

**FULL BOARD MEETING, MAY 11, 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  
 Jeannine Borkowski  
 Loretta Cauldwell  
 Ajmal Chaudhry  
 Anthony Cosentino  
 Megan Delmar, Absent  
 George Doyle  
 Linda Eskenas  
 Grace Ferranti, Medical Leave  
 Timothy Forsyth, Exc.  
 Rajiv Gowda  
 John Guzzo  
 Jeanne Hogan  
 Sunny Jain, Excused  
 Wilma Jones  
 Dominick Lambert, Med. Leave  
 Lisa Lattanzio  
 Adena Long  
 Priscilla Marco  
 Jacob Massaquoi, III  
 Jeffrey Mohlenbrok  
 Friday Ogbewele  
 John Pabone  
 Vincent Pompa, Excused  
 Majorie Ryan, Absent  
 Leticia Remauro  
 Chris Rooney  
 Nicholas Siclari  
 John Strandberg, Absent  
 Sean Sweeney, Excused  
 Ken Tirado  
 Harold Wagner  
 Curt Ward  
 Mark Washington  
 George Wonica, Jr. Excused  
 Camille Zarrelli  
 Richard Zichettello

**GUESTS**

Hon. Debi Rose, Councilwoman  
 Tom Cocola, DI Borough Commissioner, DOT  
 Joannene Kidder, DOT  
 Patrick Hyland, Rep. Congressman McMahon  
 Victoria Larson, CAU, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg  
 Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. Molinaro  
 Christine Johnson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
 Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
 Michael Arvanities, Rep. Sen. Savino  
 Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer  
 Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone  
 Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1  
 Terri Rizzuti, SI Physician Practice  
 Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society  
 Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
 Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
 Joseph Kubera, Mud Lane Society  
 Ed Addaman  
 Tom Girrazza  
 Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing Pres.  
 Marsh Russell, Bay Street Landing  
 Jessica B., Davis Avenue Resident  
 Approx. 10-20 residents that did not sign from West Brighton  
 John Coccozza, Wild Goose  
 Joyce Baldasarri, Greenway Heritage Trail  
 Claudette Fahie, Greenway Heritage Trail

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
 Lisa Crosby, Community Associate  
 Tiana Morman, Office Intern  
 Lydice Ravelo, Office Intern

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:06 P.M.

Chief Bridge Officer, Henry Perahia, Borough Commissioner Thomas Cocola, Ms. Joannene Kidder along with other representatives from the New York City Department of Transportation made a power point presentation regarding a \$175 million rehabilitation of the ramps leading into the St. George Ferry Terminal with stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 under the Federal Transit Administration.

The Scope of Work will include ramps which have been subject to over 60 years of use and exposure to nature and a saltwater environment. The project consists of the rehabilitation of 8 ramps, demolition and reconstruction of the North Ramp access to parking lots and Richmond county Ballpark, architectural improvements to the bus gates and canopies; improvements to pedestrian access and creation of a bikeway and parking facility for cyclists. The project also includes refurbishing the Flute Sculpture, painting all structures, installation of new drainage and paving the North Municipal parking lot.

A copy of the power point presentation is available for review at the Board Office.

For further questions you can e-mail Melissa Johnson at [ferryrampsliasion@gmail.com](mailto:ferryrampsliasion@gmail.com). Please refer to project number HBR1217.

Chairwoman Remauro urged NYC DOT to include a pedestrian ramp to and from Richmond Terrace to the SI Ferry Terminal. The ramp that is planned to be built is about 2 blocks away from the ferry entrance. A pedestrian ramp from Richmond Terrace to the Ferry Terminal would attract tourism to the Island and would be a safer passage.

Ms. Linda Eskenas showed a power point presentation of the proposed Greenway Heritage Trail which would begin adjacent to the St. George Ferry Terminal, which has already been completed thanks to Borough President Molinaro, and would continue, along the waterfront of Richmond Terrace through Mariners Marsh to the Goethals Bridge. Bike trails, waterfront access, lighting, etc. Anyone interested in viewing the power point presentation may contact Community Board #1.

Mr. Len Garcia-Duran, Director, SI City Planning invited everyone to attend Community Work Shops being held by the New York City Department of City Planning and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to participate in a series of community open-houses to review the West Shore Land Use and Transportation Study.

