# COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2015 ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD. – 7:30 P.M.

#### Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS GUESTS

Vincent Accornero Len Garcia-Duran, Director SI City Planning

Mir Assum Ali

Anjail Ameen-Rice

Kevin Elkins, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

Jenny Fischman, Public Advocate Letita James

Joseph Bird, Absent

Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Debi Rose

Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Steve Matteo

Telee Brown Paul Marrone, Rep. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis

Loretta Cauldwell Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Matt Titone
Anthony Cosentino Brandon Patterson, Rep. Senator Diane Savino
Megan Delmar, Board Business Anthony Arcome, Manager NYC Parks Department
George Doyle Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improv. Society

Linda Eskenas Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.

Thomas Ferrie, Excused Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society

Timothy Forsyth Frank Marra, Clove Lake Civic Assn.

Victoria Fossella, Excused Bobby Digi, North Shore Business Association

Victoria Gillen Chris Herwin, SI City Planning

Christopher Greene Officer Ortiz, Community Affairs, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.

John Guzzo Officer Plymale, Community Affairs, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.

Robert Honor Vinny Pero, Local 3 Motorcycle Club

Celeste Holmes Danna Cusick, Manor Road

Sunny Jain Dom DeRubbio, Silver Lake Park Conservancy

Lisa Lattanzio Chartolts Mentzer, Tompkins Avenue
Norman Light Sanja Sharma, Tompkins Avenue
Priscilla Marco Merrill Martz, No. St. Austins Place

John McBeth Clarence Blair, Davis Avenue

Jeffrey Mohlenbrok Rachael Cantizano, St. Mark's Place

Ole Olsen, Leave Sylvia Ancrum, Civilian Complaint Review Board

Ernest Paige John Mangin, Council Office, NYC City Planning Commission

Catherine Paradiso

Geraldine Parker, Absent

Fran Reali, Excused

Chris Rooney, Excused

Amy Ponier, Bay Street Corridor

Arlene Thomas, Police Political Action

Jennifer Gray-Brumskine, Park Hill

Daryl Whitewood, North Shore jobs

Marjorie Ryan Major Charlie McInnis, Selective Service System

James Samuels, Excused

Varun Sanyal, Absent

George Sona, Excused

Barbara Sanchez, Rosebank Rezoning

Sandra Martinez, Construction jobs

Caroline Labita, Affordable housing

Nicholas Siclari Merrill Martz, proposed N. St. Austin Place

George Turner Judy Montanez, Rezoning

Kelly Vilar Rachael Contizano, Affordable Housing Plan

Mark Washington

Daniel Williams OFFICE STAFF

Camille Zarrelli, Leave Joseph Carroll, District Manager Nicholas Zvegintzov Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 37. Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice took roll call attendance, quorum present. Motion made seconded and approved to accept November 2015 minutes.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Jennifer Gray-Brumskine spoke against the city-wide affordable text amendment stating that the income levels described are inaccurate and, there was not enough outreach to the community.

Mr. Dominick DeRubbio, The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy (SLRC) is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and enhancing the historical, aesthetic, ecological and recreational benefits of Silver Lake's open waters and surrounding open space. If anyone is interested in volunteering please e-mail Mr. DeRubbio at <a href="mailto:Dominick.derubbio@gmail.com">Dominick.derubbio@gmail.com</a>.

Ms. Kelly Vilar spoke about Cromwell Center and an upcoming meeting; Ms. Vilar also spoke about the Bay Street Corrido.

Ms. Amy Ponier spoke of the Bay Street Corridor.

Ms. Arlene Thomas spoke of clerical civilian jobs available in the Police Department. People are urged to look on the NYC website and take the exams for these positions.

Mr. Darryl Whitehead wanted more information given to community residents on construction jobs available on the north shore. There is not enough information given to the community on how to receive training and apply for local construction jobs.

Major Charlie McInnis is a local board member for recruiting for the selective service system. If anyone is interested or knows anyone that is interested in joining any of the armed services, Major McInnis was available throughout the meeting; he may also reach Major McInnis at <a href="major">Charles.mcinnis@sss.gov</a>

Mr. Alex Phillips spoke of unskilled laborers being used for a lot of the building that is being done on the north shore. It is inadequate and will lead to substandard building.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez spoke of the rezoning application that was submitted by Community Board #1 for Rosebank/Fort Wadsworth and Clifton. Ms. Sanchez is still trying to arrange for Councilwoman Rose to sign on to the application.

