

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – MAY 14, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Steve Douglas, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Leave
John Keiser
Timothy Kuhn
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused
Pearl Minsky, Excused
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso, Excused
Fran Reali, Excused
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
John Strandberg, Excused
Ken Tirado
George Turner, Excused
Curt Ward
George Wonica, Jr. Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello, Excused

GUESTS

Jason Razefsky, Rep. BP Molinaro
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Jessica O'Leary, Rep. MOA Cusick
Cara Buonincontri, Rep. MOA Malliotakis
Julie Levine, Rep. Senator Levine
Detective Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Lisa D'Ambrosio, Dept of Probation
Patty Kettles, NY Public Library
Cindy Voorspuy, Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Vanessa Vargas, Jobs plus
George Kaufer, Arlene Street
Alexander Loutsky, Seneca Street
Peter Lisi, 560 Bay Street
Neil Berry, Community Partnership Program
Jack Bolembach, Lincoln Avenue
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Association
Robert De Biase, Transportation Alternatives
John & Deborah Bayliss, Fingerboard Road
Louise Golero, Re: Mt. Manresa
Rosalina Romero, St Paul's Avenue
Katherine Gloede, Ecohouse
Jacqueline Junttonen, Composting Organic Program
Chris Ragucci, Maritime Consultant

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Paul Dolcimascolo, Curtis Intern
Karizma Figueroa, Curtis Intern

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Chairwoman Remauro announced that the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs were in attendance and welcomed all.

A moment of silence was given for Board Member Vincent Pompa who recently passed away and also former Board Member Mary Mitchell.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Louise Golero spoke about the sale of Mt. Manresa. Ms. Golero lives in the condos below Mt. Manresa, Belair Lane, and Hope Lane etc. It is imperative that before any new building occurs at the site of Mt. Manresa that they look at the dirt and water runoff that will affect all of the homes below the site. Sewers need to be installed. Traffic needs to be addressed, the new ramps of the expressway are right by Mt. Manresa, and it already is heavily congested. There is lots of wildlife in that area which are going to have to be relocated.

Michael Morrell invited everyone to attend the Westerleigh Improvement Society Meeting tomorrow on May 15, 2013 – 8:00 P.M. at Immanuel Union Church, 693 Jewett Avenue. District Attorney Daniel Donovan will be in attendance.

Ms. Rosalina Romero lives at 50 St. Paul's Avenue, after hurricane Sandy trees were damaged on the hill from Tompkins Circle to the back of t. Paul's Avenue. Behind her home and were removed which is causing a mud slide and undermining her backyard and shed.

Ms. Katherine Gloede spoke of the EcoHouse, a community environmental center which is a cutting-edge interactive exhibit that lets you see behind the walls and underneath the floor of your home. A 21st –century classroom for students of all ages, the community environmental center EcoHouse helps you understand the natural world around you. For more information contact 718-784-1444 ext. 181. Or kgloeo@cecenter.org. There is also Sandy assistance you can call the same number as above ext. 118.

Ms. Lisa D'Ambrosio, New York City Department of Probation spoke of Staten Island Neon Summer program a 7-week paid internship program. For more info please contact Ms. D'Ambrosio at ldambrosio@probation.nyc.gov or call 718-876-7459.

Ms. Jacqueline Junttonen spoke of the new organic composing collection program in parts of Westerleigh. A display table was available.

Mr. George Kaufer asked for the Board's support and help in east and west bus service on Forest Avenue and Victory Blvd. There is no weekend bus service on Jewett Avenue on the weekend and other lines as well. Mr. Kaufer had a petition and many ideas to extend bus service on Howard Avenue, Bullshead and Graniteville.

Ms. Vanessa Vargas and Ms. Tina Gibbs spoke of the Jobs plus program regarding job placement and training for NYCHA residents.

Mr. Neil Berry of Community Partnership Program/ACS spoke of the anti violence program on the north and south shore and asked for the Board's support on their small grass roots organization. For further information contact Mr. Berry at 347-666-6403 or neilberryb@yahoo.com.

