store or bar be permitted under the Use Group 6.

Roll call vote taken vote passed 24-4-0.

Community Board #1 recommends approval of the design presented by BFC Partners with the following conditions:

That, notwithstanding the Department of City Planning tree planting requirement, the plantings in the public corridors be low growing plants & shrubs to allow the greatest visual access to the water, and

further that the corner of the site above the SIRTOA power house be visually shrouded harmonious to the streetscape of the project.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 20-3-1 (3 ineligible)

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The committee is closely monitoring both the NYWheel project and the Empire Commons project.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN, LISA LATTANZIO – The minutes of the meeting tonight will be in the packet next month.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – Co-chair Timothy Kuhn announced the PUSH Citation letters went out to all North Shore Public Schools. The Youth Committee asks each school for the names of 3 students who may have had a rough start at the beginning of the school year and have made improvements. As mentioned under the Chairwoman Remauro's report, anyone who would personally like to write a letter supporting the Wolf Academy Charter School may do so. We need more information on their budget etc. to support a charter school.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – Chairwoman Remauro asked Ms. Marco to look into the Alcohol and Substance Unit closing at Bayley Seton without holding any public meetings.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No meeting, no report.

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

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – There was no quorum at the meeting.

WEST BRIGHTON/NEW BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, KEN TIRADO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

ROSBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Meeting adjourned.