Ms. Sandra Martinez spoke of construction jobs for local community around the Water Street Area. You can contact Ms. Martinez by e-mail at <a href="mailto:sandyonisland@gmail.com">sandyonisland@gmail.com</a>

Caroline Labita spoke against the affordable housing text amendment.

Mr. Martz complained of a new home that is being built on North St. Austin's Place.

Mr. Clarence Blair also complained of a new home that is being built on North St. Austin's Place.

Ms. Judy Montanez spoke opposing both City Planning Text Amendments that will be voted on this evening.

Ms. Charlotte Mentzer spoke of a beautiful photo book which documents the story in words and photos of Mount Manresa, and the grassroots efforts to save it. For more information or to donate towards the book contact Ms. Mentzer at Charlottementzer@gmail.com.

Ms. Rachael Contizano spoke against the affordable housing plan.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Local 3 Motorcycle Club, Building for America's Bravest and P.S. 19 which is a Model Duel Language School.

#### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

<u>FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO</u> – Mr. Cosentino wished everyone a happy holiday.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – No report.

<u>THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE</u> – Mr. Ogbewele thanked all the chairs for their hard work they have been doing with the committees.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – No report.

**SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – No report.

<u>CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI</u> – Chairman Siclari thanked all of the members for the time they have been putting in attending meetings, he wished everyone a happy holiday and urged everyone to stay after the meeting for refreshments.

**<u>DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL</u>** – Mr. Carroll wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

# **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<u>LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO</u> – There were 2 City Planning Zoning Text Amendments: City Planning's Application No. N160051ZRY "Mandatory Inclusionary Housing" and Department of City Planning's Application No. N 160049ZAY, "Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment."

Both of text amendments can be viewed on the Department of City Planning's website. The following are the links for both text amendments:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/housing/mandatory-inclusionary-housing-summary.shtml

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/zoning-qa/zoning-for-affordability-1.shtml

**The Mandatory Inclusionary Housing is** a five-borough ten-year housing plan to build and preserve 200,000 units of high-quality affordable housing over the next decade. The plan will create opportunities for New Yorkers with range of incomes, from the very lowest to those in the middle class, and will foster vibrant and diverse neighborhoods.

**Zoning for Quality and Affordability** goal is to help seniors remain in their communities – the proposal is to update regulations to allow a spectrum of affordable senior housing and care facilities, alone or mixed.

In medium-and-high- density districts when buildings provide affordable senior housing, allow limited additional height to fit all floor area in a well-designed building; allow the same, higher floor area for affordable senior housing as well as care facilities;

**In lower-density districts that allow multifamily housing** – Allow the same, higher floor area for affordable senior housing as well as care facilities allow affordable senior buildings with an elevator, not exceeding 4 to 6 stories.

At the Land Use Public Hearing residents in attendance did not agree with the plan and said that the requirements being used for the affordable housing in terms of income levels and was incorrect. The

residents also expressed that transportation, school seats and infrastructure are lacking on Staten Island to support these kinds of developments. Residents also stated there was not information given to the community on either of these text amendments.

After very lengthy discussion the following motions were made and voted on as follows:

# Resolution on the Department of City Planning's Application No. N160051ZRY "Mandatory Inclusionary Housing"

Whereas, Department of City Planning presentation was given at a Community Board #1 Land Use Public Hearing on December 1, 2015, and;

Whereas, this is a voluminous proposal that warranted numerous public review sessions to properly vet, and;

Whereas, there is a lack of infrastructure on Staten Island especially on the north shore, and;

Whereas, Staten Island is transit poor, and;

Whereas, there is a potential for overcrowding, and;

Whereas, there are currently insufficient school seats, and;

Whereas, there exists a voluntary inclusionary housing program and programs such as 421-A and Housing and Preservation & Development subsidies, and;

Whereas, the amendment appears to benefit developers more than the population it proposed to help, and;

Whereas, the concept to finance affordable housing through zoning is problematic, and;

Whereas, an expenditure of \$8.2 Billion fulfilling MIH is substantial and could be used more efficiently,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing zoning text amendment No. 160051 ZRY

