

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2016 – 7:30
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Ali Mir Assum
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird
Andrew Blanco, Leave
Telee Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie, Excused
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Fossella
Victoria Gillen
Christopher Bradford Greene
John Guzzo
Robert Honor
Celeste Holmes, Excused
Sunny Jain, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco, Excused
John McBeth
Peal Minsky
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Geraldine Parker, Absent
Fran Reali
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
James Samuels, Excused
George Sona, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
George Turner
Kelly Vilar
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Kelvin Elkins, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
Jenny Fischman, Rep. Public Advocate Letita James
Troy McGhie, Councilwoman Rose
Angela Olsen, Rep. Assemblywoman Malliotakis
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration
Chris Hadwin, Department of City Planning
Peter Hegel, St. George Library
Anthony Arcamone, NYC Parks Manager
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Larry Kennedy, Clove Lakes Civic Assn.
Frank Marra, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Carole Reiss, SI Green Charter School
Janel Finley, SBA-ODA
Barbara Sanchez
Mary Ann McGowan, President Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Diana Caughell
Virginia Sherry, SI Advance
Victor Bell III, Assoc. Exec. Dir. Marketing Metro Plus
Dominick DeRubbio

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7: 31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice took roll call attendance. Quorum present.

Motion made and seconded to accept January 2016 Board minutes, passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

Janel Finley – Announced hurricane Sandy disaster assistance expansion money for Small Business.

Fran Reali-Thanked all for well wishes, prayers, and positive thoughts.

Victor Bell III -Metro Plus Associate Executive Director of Marketing. Metro Plus offers Free and low cost health insurance. Not for Profit owned by HHC. New to SI.

Pearl Minsky- Access a Ride complaint. Ms. Minsky started a petition – currently have 250 signatures seeking to gather 1,000 names.

Dominick Derubbio- President of Young Democrats of Richmond County. He has started quality of life task force for SI Ferry. BP Office is expressing support. Requesting CB 1 co-chair task force.

Jenny Fischman – Public Advocate Letitia James – suing DOE for treatment of students with IEPs. Flyers with other updates located in the back of the room.

Chris Hadwin- Department of City Planning- Bay Street Corridor. There will be an open House. Meetings 2/18 at 7:00 pm and 2/20 at 12:00p at TBD. To discuss preliminary zoning and housing updates. Taking feedback from the community.

Larry Kennedy- Clove Lake Civic Association opposed to the height of the sign being proposed at 45 Little Clove Road- it is not in character with the neighborhood.

Mary Ann McGowan- President of Clove Lake Civic Assoc- opposed to special permit for large expansion of 45 Little Clove Road. Also opposed to combining 2 zoning lots into 1 tax area. Recommending that CB 1 does not approve the expansion.

John McBeth- Announcements -Black History Month events listed – SI Northshore Community Calendar on Facebook; Started a SI to Flint, MI fundraiser. Shipping pallets of water to schools. Occupy the Block resuming again in March.

Kevin Elkins- NYC Comptroller's Office- Report released recommendation for crane safety.

Tom Feeney, Governor's Office – Introducing self as local Governor Rep.

Carol Reiss SI Green Charter School – looking for sites in Rosebank or Port Richmond. Requesting information feedback, and community input and support.

A certificate of recognition was presented to Doreen Cugno and Luanne Sorrentino, St. George Theatre.

Nick Sacarro – Department of Sanitation, discussed protocol and procedures for snow removal. During previous storm waited until 100% of the streets were passable to resume garbage collection. Garbage Collection/Recycling notice emails will be sent out to 311, city agencies, etc. advising when collection will resume. It was pointed out that CB office is closed on weekends. Is there an email blast that people can register with? Directed to DSNY.NYC.GOV. Website updated frequently during snow storms. Comment – residents should be advised that they will not receive a ticket during delayed garbage collection.