Mr. Robert DeBiase from Transportation Alternatives spoke of the SI Committee campaign to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on Richmond Terrace.

Jack Bolembach a 32 year employee of the Department of Environmental Protection spoke of the importance of saving Mt. Manresa, the water and traffic problems that will occur with new building.

Public Session closed.

Representatives from the Port Authority gave a power point presentation on the new Goethals Bridge. Design of the new bridge was shown and explained that there will be access on the old bridge until the new bridge can be used. The current bridge was built in 1928, is substandard, and has 10-foot lanes and lack of safety shoulders. The new bridge will have six travel lanes, full safety shoulders, walkway-bike way and future MTC.

Spring 2013- Appointment of Successful Proposer

Summer 2013- Financial Close/Commencement of Design

Fall 2013- Preconstruction

2014-Aquire all ROW for project

2017 Commencement service

2018 – Completion of Project

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRIS ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari stated that the current Executive Committee Members have all submitted "Call for Candidate" forms for their current positions, Leticia Remauro, Chairperson, Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman, Chris Rooney, Second Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Larry Beslow and Nicholas Siclari, Secretary. No other Call for Candidate forms were received. Mr. Siclari asked for nominations from the floor for the five executive committee positions. After not receiving any after calling each position three times, the positions were closed. Mr. Siclari will cast a ballot for the current executive committee at the June 11, 2013 Full Board Meeting.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro thanked the Board for their support in keeping the current executive committee for another term.

Chairwoman Remauro asked Priscilla Marco, Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee Chair and Anjail Ameen-Rice to look into the bus service issue that was brought up under the Public Session by Mr. Kaufer.

Land Use Chairman, Vincent Accornero had previously reached out to Len Garcia-Duran, Director, SI City Planning about rezoning Mt.. Manresa property or making it a Special Natural District. Mr. Garcia-Duran did not think it was possible to do a rezoning of just that property. Chairwoman Remauro urged everyone to contact their elected officials, and to keep an eye on what was going on at the property. The property was sold, what Ms. Golero stated under public session is very accurate, insurances must be made regarding water run-off, sewers etc.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll spoke of both Vincent Pompa and Mary Mitchell who will be greatly missed by the community.

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

City Planning Application No. N 120377 ZAR – 255 Westervelt Avenue – Authorization to develop and site alteration – a single-family detached residence with a garage in the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Roll call vote taken, vote passed 23-0-0.

City Planning Application No. C 130227 MMR - Goethals Bridge - Amendments to the City Map -
-the elimination, discontinuance and closing of portions of Gulf Avenue, Washington Avenue, Old Place and Gill Bloom Circle;
-the establishment of Gulf Avenue and Goethals Road North from Western Avenue to a point approximately 1900 feet easterly;
-the establishment of three (3) parks;
-the extinguishment of several record streets and discontinuance and closing related thereto; and
-the modification of grades necessitated thereby.

Board Members, George Sona and John Guzzo asked that the bridge be raised high enough to allow ships to pass. “Why build a new bridge if ships are not able to pass underneath?”

Mr. Chris Ragucci, who ran Howland Hook for many years and is now a maritime consultant also stated that the bridge needs to be raised to allow ships to pass underneath.

Chairwoman Remauro asked John Guzzo and Curt Ward to set up a committee regarding the raising of the Goethals Bridge.

Motion made and seconded to approve contingent upon review of raising the vertical clearance to allow marine vessel traffic.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-0-0.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN/LISA LATTANZIO – The committees met prior to the Board Meeting, minutes will be included in next month’s packet.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – The PUSH Citation letters went out asking every north shore public school to submit the names of 3 students that may have had a rough start in the beginning of the school year and, excelled throughout the year to receive a certificate of achievement to be sent to the school for the students.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

WEST BRIGHTON/NEW BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

ROSEBANK/FT. WADWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.