

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 13, 2009 -8:00 P. M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Anthony Marra, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS**

Thomas Aiello, Rep. Governor Patterson  
Jason Razefsky, Rep. Borough President Molinaro  
Julie Firestone-Levine, Rep. Senator Lanza  
Annette Hernandez, Rep. Comptroller's Office  
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone  
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer  
Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
Leonard Garcia-Duran, Director SI City Planning  
Liz Kays, SI City Planning  
Daniel Diehl, NYPD-121 Pct.  
Anthony Tria, NYPD – 121 Pct.  
Louis Cevetello, NYPD – 121 Pct.  
Lorelei Palmer, NYC DOT, SI Office  
Gary Washinsky, NYC DOT, Bicycle Unit  
Jeffrey Sperber, NYC Public Library  
Tevah Platt, SI Advance  
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Imp. Society  
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Artie Cappabianca, Decker Avenue Civic Assn.  
Chris Beatty, Gordon Place Resident  
Chuck Tantilo, Hagman Place Resident  
Henry Gerranti, Van Name Avenue Resident  
Kay Pyum, Owner 7-11 Forest Avenue  
Jonna McKone, City Harvest Community Food  
Assessment  
Marquette Elliott, Shoot Hoops not Guns Inc.

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Anthony Marra called the meeting to order at 8:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken. A quorum was present.

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

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The Steering Committee Minutes are in the packet.

**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.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** –Mr. Carroll invited everyone on behalf of Jacob Massaquoi, III to the induction of the new officers of the Liberian Community Association, Saturday, January 17, 2009 – 8:00 P.M. at the Staaten, Forest Avenue.

On Thursday January 15, 2009 – 6:00 P.M. at the Staten Island Hotel, 1415 Richmond Avenue the Medical Society will release the results of a study, which analyzed the disparities in health care services across the boroughs.

“The Judge dismissed the law suit to over turn the Council vote on term limits. The race is on.”

Chairman Marra introduced Mr. Leonard Garcia-Duran, Director, Staten Island City Planning and Ms. Liz Kays of the Department of City Planning.

Mr. Garcia-Duran and Ms. Kays gave a power point, presentation on a proposed text amendment to require indoor, secure, long-term bicycle parking in new multi-family residential, community facility, and commercial buildings. The proposed text amendment would provide for bicycle parking and storage both at home and in the workplace, with standards that serve the needs of cyclists while providing flexibility to accommodate the needs of development.

The goals are for new or significantly enlarged buildings and buildings converted to residential use to have facilities for secure parking and long-term storage of bicycles:

**Multifamily residential** – provide parking where bicycles are stored most of the time.

**Commercial and community facilities** – provide parking for employees to support bicycle commutation.

**Public parking garages**- support bicycles as a transportation mode.

Balance bicycle parking with the needs of new development: allow a range of parking solutions and flexibility in meeting requirements; will not count required facilities toward floor area; would allow waiver of requirements for small buildings and other unusual conditions.

The general requirements are: 15 square feet per bicycle parking space; space can be reduced to 6 square feet with efficient parking systems; requirements apply to new buildings, enlargements of 50% or more, conversions to residential use; parking must be enclosed, secure and accessible to designated user; bicycle parking does not count as floor area; (up to a maximum amount requirement) allow enclosed bicycle parking as permitted obstruction in rear yards; and requirements are waived for residential buildings with 10 or fewer units.

Gary Washinsky, NYC DOT, Bicycle Unit said there will be approximately 200 bike lanes in the 5 boroughs with 20 on Staten Island.

Ms. Adena Long asked why Staten Island is not getting more bike lanes and requested more on Staten Island.

Mr. Washinsky suggested anyone who would like to have bike lanes to contact the Staten Island Office of the Department of Transportation with the location and a study would be done of the location.

Mr. Fred Wilmers, Architect, showed plans for the new 121<sup>st</sup> Pct. to be located at 970 Richmond Avenue. The Police Department has already acquired the land.

The facility would be a two-story 48,000 square foot building with 103 off-street parking spaces for police officers and staff in the rear of the building and 5 public parking spaces in the front of the building.

The exterior cladding of the building mass is a low luster stainless steel formed panels that provide the horizontal and linear pattern of the building. Anchoring the building to the surrounding grade is a base made of natural granite.

The building, as shown would meet Silver LEED certification mostly through energy efficiency.