Officer's Reports

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – Mr. Cosentino read the letter to the Mayor for the FY 2017 Budget Response:

9 February 2016

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor
City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Re: Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Response

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Community Board 1 would first like to thank you for providing capital funding to improve our neighborhood parks and for providing asphalt to pave our streets and for working with Deputy Majority Leader Rose and Commissioner Garcia to provide the wherewithal to move the District 1 garage from a residential community into a location better suited to that kind of facility.

Community Board #1 represents Staten Island's North Shore and has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life of our residents, increasing affordable housing, improving senior services, expanding youth services, adding needed school seats, improving the transportation system and mass transit system, and developing our waterfront.

More than 15 years ago, we asked that the New York City Economic Development Corporation locate the National Lighthouse Museum at the former Coast Guard Base adjacent to the Ferry Terminal. Years later, we supported the additional development of the site by Triangle Equities.

We requested and supported the release of the RFP for the former Homeport which is now being developed by Iron State Development Corporation.

We supported the release of the Stapleton Municipal Parking Lot to be developed as The Rail, a multi-story, residential building with a retail base.

We supported the St. George rezoning to allow both the construction of our newly completed courthouses along with new mixed use development that will bring new life to St. George.

We supported the release of the NYC EDC's request for expressions of interest that led to the development of the New York Wheel. We urged that the request include both a retail component and a nexus with Bay Street. Both were heeded, and as a result the Empire Outlets are now emerging alongside the New York Wheel. These two projects will inject tens of millions of tourist dollars into the North Shore of Staten Island. Mindful of the potential impact of these large scale developments on our local, already overburdened infrastructure, CB1 then helped negotiate U.L.U.R.P provisions that will provided for traffic amelioration, job development and water's edge improvements.

As you can see, Community Board #1 takes its responsibility as a "planning" board very seriously and consistent with that focus, we have identified several budget priorities that we believe are necessary to both protect the essence of the North Shore and ensure that the oncoming development is adequately supported by a local infrastructure suited to the task.

Replace Cromwell Center Over Lyons Pool - Since 1934, the Cromwell Recreation Center had been the locus of recreational activities for tens of thousands of young people and adults alike. Its facilities—which included basketball courts, a boxing ring, fitness areas and space for afterschool activities—were ideally situated along the routes of countless bus lines and the SIRT. People from throughout the borough were able to run, play, box, or workout at Cromwell. But no more. Its absence from the community has robbed the North Shore of what our Senate delegation has described as a "vitally necessary" community resource.

Consequently, we ask that the NYC Parks Department add to its Capital Budget the rebuilding of the Cromwell Center over Lyons Pool as a fully funded project. It has been several years since its demolition and as the largest and most heavily used Parks' facility on Staten Island its absence has greatly diminished recreational resources not only the North Shore community but also the entire Borough.

Increase the Borough of Staten Island's Baseline Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation - Community Board No. 1 has consistently asked for a baseline budget of \$100 million be applied to the budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation on Staten Island. This request is driven by the need to obviate dealing with the constant response of seeking councilmanic or Borough Presidential funds for items that should be handled through the normal City Agency borough distribution, thus depriving the BP and the Council of funding other needed items.

Fund a Professional Study of the Circulation of the Public Areas of the St. George Ferry Terminal to Provide Visitors Easy Access to Lighthouse Point and The Waterfront Beyond – Community Board #1 has been a strong proponent of correcting the circulation of the St. George Ferry Terminal and the Ferry Maintenance Facility. We are asking you to fund a professional study that will help to create a walkway to provide visitors with a safe and visually attractive path from the ferry to Lighthouse Point. Currently, visitors must traverse a dingy, dark walkway that leads them through a dangerous parking lot and a series of fenced off, "regular work" areas in order to connect with Lighthouse Point – a \$250 million privately funded project, the success of which will depend heavily on its retail component. The Staten Island Ferry is an icon known around the world. Similar to Grand Central Station, the Staten Island Ferry should provide visitors with a world class experience when they traverse the

property – not only within the terminal but any space which is open to the public. For the projects adjacent to the terminal to be truly successful, visitors must be visually drawn to them, and feel safe enough to make the trip. This will require a reconfiguration of the Kiss and Ride and the Ferry Maintenance Facility Parking lot. Funding a professional circulation study is the first step in what will ultimately make the difference in the success of Lighthouse Point, Navy Pier and other waterfront projects south of the St. George Ferry Terminal.

