

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 9, 2010 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Hon. Bill DeBlasio, Public Advocate
Len Garcia-Duran, Executive Director, SI Dept.
of City Planning
Kirsti Jutilia, SI Dept. of City Planning
Victoria Larsen, Rep. CAU, Mayor Bloomberg
Andrew Yuen, Rep. SI BP Molinaro
Julie Levine, Rep. Senator Lanza
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer
Sylvia Ancrom, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Frank Carcaterra, NYC Parks & Recreation Mgr.
Alex Zablocki
Michael LoScalzo, NY Public Library, Todt Hill Branch
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Michael Reiser, Grow NYC Council on the Environment
Artie Cappabianca, Decker Avenue Civic Assn.
Nicole O'Loughlin, 1199 SEIU, Heath Care Educ. Proj.
Joan Kell, Bay Street Landing
Sarah Gawell, Bay Street Landing
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Meta Stryclar, 10 Bay Street Landing
Kiawana Rich, SI Advance

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Lydice Ravelo, Community Board #1 Intern
Tiana Morman, Community Board #1 Intern

Chairwoman Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Curt Ward made motion and Linda Eskenas seconded to accept February 2010 Board Minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio.

Hon. Bill DeBlasio thanked Community Board Members, Civic Associations and everyone in attendance for all of the time they volunteer in the community.

The Public Advocates Office helps the community, helps the needs of the people, the office is an advocate to City Agencies. If anyone is having a problem with any City Agency, call the Public Advocates Office.

If anyone has ideas on how the City can run i.e., affordable housing, job creation, traffic, call the Public Advocates office. If Community Board #1 adopts a resolution for a variance or a special authorization with conditions or a denial, contact Paul Casali, Chief of Staff, the Public Advocate will speak with the Board of Standards & Appeals of the City Planning Commission to advocate your recommendations into the final decision.

Hon. Bill DeBlasio recognized attendee Alex Zablocki, he could not have asked for a more respected opponent to his office and looks forward to working with Mr. Zablocki.

Hon. Bill DeBlasio spoke of the MTA proposed service cuts which includes free Metro Cards to students. This is going to have a huge negative impact on families, on students getting to school. "I am going to try to reverse that service cut. I need to hear what the community wants, I am going to be working on Charter revision."

On May 13, 2010 I am going to hold a town hall meeting in Staten Island, starting at 7:00 P.M., when more information is available, it will be sent to the Community Boards as well as published in the SI Advance.

Hon. Bill DeBlasio answered received information from members and ended

To reach the Public Advocate contact Mr. Paul Casali, Chief of Staff at 212-669-4390 or e-mail him at paulcasali0974@gmail.com.

Mr. Keith Ramussen, Director of Workforce 1 spoke of business development and employment on Staten Island. Workforce 1 offers job training, screening for placement and many other opportunities. If you are a business owner, please contact Workforce 1, even if you are not ready to place anyone at this time you may in the future.

Ms. Kirsti Jutilia explained the City's Comprehensive Waterfront Plan is a framework for the citywide reclamation of the waterfront, guiding land use decisions along New York City's Shore line.

Since the Department of City Planning published the City's first Comprehensive Waterfront Plan in 1992, a lot has changed: vacant lots have been replaced by lively new waterfront parks and esplanades, the city's zoning rules now mandate new waterfront development to create high quality public access, opening the waterfront to all New Yorkers for public enjoyment, critical natural habitats have been protected, and the maritime and ferry industries have expanded. The revitalization of the waterfront has been accompanied by significant improvements in water quality, offering new opportunities for swimming, fishing and boating.

Vision 2020 will build on the many accomplishments since the 1992 plan and consider the new challenges to the waterfront.

Public Working Meetings are going to be held through the year. Key themes to be addressed include

- Expanding public access
- Enlivening the waterfront
- Supporting economic activity
- Restoring degraded natural waterfronts
- Enhancing the "blue network" by expanding waterborne transportation and recreation and water oriented educational and cultural activities.
- Maintaining and improving the environmental quality of water bodies
- Pursuing strategies to improve waterfront sustainability.

Phase I - January 2010 – April 2010 will be a public meeting held on April 8, 2010 at Murry Bergtraum High School, 411 Pearl Street. Phase II - April 2010 – August 2010- 6 public workshops to include opportunities and priorities and, Phase III - July 2010 – November 2010 – Recommendations and Public Meeting -December City Planning will issue the NYC Waterfront Comprehensive Waterfront Plan.

Mr. Michael Reiser, Recycling Coordinator spoke of the importance of recycling, although SI has the best recyclers, Board 1 does not fare well. Any Civic Association that would like to have a presentation on recycling, Mr. Reiser is available. Mr. Reiser provided recycling flyers on what to and not to recycle and recycling stickers.

Mr. Michael LoScalzo, the Todt Hill branch Library has been closed due to the installation of a fire alarm system. The branch opened on March 1, 2010 and, only 6 days a week.

Ms. Nicole O'Loughlin, 1199 SSEU spoke of the impending 17 million dollars in budget cuts to Staten Island hospitals and nursing care facilities.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The Steering Committee prepared response to Mayor Bloomberg for Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Requests focusing on Education, Health,

Traffic and Infrastructure. The letter was not included in the packet it was e-mailed. It will be included in April's Board Packet. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Agendas need to be sent by all Chairs to the Board Office. Any items that pertain to your committee should be included in the packet that is mailed to the Board Office.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWLE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari reminded members to e-mail the Board Office and the Chairs of their committees if they are unable to make a meeting.

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

PARLIAMENTARIAN, JEANNE HOGAN – No report.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – An e-mail was sent out today regarding Staten Island Container Terminal Expansion Project public scoping meeting on April 5, 2010 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Spiro Hall, Wagner College, 631 Howard Avenue. The document that was sent is 43 pages, there are a lot of pictures, it is important because it involves all aspects, transportation including roads that will be effected, economic effects, including job creation, environmental issues including taking of public land and providing public access to the waterfront.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll asked Youth Services Chair, Marilyn Averett to introduce the two interns that have been working in the CB#1 office.

Ms. Averett introduced Ms. Tiana Morman and Ms. Lydice Ravelo who are seniors in the law program at Curtis High School. Both students were interviewed and chosen to work in the Community Board #1 office for a total of 130 hours. They work after school from 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and have been doing a terrific job. They will also be attending the Youth Services Committee Meeting while they are interning. They are getting paid by Curtis High School through a grant.

FUNCTINAL COMMITTEE REPROTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – No meeting, no report. No action has been taken on the previous application that was tabled due to discrepancy in ownership of Wandel Avenue. Hand vote taken to table, motion passed.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – Mr. Ward is preparing the letter regarding the Coast Guard Base closing and removal of the 90 man security team – relocating them to Boston. The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – The minutes are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – The meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – A presentation was given by Ms. Nicole O’Loughlin, 1199 SSEU of the impending 17 million dollars in budget cuts to Staten Island hospitals and nursing care facilities.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN AVERETT – Ms. Averett thanked the two Community Board #1 interns. Ms. Averett urged everyone to oppose the \$6 million budget cuts proposed to the Board of Education on Staten Island. Write, e-mail call you local politicians, invite them to a north shore school on Staten Island and show them who will be affected by these cuts. Our kids are our future.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The Rules & Legislative Affairs Meeting on February 22, 2010 is cancelled.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The report was previously given under First Vice-Chairman.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BELSOW – The committee held a meeting in February. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street. If you are on the committee, please attend.

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

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO - No report.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, AJMAL CHAUDHRY – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE - Bar owners on Port Richmond Avenue were invited to the Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting on March 16, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

