

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING JUNE 9, 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, Excused  
Larry Beslow  
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Ajmal Chaudhry  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Linda Eskenas  
Grace Ferranti  
Timothy Forsyth  
Rajiv Gowda, Excused  
Jeanne Hogan  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones  
Dominick Lambert, Med. Leave  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Adena Long  
Anthony Marra  
Jacob Massaquoi, II  
Sheila McGinn  
Mary Mitchell, Med. Leave  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Pabone  
Joseph Pancilla  
Terry Player  
Leticia Remauro  
Christine Reese  
Christopher Rooney  
Debi Rose  
Nicolas Siclari  
Sean Sweeney  
John Strandberg  
Ken Tirado  
Harold Wagner, Excused  
Curt Ward  
Mark Washington, Excused  
George Wonica, Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli  
Richard Zichettello, Excused

**GUESTS**

Hon. Kenneth Mitchell, Councilman 49<sup>th</sup> District  
Tom Aiello, Rep. Governor Patterson  
Victoria Larsen, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg  
William Taitt, Rep. Congressman McMahon  
Jason Razefsky, Rep. BP Molinaro  
Julie Levine, Rep. Senator Lanza  
Michael Arvanites, Rep. Senator Savino  
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone  
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Hyer-Spencer  
Ilene Pappert, Goodhue Center  
Colleen Alderson, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation  
Kiawana Rich, SI Advance  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society  
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improv. Society  
Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Patricia Schwimmer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Hal Kennedy, New Brighton Resident  
August & Anita Riska, Protectors of Pine Oaks  
Dominick Durso, Protectors of Pine Oaks  
Christina Bliss, Protectors of Pine Oaks  
Jacqueline Peire, Protectors of Pine Oaks  
Beryl Thurman, North Shore Waterfront Conservancy  
John Tidona, Port Richmond CERT  
Ronald Meisels, Stapleton Resident  
Bruce Lauria, Westerleigh Improv. Society

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Anthony Marra called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Debi Rose called roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Motion made by George Doyle and seconded by Nicolas Siclari to accept May 2009 Board Minutes. Minutes accepted.

Chairman Marra asked for a moment of silence for Harold Wagner's father who passed away.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Former Chairman, Sean Sweeney announced Chairman Marra is stepping down as Chairman and moving to New Jersey. "He will be greatly missed, not only in Community Board #1 but throughout SI. My daughter is in the same class at Blessed Sacrament with his two grandchildren who were present tonight along with his wife, son and son-in-law. Blessed Sacrament must have the most orderly playground on SI with the "Chief" patrolling the playground in the morning when he drops his two granddaughters off for school. As you will see from the letters that will be read tonight the "Chief" is a highly respected man who made a difference on Staten Island."

Chairman Marra is a lifelong resident of Staten Island; he joined the NYC Police Department in 1963 and retired as Assistant Chief and commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island in August of 2003 after 40 years of service.

Chairman Marra is a graduate of P.S. 18 and Curtis High School and holds degrees in Police Science and Criminal Justice from John Jay College. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the City University of New York Law School at Queens College, and has been licensed to practice law in the State of New York since 1992.

In addition, he is a graduate of the Police Management Institute at Columbia University and the C.O.R.O. Institute's New York Leadership Program.

Since his retirement he has served as adjunct professor at St. John's University, as Director of Security for the Metropolitan Jewish Health Care Systems and Senior Security Specialist for the Lockheed Martin Corporation. Chairman Marra was the recipient of the Albert V. Maniscalco "Community Service Award" presented by Borough President James P. Molinaro on April 14, 2004.

Chairman Marra has been married to his wife Arlene for 42 years and they have two children Christine, a guidance counselor with the New York City Department of Education and Frank, a Lieutenant retired from the New York City Police Department who were both present at the meeting. In addition, his two grandchildren were in attendance, Kayla and Rachael with three more not in attendance, Anthony, Dominic and Frank.

Councilman Mitchell personally presented Chairman Marra with a Proclamation along with Ms. Victoria Larsen representing Mayor Michael Bloomberg and thanked him for his many years serving as SI Borough Commander of the Police Department and Chairman of Community Board #1. Certificates and letters of appreciation were presented to Chairman Marra from representatives on behalf of many Elected Officials.

Henry Kennedy a resident of New Brighton commended the Children Aid society for reaching out to the City for the purchase of Goodhue Park. The 40 acres of Goodhue are beautiful and represent the final link in a majestic chain of parks. This acquisition if approved, will preserve important woodlands and add to the recreational and cultural opportunities for Staten Islanders and for all New Yorkers and urged CB#1 members to vote yes on the proposal. Mr. Kennedy's full statement is on file at the Board Office with a brochure of a proposal for New Brighton "the Path to Jones' Woods" which was completed 13 years ago.

