

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Anthony Marra, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Marilyn Averett
Lloyd Bacchus
Larry Beslow, Excused
Jeannine Borkowski
Ajmal Chaudhry, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Grace Ferranti
Rajiv Gowda
John Guzzo
Jeanne Hogan
Sunny Jain, Excused
Wilma Jones
Dominick Lambert, Medical Leave
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Adena Long
Anthony Marra
Jacob Massaquoi, II
Sheila McGinn
Mary Mitchell, Medical Leave
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Absent
Joseph Pancila
Joanne Pentangelo
Terry Player, Personal Leave
Leticia Remauro, Excused
Christine Reese
Christopher Rooney, Excused
Debi Rose, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
John Strandberg
Sean Sweeney
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Curt Ward
Mark Washington, Excused
George Wonica, Jr.
Camille Zarrelli, Excused
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Leonard Garcia-Duran, Director SI Dept. of City Planning
James Miraglia, Dept. of city Planning
Tom Aiello, Rep. Governor Patterson
Jason Razefsky, Rep. Borough President Molinaro
John Solazzo, Rep. Senator Savino
Julie Firestone-Levine, Rep. Senator Lanza
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
Ann Clinton, Rep. Assemblywoman Hyer-Spencer
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Frank Carcaterra, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Melinda Wholf, Volunteers of America
Scott Lambdin, St. George Library
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Vincent Polimeni, N.Y.S.O.L.F.
Kiawana Rich, SI Advance
Susan Castano, SI Physicians Practice
Anthony Zodiaco, Hooker Place
Nicole Spratley, Sports Ambassador Program
Charles Margiotta, SI Touch Tackle
Nicole O'Loughlin, 1199 Health Education
Kenya Warner, Volunteers of America
Imnet Yebro, Goodwill Internship Placement Program

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Anthony Marra called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance was taken. A quorum was present

Motion made and seconded to accept January 2009 Board Minutes. Minutes accepted.

Chairman Anthony Marra read the guest list of representatives of Elected Officials.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino asked for a moment of silence for Mario Prevosti. Mr. Prevosti was an active member of Community Board #1 for many years. He served as the West Brighton Chairman for several years. He served in the military with an outstanding record. He will be greatly missed.

A letter to the Mayor was included in the packet with our responses to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

The letter was accepted with two changes: include the stimulus package in the letter, add the north shore greenbelt to the last paragraph and change the date of the letter. The letter with changes are as follows:

February 12, 2009

Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
The City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

Due to the severity of the fiscal crisis, Community Board #1 will focus our responses on the budget items most important to the people of Staten Island's north shore.

Community Board #1 believes these budget requests meet the federal stimulus funding guidelines and we ask for a fair distribution and funding for these requests.

Pursuant to the FY'10 Preliminary Budget, Community Board One and as directed by the Office of Management & Budget, we will delineate our concerns as follows:

1. The Health & Hospital Corporation must be directed to provide 20% of its City funded budget to Staten Island's two hospital systems;
2. The Transit Authority must secure funding for the North Shore Railroad, a fourth bus depot and new bus routes to and a bus terminus in the South Avenue Business Park;
3. The Department of Education must construct a new north shore high school.

4. SIRTOA must allow the Department of Environmental Protection right-of-way access to build a drainage system to stop flooding along Osgood Avenue;
5. The Department of Transportation must widen Victory Boulevard at Manor Road and upgrade the Port Richmond Avenue Streetlight grid; and,
6. The Department of Parks & Recreation must be given enough capital to develop the North Shore Greenway and North Shore Greenbelt.

Should you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Anthony Marra
Chairman

Anthony Cosentino
Budget Chairman

Reverse roll vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, DEBI ROSE – No report.

CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY MARRA – “Mr. Carroll and I met with the District Director of Congressman McMahan’s Office earlier today. We spoke of the needs the board have expressed over the years especially the need of monies from the Health & Hospital Corporation and better job security and updated services to our hospital system. It is important that everyone attend the hearings and meetings, regarding the Staten Island hospital system and other issues.”

There is a special election on February 24, 2009, make sure your candidate knows the importance of keeping our hospitals open and providing quality care.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – The MTA held a Public Hearing at the College of Staten Island last week, first Vice-Chairman Anthony Cosentino testified. Mr. Allan Capelli a Staten Islander, a former community Board #1 Land Use Chairman is now a Commissioner of the MTA responded to witnesses with a forceful support for Island commuters. At least there is one person on the MTA board that will be fighting for Staten Islanders.

On the down side, there were not a lot of people in attendance, and more importantly there were not a lot of commuters. As Chairman Marra previously mentioned, it is so important that people go and testify, numbers are very important, it sends a message.

Ms. Debi Rose and Ms. Lisa Lattanzio are working on setting up a HHC Civic Association. They are working with Boards 2 and 3 to get lots of people involved.

Lastly, on March 4, 2009 at 11:30 Jacob Massaquoi, II is being honored and will be receiving the Reverend Roland Ratmeyer Founders Award at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Chairman Marra introduced guest speaker, Ms. Susan Castana, R.N.

R.N. Susan Castana spoke about the Urgent Care offered at Staten Island Physicians Practice 1050 Clove Road and at 4741 Hylan Blvd. As previously discussed by the Chairman and District Manager there is a health care crisis on Staten Island.

Staten Island Physicians Practice is private. It was formerly HIP. Most major insurances are accepted. Urgent Care is offered from 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. If the need arises, the practice will stay open later and possibly 24 hrs.