## Roll call vote taken vote passed 28-1-0.

# Resolution on the Department of City Planning's Application No. N 160049ZAY, "Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment"

Whereas, Department of City Planning presentation was given at a Community Board #1 Land Use Public Hearing on December 1, 2015, and;

Whereas, this is a voluminous proposal that warranted numerous public review sessions to properly vet. and;

Whereas, Community Board #1 does acknowledge the advantages of the flexibility afforded by the increased height available and strengthened commercial environment, and;

Whereas, changes to as-of-right lower density affordable senior housing in lower density residential zones without community input and ULUP oversight is ill advised for Staten Island, and;

Whereas, Staten Island is a transit poor borough, and;

Whereas, the reduction or elimination of parking is not feasible for any potential development on Staten Island, and;

Whereas, the proposal allows units as small as 250 square feet to be constructed for senior citizens, Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 is opposed to City Planning's Application No. N 160049ZRY zoning for quality and affordability

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

<u>TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV</u> – There was no meeting in November. There will be a meeting on December 14, 2015 – 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office. Discussion of consideration of Verrazano bike/pedestrian path will be the agenda.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** - No meeting. There will be a meeting in January.

<u>LABOR, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK</u> – The following was reviewed by the Labor Committee and was requested that Board Members review future consideration as CB#1 policy to include first source hiring: In Mayor de Blasio's Report, CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER, it is clearly stated:

"New York City's workforce system has fallen short of delivering full value to its jobseeker and employer customers because programs have not been adequately connected to each other or to the City's economic development priorities. To support economic mobility at scale, workforce programs and economic development initiatives must function cohesively and drive toward the single objective of increasing the number of New Yorkers who hold family-supporting jobs'". <sup>1</sup>

"New York City government itself is a major driver of economic growth across the five boroughs. The City spends billions of dollars every year on goods (over \$1 billion), development activities such as creating a new manufacturing and industrial space at the Brooklyn Army Terminal (\$100 million), and mayoral priorities such as the plan to create 200,000 units of affordable housing over the next ten years (\$8.2 billion). To date, however, the City has done very little to leverage its investments for workforce outcomes. Links between economic development projects and workforce programs have been few in number limited in scope, and lacking in enforcement or accountability mechanisms."  $^2$ 

Based on Mayor de Blasio's own report The Staten island Community Board 1Labor Committee is recommending that a all future further development that is brought before this board include the recommendation for first source hiring policy as outlined in recommendation 9 and 1 of the CLEAR PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER to include industry partnership between developers and labor Unions as to maximize training opportunities and long term employment.

Which states: "RECOMMENDATION 9: Maximize local job opportunities through the City's contracts and economic development investments by establishing a "First Source" hiring process and enforcing targeted hiring provisions in social service contracts."

"Establish a "First Source" Hiring Process. The program sets specific goals: a 50 percent hiring goal for targeted populations, a 40 percent retention rate for those individuals for at least nine months, and higher wages for at least 30 percent of them within a year"  $^3$ 

"RECOMMENDATION 1:Launch or expand Industry Partnerships with real-time feedback loops in six sectors: healthcare, technology, industrial/manufacturing and construction, which will focus on training more New Yorkers for jobs with career potential, and retail and food service, which will focus on improving the quality of low-wage occupations." <sup>4</sup>

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Pg 52 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORK ING TOGETHER Paragraph  $1\,$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pg 52 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORK ING TOGETHER Paragraph 2

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pg 53 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 4
 Pg 27 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 4

WATERFRONT, LORETTA CAULDWELL - No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Representatives from the civilian

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR - No meeting no report.

**YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR**—The minutes and the newsletter are in the packet.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE** — We have not heard anything back regarding the letter that was sent to Councilmember Kallos supporting and asking for urban planners to be available to the Community Boards. We will follow up in January.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – A meeting was held, minutes are in the packet.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY - No meeting was held.

#### AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE — Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

<u>CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW</u> - No report.

WEST BRIGHTON/NEW BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK & VICKIE FOSSELLA — Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK - Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO - The minutes will be included in next month's packet.

**OLD BUSINESS** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Motion made to adjourn, meeting adjourned.