The dates and places are: May 20, 2010 – 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. at St. Clement's/St. Michaels's School, 2 Gridley Avenue; May 26, 2010 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at the Comfort Inn, 310 Wild Avenue and the Elks Club at 3250 Richmond Avenue. Flyers were distributed; you can learn more of the project by visiting [www.nycedc.com/westshore](http://www.nycedc.com/westshore).

Ms. Claudette Fahie and Ms. Joyce Baldassarri spoke in favor of the proposed Greenway Heritage Trail.

Ms. Jessica B., and residents of Davis Avenue complained of loud music emanating from the Wild Goose located at 530 Forest Avenue. Additional complaints included occurrences of urination, destruction of property and beer bottles being left on lawns and inside mailboxes. Cinco de Mayo

music penetrated through the neighborhood to the wee hours of the morning. Ms. Jessica B. stated “most of the patrons are not from the West Brighton Area.”

Mr. John Coccozza co-owner of the Wild Goose left menus for the Wild Goose. Ninety percent of the time the Wild Goose is a restaurant serving many neighborhood residents and businesses lunch and dinner. On Friday and Saturday nights, bands do appear. High rent is paid for the building due to the outdoor garden area. There are security guards at the door; nobody leaves with any alcohol beverages at any time. Mr. Coccozza offered to meet with neighborhood residents to discuss complaints.

Chairwoman Remauro suggested the residents and Mr. Coccozza with his partners that were present go out into the hallway and have a discussion.

Chairwoman Remauro further invited the residents and Mr. Coccozza to the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee Meeting on May 18, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue.

Councilwoman Debi Rose thanked the Board for having her at the Board Meeting. Ms. Rose has been working hard to try to see Community Board #1 budget requests come to fruition, even though the City is still in a fiscal crisis.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – No Meeting. There will be a meeting on June 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – No report.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Mr. Siclari will take nominations from the floor at the end of the meeting.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** - The Treasurer’s report is in the packet.

**CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – The Downtown SI council has applied for all the necessary permits to hold events at the former coast guard base on the weekends, June through September. Plans are to have vendors such as art, jewelry, clothes, food, etc. Free movies are scheduled. If anyone would like to be a vendor, please speak to the Downtown SI Council.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – On Thursday, May 13, 2010 our Borough Elected Officials will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in the Jury Room, 126 Stuyvesant Place, doors open at 6:00 P.M.

The residents of Westerleigh spoke to our Congressman regarding noise from the Manor Road Post Office. There is a letter in the package from the Post Office who responded to the Congressman that they are looking into ways to make the building quieter.

Finally, as mentioned earlier by the Director of the Department of City Planning, Community Work Shops are being held by the New York City Department of City Planning and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to participate in a series of community open-houses to review the West Shore Land Use and Transportation Study everyone should try to attend one of those workshops.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN, JEANNE HOGAN** – No report.

## **FUNCTIONAL, COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** –

1. Motion made and seconded to approve Department of City Planning Application Nos. C 900563 MMR and C 900624 MMR applications submitted by the Department of Transportation for an amendment in the City Map involving modification of street lines and grades on Granite Avenue between Walker and LaSalle Streets; and, modification of grades on Simonson Avenue between Heusden Street and Richmond Terrace.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

2. Motion made and seconded to approve Board of Standards and Appeals; Calendar No. 286-98-BZ application has been filed to extend the term of a previously granted special permit to allow operation of a gasoline service station and convenience store and to extend the time to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy at 1252 Forest Avenue with the condition that the applicant obtain their Certificate of Occupancy within 1 year.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Eric Palatnik and representatives from Walgreen's addressed the Land Use Committee regarding locating a Walgreen's on Victory Blvd, Van Duzer Street and Little Bay Street which currently leases to Taco Bell/KFC.

An application has not been submitted to the Board of Standards & Appeals, Mr. Palatnik and the representatives have been trying to get feedback from the Community. They have spoken to the Downtown SI Council; have presented to the local Civic and St. George/West Brighton Area Committee.

Mr. Len Garcia-Duran, Director of the SI Department of Planning and Mr. James Miraglia asked for feedback on a power point presentation which was shown for an application which has not been certified.