Both locations are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. Additionally, Saturday and evening appointments are available for primary care and most specialties. In addition to the Urgent Care, there are state of the art imaging & diagnostics, MRI, CAT Scan, diagnostic X-Ray, digital mammography, bone densitometry, nuclear medicine, cardiac stress test, echocardiography, ultra sound and vision care. Specialties include Allergy – Urology. For more information please call 718-816-3110.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Nicole Spratley spoke regarding her daughter Shaniqua Lewis who has been chosen for the Sports Ambassador Program. Ms. Lewis had previously been awarded by Community Board #1 and the Youth Committee in honor of Black History month. Ms. Lewis is seeking sponsorship to go to Austria to compete in the Sports Ambassador Program.

Mr. Michael Morrell, President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society announced a 47th Council District candidates forum the Westerleigh Improvement Society is hosting joined by the Clove Lake Civic Association. Everyone is invited to attend on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Jacob Massaquoi, II asked for help in seeking U.P.S. delivery to the Park Hill Community. Mr. Massaquoi said U.P.S. will not make deliveries to the Park Hill community. Mr. Massaquoi said it is discriminating and asks for intervention by

Community Board #1 to demand equal services to the Park Hill Community as the rest of Staten Island and the City receive.

Mr. Charles Margiotta, President of the Staten Island Touch Tackle League asked for the Board's help in finding out why the league is unable to get permits to use the turf fields on Fr. Capodonna Blvd. and further, why permits will not be issued for the Walker Park field which was used for over 20 years by the league.

Ms. Nicole O'Loughlin a representative of Local 1199 announced a SI Community Meeting be help to fight back against the budget cuts. The meeting is on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at First Central Baptist Church. The cuts are going to severely impact the schools and the healthcare facilities.

Ms. Imnet Yebro, Job Developer of Goodwill, spoke of a program Goodwill has for internship placement. Goodwill trains individuals to work in the specific position the person will be placed for two weeks free. Anyone interested can contact the Board Office for more information.

Ms. Melinda Woolf and Kenya Warner of Volunteers of America spoke of their program that has been providing services to people across the country for over 100 years. The program offers a wide range of services to the community such as social workers, peer specialists which will go out to the community, to homes and help individuals in need of services. "We reach out to home bound individuals, asses their needs and help them get the services they need, home delivered meals, etc."

Ms. Jennifer Gray-Brumskine spoke of grants available to beautify the neighborhood. Ms. Gray Brumskine said grants are available from \$500 to \$2000 to Civic and Block Associations to beautify the neighborhood. The deadline is March 14th. For further information call 212-989-0909.

Public Session Closed.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The Land Use minutes were included in the packet with a list of the motions to be presented. Staten Island City Planning provided two power point presentations at the Land Use Committee Meeting. Mr. Leonard Garcia-Duran, Director of the Staten Island City Planning Office and Mr. James Miraglia, SI Planner, Staten Island City Planning were in attendance at the Board Meeting to answer any questions.

The following motions were read, discussed and voted on as follows:

Motion to approve Department of City Planning Application No. N090185ZRR – Cross Access Text Amendment with the conditions that: The Department of City

Planning considers offering the following incentives for existing developed property owners.

1. An expedited approval process for any developed property owner that asks for a special permit.
2. Facilitate the coordination of approves with the multi-government agencies that have domain over the permits.
3. All administrative, filing and permit fees with respect to allowing an existing developed lot to be cut through be waived by all the agencies involved.
4. Allow owners to utilize their existing plans and drawings for minor or moderate access cuts so an architect will not have to redraw the lot with respect to the current proposal and,
5. Clear directional (i.e., north) markings of egress roads be mandated as part of the plan.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Department of City Planning Application No. N 090239 ZRY Waterfront Text Amendment with the condition that the public access hours remain the same. (dawn to dusk)

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 22-9-0.

Motion made to approve Board of Standards and Appeals Application No. 317-08-A, 124 Montgomery Avenue for an as-of-right multi-family building, with penthouse, in the bed of a mapped street with the recommendation that if adjacent C4-2 zoning is determined to apply to a portion of the property any regulation that would preclude placement of ADA space within that portion of premises be waived.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 26-2-2.

Motion to approve City Planning application No. N 090063 with the following conditions:

Whereas, this application proposes 17.5% lot coverage it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 approves Department of City Planning Authorization No. N 090063, 15 Woodside Avenue for a one-family detached home with the condition that the applicant reduce the lot coverage closer to the compliant amount and create a minimum of an 8-foot south side yard.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-6-1.

HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA LATTANZIO – No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The committee met jointly with the Land Use and Transportation Committees, the minutes are in the packet.

PUBLIC SERVICES, LLOYD BACCHUS – The next meeting will be February 23, 2009, 7:30 PM. at the Board Office.

YOUTH SERVICES, JOANNE PENTANGELO – “The meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting this evening, the minutes will be included in the packet next month..”

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, LETICIA REMAURO – No report.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – The committee met jointly with the Land Use and Waterfront Committees, the minutes are in the packet.

BUDGET & FINANCE, TERRY PLAYER – The FY’2010 response letter to Mayor Bloomberg is reported on in the First Vice-Chairman’s report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Tirado asked the Board Office to invite Lakeside Manor to the February 18, 2009 Area Committee Meeting. A representative of Lakeside Manor is supposed to attend the monthly area committee meeting. Mr. Lustek was also supposed to provide an e-mail address to the Community Board #1 office.

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

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, MEGAN DELMAR – Announcements were made in front of the Walker Park Tennis House since the committee was unable to gain access.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE – Ms. Ameen-Rice announced the minutes are in the packet. Ms. Rice asked that Richmond Terrace be repaved especially between Heberton and Jewett Avenues, Taylor Street and by Nicolas Avenue. Most of Richmond Terrace is filled with huge potholes.

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.