

**FULL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2010 – 8:00 P.M. ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
 Anjail Ameen-Rice
 Larry Beslow, Excused
 Jeannine Borkowski
 Loretta Cauldwell
 Ajmal Chaudhry
 Anthony Cosentino
 Megan Delmar, Excused
 George Doyle, Excused
 Linda Eskenas
 Grace Ferranti, Excused
 Timothy Forsyth
 Rajiv Gowda, Excused
 John Guzzo
 Jeanne Hogan
 Sunny Jain
 Wilma Jones
 Dominick Lambert, Med. Leave
 Lisa Lattanzio
 Adena Long, Excused
 Priscilla Marco
 Jacob Massaquoi, II
 Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
 Sheila McGinn, Excused
 Friday Ogbewe
 Leticia Remauro
 Majorie Ryan
 John Pabone
 Vincent Pompa
 Christopher Rooney
 Nicolas Siclari
 John Strandberg
 Sean Sweeney
 Ken Tirado
 Harold Wagner
 Curt Ward
 Mark Washington
 George Wonica, Jr.
 Camille Zarrelli
 Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
 Michael Arvanites, Rep. Sen. Savino
 Julie Levine, Rep. Sen. Lanza
 Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Hyer-Spencer
 Sylvia Ancrom, Rep. MOA Titone
 Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
 Det. Santana-Rivera, 1 Police Plaza, Comm. Affairs
 P.O. Liz DeLuca, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
 P.O. Sean Febus, Crime Prevention 120th Pct.
 Frank Carcaterra, NYC Parks & Recreation Manager
 Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1
 Vincent Polimeni, NY State Laborers' Organizing Fund
 Heather Mast, College 4 Change/J.C.C.
 Marcia St. Juste, Youth Minister, Diamond Banquet
 Jeffrey Sperber, NY Public Library
 Mark Hogan, Neighborhood Housing Services
 Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society
 Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
 Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
 Ana Arocho, Van Duzer Street Civic Assn.
 Judy Kempf, Van Duzer Street Civic Assn.
 Pamela Gregory, Van Duzer Street Civic Assn.
 Francisco Dorta, Sanders Street.
 Willam Dugan, Westerleigh Resident
 Kiawana Rich, SI Advance

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
 Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Nicolas Siclari took roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Motion made and seconded to accept December 2009 Board Minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced four new members to Community Board #1; Priscilla Marco who will serve on the Rules Committee, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok will serve on the Labor Committee, Majorie Ryan and Vincent Pompa who will both serve on the Public Services/Human Services Committee.

Chairwoman Remauro thanked Community Board #1's Santa aka Ken Tirado and Board Members for the generosity of gifts for the children at RUMC Pediatric Ward.

Santa Tirado thanked all of the Members for their gifts, thankfully there were not many children in the hospital this year and through the generosity of the numerous gifts that were received the additional gifts were distributed to the children at the Family Life Center in Stapleton.

Chairwoman Remauro read the guest list of Elected Official Representatives, and Community Affairs Officers' of the 120th Pct.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Ann Clinton on behalf of Assemblywoman Janelle-Hyer Spencer asked members to let Governor Patterson know that natural gas drilling poses too great a risk to our health and safety by calling 518-474-8390.

In September, the State's Environmental Agency released a review that would allow for natural gas drilling near the watershed through a process called hydro fracturing, which uses toxic chemicals that have contaminated drinking water in other parts of the county. Assemblywoman Hyer-Spencer is pushing for a State Law (A.8748) that would ban natural gas drilling within five miles of the city's watershed.

Ms. Clinton further urged everyone to sign on the Assemblywoman's on-line petition on the Assemblywoman's website for the MTA's proposed cuts to Staten Island's already limited public transportation services. The agency released a budget that would reduce bus service on the S42, S54, S57, S60 and S66 lines, cut the Access-A-Ride program for the elderly and disabled, and eliminate free Metro cards for New York City students. Assemblywoman Hyer-Spencer is leading a petition drive calling for the agency to cut the lofty salary and benefits of its own management before cutting our transportation services.

A flyer was left in the back of the room with information of e-mails and phone numbers of Governor Patterson, Speaker Quinn, the MTA and other representatives.

Ms. Heather Mast spoke of an initiative "Colleges for Change" the program is geared toward young adults to reduce outdoor smoking in parks, and outdoor areas. An informational packet was left with additional information.

Ms. Marcia St. Juste Youth Minister spoke of the Diamond's Banquet, registration deadline is January 23, 2010. Girls ages 8-12 can participate in a 10-hour community service project;

fashion show; girls just wanna have fun as well as an opportunity to win a grand prize at the Diamond Banquet. Girls ages 13-18 can participate in the rites of passage program; faith based workshops; vocational/academic goal setting and community services, the program concludes with a formal ball. For more information contact OURGIRLSDIAMONDS@gmail.com. Flyers were left.

Mr. Mark Hogan, Project Manager, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) spoke of various programs offered by NHS such as but not limited to: foreclosure prevention including credit and budget coaching, loan modification assistance, reverse mortgage counseling and refinance assistance. Other programs are: first time home buyer education, NHS Mortgage and Realty, landlord training, home maintenance training, construction management services, homes for sale and financial assistance for repairs for homeowners.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino welcomed the new Board Members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked all functional chairs to review there packets, information that was mailed into the board office that pertain to each committee has been placed in the packets. The information will help formulate the agenda for the meeting. Insure you send your agenda to the Board Office the Wednesday prior to the scheduled meeting to insure it gets sent to the SI Advance and to the Steering Committee.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBWELE – Mr. Ogbewle also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The Treasurers' report is in the packet.

SECRETARY, NICOLAS SICLARI – No report.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro urged Chairs to make phone calls or e-mails reminding of committee meetings. We have been working the holiday season with the Economic Development Corporation, Department of City Planning and the Department of Transportation for permits to use the old Coast Guard Base. Events are being scheduled from May through September. If anyone is interested in holding events at the site please contact the Board Office. Any groups interested must have their own insurance.

PARLIAMENTARIAN, JEANNE HOGAN- No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll wished everyone a Happy New Year.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – No meeting, no report.

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

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – The committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, NICOLAS SICLARI – The Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. A pre-construction meeting for the Staten Island Expressway has been scheduled for January 26, 2010, a non-board member of the Labor Committee will be attending the meeting and report back to the Labor Committee.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – The meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting, minutes will be included in next month's packet.

YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE, MARILYN AVERETT – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – No meeting, no report.

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

GREENWAY COMMITTEE, LINDA ESKENAS – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – A new non-board board member of the area committee brought Turkish pudding for all members to enjoy.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, AJMAL CHAUDHRY – 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. Ms. Ameen-Rice inquired about setting up a sub-committee regarding the numerous bars located on Port Richmond Avenue. "If anyone is interested in starting and becoming a member of the sub-committee please see me after the meeting."

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No meeting, no report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – It was announced that Staten Island was one of the top Boroughs to receive Stimulus money thanks to the good work of Congressman Michael McMahon and our Elected Officials.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