Mr. John Tidona gave an update on CERT and spoke of a fundraiser CERT is having. Tickets are available for a Staten Island Yankee game in August. The tickets are \$10 a person and include a SI Yankees hat and voucher for Wendy's. Mr. Tidona was available throughout the meeting to purchase tickets.

Dominick Durso a member of Protectors of Pine Oak Woods asked CB#1 members to vote yes on the acquisition of Goodhue Park.

Ms. Beryl Thurman spoke against access-a-ride on Richmond Terrace. The drivers personal cars are taking up parking spaces on the residential streets, the access-a-ride vehicles are constantly driving through the residential streets, when there are layovers they are parking in front of homes.

Ms. Thurman asked that she and other Civic Associations be notified of everything that is going on. Her Association is here to improve the quality of the community, to help in any way possible.

Mr. Ken Tirado asked everyone to visit the SI Shakespearean Theater on Post Avenue. It is a magnificent theater. A documentary play is opening up this weekend and will run for two consecutive weekends. The group is also working on "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" which will be at Snug Harbor this summer.

Mr. Ronald Meisels a Stapleton resident asked the board to put pressure on the NYC EDC to have the Lighthouse Museum opened.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – Mr. Cosentino commended Chairman Marra for the fine work he did as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cosentino thanked the members of the Board for supporting him as First Vice-Chairman and for the work they have put in throughout the year.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Ms. Remauro thanked all of the Chairs and members of the Board for all of the work they have done this year and their accomplishments which were included in the packet and are on file at the Board Office. Ms. Remauro also thanked "The Chief" for his leadership as Chairman of Community Board #1 and wished him and his family well.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – Mr. Ogbewele reiterated the sentiments of his colleagues.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – Mr. Beslow reported the report is in the packet.

**SECRETARY, DEBI ROSE** – Ms. Rose announced attendance and the list of resolutions from September 2008 through May 2009 with the votes were available to view tonight. You may also request a copy to be e-mailed or snail mailed to you by calling the Board Office. Ms. Rose thanked the Executive Board for their work they have done this year, she will miss working with them as Secretary.

**CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Marra thanked the Borough President and all of the Elected Officials for working with him this year and in all the years past as PD Borough Commander of SI. “SI is very unique, when an issue arises, all of the Elected Officials work together, it does not matter if they are Republican or Democrat, if something needs to get accomplished it does.”

Chairman Marra thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of Community Board #1 and the time they give as volunteers, “Everyone gets a raise.”

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – There are coupons in the back of the room for trees if anyone is interested as part of the City’s Million Tree Program. As Ken Tirado mentioned earlier, the Theater on Post Avenue is a magnificent building, even if you do not like plays, go see the building. Mr. Carroll wished “The Chief” well in all of his new endeavors in New Jersey. He was a true leader and will be missed.

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – Mr. Accornero read the following resolutions which were discussed and voted on as follows:

Community Board #1 approves Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 165-09-A - Application requested for common law vesting of building permit to obtain Certificate of Occupancy for **150 Hendricks Avenue** as presented.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 32-0-1.**

Community Board #1 approves Department of City Planning application No. C 080192 MMR submitted by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation for the establishment of **Goodhue Park** in an area generally bounded by Prospect Avenue to the north, Lafayette Avenue to the east, Brighton Avenue to the south and North Randall Avenue and Allison Park to the west.; the delineation of a sewer easement/corridor; the extinguishment of various record streets and any acquisition of real property related thereto as presented.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 31-0-2 (2 ineligible)**

**TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY** – Mr. Sweeney wished everyone a healthy and safe summer.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICES, LLOYD BACCHUS** – No report.

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

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

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

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The New York City Economic Development presented an amendment extending the lease at Howland Hook between the Port Authority and the Economic Development Corp until 2048. The current lease expires 2023 and the extension is for another 25 years, in exchange for incentives from the Port Authority. Mr. Ward stressed this is just for the extension for the lease not any expansion.

### **MOTION**

Letter of support to the New York City Economic Development Corporation for extending the lease at Howland Hook between the Port Authority and the Economic Development Corp. until 2048.

Hand vote taken. Vote passes 34-0-1.

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, MEGAN DELMAR** – No quorum, no meeting.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE** – Ms. Anjail Ameen-Rice chaired the meeting, the minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – No report.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – No report.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Secretary Debi Rose cast a ballot each member running unopposed.

Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman

Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairman

Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice Chairman

Larry Beslow, Treasurer

Nicolas Siclari, Secretary

Candidates for Chairperson of the Board, Leticia Remauro and Mr. George Wonica each addressed the Board before the election of Chairperson took place.

Ballots were collected. Ms. Remauro received 24 votes. Mr. Wonica received 11 votes.

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Executive Committee.

Old Business

New Business.

Have a happy and healthy summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