Funding for the Creation of a Greenway Trail to Connect the Pedestrians, Cyclists and Rapid Transit to the Projects Along the Waterfront – In order for the \$1 billion dollars in private investment projects along the waterfront to be successful, pedestrians, cyclists and rapid transit must be able to access them from the St. George Ferry, which will be a central point of arrival. Several years ago, Community Board #1 created and introduced a phased outline for such a trail from Ft. Wadsworth to the Bayonne Bridge which we titled the “The North Shore Waterfront Greenway Trail.”

Three phases of the trail – Blissenbach Marina Park (now Heritage Park) and the plazas at Van Pelt and Van Name Avenues – have already been funded. We now ask you to support our request to fund a study to create a comprehensive plan for the rest of the trail so that visitors coming off the ferry can easily access the above mentioned projects either by foot, bicycle or bus. It is clear that these new waterfront projects have already brought more visitors to our shores – even before they have been completed. The city must be proactive in providing the infrastructure necessary to access these projects. Otherwise, the onslaught of new visitors will make more difficult any changes to the North Shore’s transportation network – and may, through periods of long-delayed construction, render less appealing the very projects that draw the visitors in.

Build a Gymnasium for P.S.21 - For too long, P.S. 21 has not had a gymnasium to allow children a place to exercise and to learn cooperation and sportsmanship. At a time when the City’s avowed policy is to ensure that our children get proper nutrition and ample exercise, the lack of a gymnasium is a mark against the Department of Education which the city must correct. And to make matters worse, whatever outdoor recreational areas the children could use have been destroyed as an aftermath of the Bayonne Bridge raising project.

Construct a Promenade to Protect Against Storm Surge and to Provide Public Waterfront Access Between Lighthouse Point and Fort Wadsworth - Community Board #1 believes funding a promenade to harden and protect the coastline and provide public waterfront access in front of Bay Street Landing, Shore Acres, Alice Austen House Beach, Buono Beach and other areas susceptible to flooding (whether privately or publicly owned) is important to ensure that both commercial and residential properties can quickly recover following a major storm. Community Board #1 asks that you support our request to create a plan for the hardening of the shoreline in order to protect both established and future projects in the area.

Improve the Infrastructure Along Major Corridors in Preparation of Growing Business and Residential Population - Community Board #1 is requesting infrastructure improvements to both the street and sewer grid along major corridors such as Forest Avenue, Port Richmond Avenue, Richmond Terrace and Victory Boulevard to be able to absorb the impact of increased

use and we especially request capital improvements within the Bay Street corridor, including schools and expanded funding for our hospitals.

We respectfully request your support so that together we can guarantee the future success of the North Shore.

Roll call vote taken. vote passed 29-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney- No report

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe-No report

Treasurer, Larry Beslow, - The Treasurer's report is in the packet

Secretary, Anjail Ameen-Rice – No report

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Acknowledged DSNY presentation and thanked them for the information. District Manager Joe Carroll report- thanked Norman Light for representing the board at The Boy Scouts, acknowledged the passing of Mark Herman, father of Lisa Crosby.

Functional Committee Reports

Land Use, Vincent Accornero – The following motions were read, discussed and voted on as follows:

1842 Victory Blvd. – Gas Station

Approve with condition that the geometrics of the parking plan be designed to direct exiting traffic northbound only onto Lester Street towards Victory Blvd.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 25-1-1.