The goals and objectives of the Community Facility Text Amendment are to:

- Provide adequate parking and prevent out-of-scale medical facilities in Lower Density Growth Management Areas
- Prevent out-of-scale day care centers in Lower Density Growth Management Areas; and,

- Accommodate the need for additional medical facilities and day care centers in appropriate configurations and locations.

You can look on the Department of City Planning's website to view the proposal.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG** – The minutes and motion are in the packet. The following motion was presented and voted on as follows:

Community Board #1, Staten Island, calls upon the 2010 charter revision commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire charter, meaningfully engage the public in its process, ensure that any question(s) placed on the ballot is clearly and concisely written, and conduct an extensive public education campaign about the ballot questions that voters will be asked to consider on Election Day.

WHEREAS, the last major charter revision commission (commission) which comprehensively examined the function and operation of city government was over twenty years ago with the 1989 commission;

WHEREAS, Mayor Bloomberg's appointment of a commission presents the City with a unique opportunity to fully examine government operations and to discuss how best to improve our City;

WHEREAS, In order for this commission to be successful, first and foremost it must meaningfully engage New Yorkers by conducting extensive outreach about the charter revision process to ensure they understand what it means and how they can participate;

WHEREAS, Such outreach should use all available modes of communication – social networking media, civic, community and religious organizations, web casting, video- and teleconferencing, and transcribing and posting all testimony and information about commission meetings and hearings online;

WHEREAS, The commission should also conduct frequent public hearings in every corner of the City that encourage New Yorkers to provide their recommendations about their visions for New York and how to make government more responsive to their needs;

WHEREAS, In addition to public hearings, the commission should also conduct open public meetings to allow it to observe the commission's deliberative process;

WHEREAS, Once the commission completes its deliberative process and decides what Charter changes it would like to put before the voters, it should submit clear and concise ballot question(s) make it easy for voters to know what they are being asked to consider; and

WHEREAS, the commission with the assistance of elected officials, members of the civic, community and religious community, and the media must then conduct an extensive public education campaign about what voters will see on the ballot;

WHEREAS, Community Board #1 will make a full review of the NYC Charter and would send any comments related to its content to appropriate representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Community Board #1, Staten Island calls upon the 2010 charter revision commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire charter, meaningfully engage the public in its process, ensure that any question(s) placed on the ballot is clearly and concisely written, and conduct an extensive public education campaign about the ballot questions that voters will see on Election Day.

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – No meeting. Mr. Accornero asked about the cuts to the senior centers on SI. Councilwoman Rose said the cuts will be devastating to the seniors. Ms. Rose plans to hold a rally to oppose the cuts to the senior centers. The West Brighton Senior Center, Mariners Harbor and the South Beach Senior Centers are all scheduled to close. The Mariners Harbor Senior Center had previously had problems with the building and only had limited services; the CYO has taken over a lot of the programs that the Mariners Harbor Center had offered. We are looking for anyone that may be able to help the seniors.

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

**GREENWAY, LINDA ESKENAS** – A power point presentation was given at the beginning of the meeting on the proposed Greenway Heritage Trail. The presentation is available in the Board Office. Chairwoman Remauro said the Greenway Committee will be working on funding for the trail next year. The committee needs to work on the projected cost of each phase of the trail

**HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN** – There was no quorum at the meeting. A discussion was held.

**TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY** The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – The minutes for April and May meetings will be included in the June packet.

**YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN AVERETT** – Letters were sent out to every public school on the north shore asking for names for the P.U.S.H. citation. Names have been and are continuing to be sent into the Board Office. The certificates will be mailed to the students at the school.

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – A quorum was not present. A discussion was held and included in the packet. Chairwoman Remauro informed all Clifton/Concord/Stapleton members if they are not going to make the meeting, they must e-mail or call her. No other form of notification will be accepted for this committee, quorums have not been met for months.

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

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – A quorum was not present, no meeting held.

**ROSEBANK/FORT WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – The minutes will be included in the packet next month.

Secretary Nicholas Siclari announced last month and again this month that the current Executive Committee Members have submitted their names for the current positions.

Nominations were asked for Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Third Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary three times each. After no nominations were received for the above mentioned positions, the positions were closed.

Mr. Siclari will cast a ballot at the June Meeting for Leticia Remauro, Chairperson, Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairperson, Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairperson, Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice-Chairperson, Larry Beslow, Treasurer and a member will cast a ballot for Mr. Siclari, Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