Inspector Anthony Tria, New York City Police Department explained the 121<sup>st</sup> Precinct has the support of the Mayor and the Police Commissioner. The money is there.

The creation of the new 121<sup>st</sup> Pct. is a response to the growing population of Staten Island and the statistically high crime area surrounding the proposed project. The 121<sup>st</sup> Pct. would be located on the northwestern shore of Staten Island, created from the western portions of the existing 120<sup>th</sup> and 122<sup>nd</sup> precincts.

A brief question and answer period ensued.

Mr. Thomas Aiello, representing Governor Patterson presented Chairman Marra with a Proclamation commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19, 2009 and Black History Month.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Kay Pyum, owner of the 7-11 on Forest and Decker Avenues requested help from Community Board #1. Ms. Pyum has owned the store for 27 years and has found out that she has lost the lease. The owner has asked them to move in six weeks. Ms. Pyum claims that is not

sufficient time to relocate the store and asked Community Board #1 to intervene in trying to get an extension of time in order to find another location for the store.

Ms. Jonna McKone, City Harvest spoke of a community food assessment they are undertaking in the Stapleton and Park Hill community. The community food assessment seeks to understand the food system in local communities by hearing from residents about their needs as well as interest in developing food-related projects.

Mr. Artie Cappabianco of the Decker Avenue Civic Assn. spoke on behalf of Mr. Pyum and said they have been there for 27 years and the neighborhood is very upset that she lost the lease. They employ neighborhood people. The owners of the property are going to close and demolition the 7-11 and the adjacent automotive repair shop to the 7-11 and put up a TD Bank. Any help the board can give Ms. Pyum would be appreciated.

Mr. Paul Saryian spoke of the need for a Public Hospital on Staten Island, the increase of homicides on the Island, the atrocity of closing some firehouses at night when most fires occur. Mr. Saryian urged all Islanders to contact their local politicians to urge them to keep all firehouses open 24/7, urge to build a public hospital and the 121 Pct.

Mr. MarQuette Elliot spoke of his program “Shoot Hoops Not Guns Inc.” and their mission to stop gun violence. Mr. Elliot would like to work with the Community and the Police Department to stop gun violence. Mr. Elliot has tickets available for the Wagner College Basketball game vs. Sacred Heart University on January 25, 2009 if anyone is interested. For more information on the program or for tickets to the basketball game log onto their website at SHNG.org.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED.

## **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – The following motions were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

Motion to approve as presented Department of City Planning Application No N 090191ZRY, proposed text amendment to require indoor, secure, long-term bicycle parking in new multi-family residential, community facility, and commercial buildings.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 21-7-0.**

Motion made to approve with the request that the architects increase the public parking spaces by any means possible for the Department of City Planning Application Nos.080106 ZSR and 080107PSR, applications submitted:

- for the site selection of property for use as a police station house at **970 Richmond Avenue**; and
- to allow a police station to be located in a residence district; and to allow the applicable district bulk regulations for community facility buildings.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 28-0-0.**

Motion made and seconded to approve Department of City Planning Application No. N 080493 ZAR, application submitted to authorize a commercial use within the Special Hillside Preservation District in order to construct a mixed-use building at **481 Jersey Street**.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 26-1-1.**

**HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA LATTANZIO** – No quorum, no report.

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – No meeting, no report.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, LLOYD BACCHUS** – Mr. Wonica made a motion to name the Silver Lake Bridge “Former Community Board #1 Chairman Joseph Marotta Bridge”. Motion seconded. Hand vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

**YOUTH SERVICES, JOANNE PENTANGELO** – No meeting.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, LETICIA REMAURO** – No meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY** – No meeting.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, TERRY PLAYER** – No meeting.

#### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO** – Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, MEGAN DELMAR** – The minutes are in the packet.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PT. RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE** – Co-Chairperson, Anjail Ameen-Rice announced the minutes are in the packet. Ms. Rice asked anyone who passes Bayview Auto Wreckers on Richmond Terrace and sees cars parked on the sidewalk to please call 311. Cars are continuously parked on the sidewalk.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – Mr. Doyle reported the minutes are in the packet.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mr. Tirado thanked all the members for their generosity of gifts that were brought for the children at the December Board Meeting. We were able to give gifts to underprivileged children to a group Board Member Marilyn Averett suggested in the Stapleton community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