1212 Victory Blvd. – Gas Station

Approve with conditions:

1. Remove small curb cut on Seneca Ave. at rear of property.
2. Provide planting along building on Seneca Avenue
3. Provide higher curbs along perimeter
4. Request DOT extend right turn lane from Clove Road along Victory Blvd. to Seneca Avenue
5. Provide adequate distance for large Seneca Avenue curb cut from ADA corner ramps on Victory Blvd.
6. Reduce the height of the proposed sign from 38' to 20'.

Roll call vote taken, Vote passed 29-0-0 (1 ineligible)

45 Little Clove Road

Whereas, the addition of a second large scale/non-complying medical facility on the same zoning lot adds to an already overburdened area, and;

Whereas, the surrounding area has been subject to spot zoning due to other facilities operating under variances for special permits within walking distance from the subject site, and;

Whereas, Cayuga Avenue, a residential area has no existing curbs or other pedestrian safety measures, and;

Whereas, the surrounding residential community is already subject to the overflow of client/staff parking; and,
Whereas, the only access to the on-site parking is via Cayuga Ave.; and,
Whereas, the proposed non-complying bulk medical facility combined with the existing medical facility would increase patients & staff and the associated vehicles dropping off and parking, and;
Whereas, the site is a low lying area prone to flooding which a large non permeable parking surface contributes to and should require enhanced on-site storm water containment; and,
Whereas, on-site parking is inadequate, existing or proposed,
Whereas, there is no existing landscape buffer between the site and adjoining residential properties;
Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 recommends denial of a special permit pursuant to Section 73-126 of the zoning resolution to permit in a R3X zoning district a proposed ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facility in excess of 1500 square feet of floor area contrary to Zoning Resolution Section 22-14.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 29-0-1.

122& 130 Bard Avenue

Whereas, the proposal shows the required 3 parking spaces per 2 family unit; and,
Whereas, the configuration of these parking spaces would require the movement of 1 or 2 vehicles in order to access the remaining space or to exit a space; and,
Whereas, due to this configuration the likelihood of residents parking on the fire access road is great; and,
Whereas, the stewardship enforcement and maintenance of the access road is questionable; and,
Whereas, this plan appears to conflict with the LDGM rules.
Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 strongly recommend a rejection of this application.

Roll call vote taken. Vote Passed 28-0-1.

Transportation Committee, Nick Zvegintzov – during the next meeting the committee will be taking complaints about buses passing stops.

The last meeting consisted of a review of the proposed plan for traffic on the North Shore. The city's existing plan is inadequate. Focuses on potholes on the street and sidewalk problems. Vincent Accornero asked that we send a letter to mayor's office – to explore the possibility of a light rail or a bus line on the North Shore.

Health/Human Services, Cathy Paradiso – Discussed DOHMH Health survey findings discussed during a meeting that was held at St. George Library. Attended by Victoria Gillen. Recommending that DOHMH should be given feedback about increasing obesity programs on the North Shore. High blood pressure, lack of access to fruits, vegetables, also a problem. Metro Health attended the meeting, they now have a presence on SI. Metro plus will explore increasing access to services at LGBT Center.

Labor Services, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok- next month need to discuss – local hiring- will table it until next month for a vote when a quorum is present.

Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell - No meeting.

Parks and Recreation, Megan Delmar - no meeting.

Youth Committee, Kelly Vilar - No report

Rules and Legislative Affairs, Christopher Greene— a request was made to have the committee review The City Charter related to how City Council can give themselves a raise.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic, Victoria Gillen - Scheduling a meeting for March

Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky - next meeting will be in March at 7:00 PM before next month's full board.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, Anjail Ameen-Rice – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

West Brighton/St. George/New Brighton, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok/Vickie Fossella – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth/Camille Zarrelli – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Old business

New business

Fran Reali spoke of a program with the Kiwanis Club to collect gently used shoes; money used to take special needs children to camp Kiwanis. Deliver donations to Safari Realty 1958 Victory Blvd. Shoes will also be sent to third world countries to teach them how to walk in shoes.

John McBeth announced that Narcan training will be on Thursday 2/11, Susan Wagner H.S.

Motion made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13