

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING JUNE 11, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Joseph Ahlstrom  
Ali Mir Masum  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird, Absent  
Telee Brown, Absent  
Sandy Carles, Excused  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anastasia Ciluffo  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Claudette Duff  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
Victoria Gillen  
John Guzzo  
Celeste Holmes  
Robert Holst  
Sunny Jain  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Norman Light  
Priscilla Marco  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky  
Mohan Radharkrishn  
Friday Ogbewe  
Ole Olsen, Excused  
Ernest Paige  
Catherine Paradiso  
Amy Poirer  
Fran Reali  
Christopher Rooney  
Marjorie Ryan, Absent  
James Samuels, Excused  
Anthony Scutari  
George Sona  
Hakan Tale, Absent  
George Turner  
Kevin Washington  
Daniel Williams  
Camille Zarrelli, Excused  
Bob Zion  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor Deblasio, CAU  
Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer  
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo  
Victoria Mecca, Rep. Senator Savino  
Mosaab Sadeia, Rep. Assemblyman Fall  
Joan Cusack, Director, HRA  
Jermaine Williams, Department of Mental Health & Hygiene  
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation  
Juan Gomez, City Parks Foundation  
Kathleen Bielsa, Northfield LDC  
Emily O'Hara, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
Olivia Brady, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
Diana Caughell, WB/New Brighton Non Board Member  
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Resident  
Sarah Powell, Bay Street Landing Resident  
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing Resident  
Saul Porter, Port Richmond Strong

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept May 2019 Board Minutes. No objection.

### **Public Session**

Jermaine Williams, Department of Mental Health & Hygiene spoke of West Nile Virus and spraying – spraying is done to eliminate the mosquito problem. You should keep your property free of any water that is more than 3 inches.

Juan Gomez, City Park Foundation spoke of free shows throughout the summer June 19 at Clove Lakes Parks, there are July concert and Children Sports Programs. Flyers were left in the back, for more information contact Mr. Gomez at [jgomez@cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:jgomez@cityparksfoundation.org)

Mr. Donald DeRosa from Comptroller Stringer's Office spoke of New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer proposal for a nation-leading investment in teachers and the City's public school system to combat persistently high teacher turnover rates, especially among new teachers, that disadvantage high-need school districts and set back the City's most vulnerable students. Comptroller Stringer calls on the City Department of Education (DOE) to establish a large-scale, paid, year-long residency program to vastly expand in-classroom experience for new teachers, and equip them with the classroom skills they need to teach in the country's largest school district and support New York City's 1.1 million schoolchildren.

Ms. Kathleen Bielsa, Northfield Local Development Corporation asked for Community Board #1 members to support the 2 resolutions that will be brought forth by the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Chairman, John McBeth and his committee, tonight to carry out the Brownfield Clean-up Plan and a resolution to encourage Maritime Business and employment.

Ms. Emily O'Hara and Olivia Brady from the New York City Campaign Finance Board will be hosting training for those considering running for an Elected Official Office. For more information contact [tranning@nyccfb.info](mailto:tranning@nyccfb.info).

Mr. Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Debi Rose spoke of an outreach event on June 35<sup>th</sup> at the St. George Library, there will be info session on tax liens and other city agencies will be in attendance such as HPD, DEP and DOT.

Mesaab Sadeia representing Assemblyman Charles Fall spoke of a Community Resource Fair/BBQ with free food on June 29, 2019 in the backyard of the Assemblyman's office at 853 Forest Avenue, all are welcome.

Public Session closed.

Ms. Priscilla Marco and Claudette Duff presented Lisa Sloan and Carol Bullock with certificates of recognition from Councilwoman Rose and Community Board #1 in honor of Pride Month.

Carol Bullock is the Executive Director of the Pride Center in Staten Island. The Pride Center has been around for 10 years and has been working with seniors and youth, especially for the LGBTQ community, all are welcome to the center and to events that they hold.

Lisa Sloan accepted the award for both her and Ms. Bullock. Ms. Sloan thanked Councilwoman Rose's Office and the members of Community Board #1 for honoring the center. If anyone is interested in joining or for more information go to [Pridecentersi.org](http://Pridecentersi.org)

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, MEGAN DELMAR** – No meeting, no report.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** - Mr. Rooney withdrew his name as a candidate for First Vice-Chairman. He mentioned he has done this for 10 years and since Mr. Forsyth has submitted his name he wanted to step down. Mr. Rooney received a standing ovation.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – Mr. Ogbewele wished everyone a nice summer.

**SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – The Secretary's Year End-Report was e-mailed to everyone hard copies were available for any member that would like one or you can call the Board Office.

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

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** - Chairman Siclari recognized Christopher Rooney and Anjail Ameen-Rice for the commitment as Executive Committee Members. "We are all interchangeable, there is nobody that is more important than anybody else, we are a team."

Starting in September the Board will be meeting in Snug Harbor Building P – go through the Tuscan Garden.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – There is information in the back about electric cars and light bulbs for plants from the power authority.

"Since it is Chris Rooney night there is one addition, Chris and his wife were honored by the Cardinal at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in August.

## **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** - A Land Use Public Hearing on June 5, 2019 at the Board Office – the following applications were heard: **PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL DISTRICT APPLICATION HAS BEEN RESCINDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING**

1. 430 St. Mark's Place presented: Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2019-82-A – Application submitted to permit the development of a five story, eight dwelling unit, mixed use building (office and residential) on a lot that is located partially within the bed

of a mapped but unbuilt portion of Victory Blvd. contrary to General City Law. – The address is 430 St. Mark's Place.

The Land Use Committee made the following motion and approved unanimously to approve as submitted.

Motion to approve Full Board as submitted.

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**Roll call vote take, vote 26-13-0.**

**Staten Island and Bronx Special District City Planning Application No. C – 140429 ZAR**

Land Use chairman Vincent Accornero mentioned he was part of the working group for a few years now. A small portion in Shore Acres pertains to our Board it is mostly in Boards 2 and 3. In addition a few Land Use Members met attended the AIA meeting.

**At the Land Use Committee it was voted on unanimously to deny the application due to the reasons below and ask the Department of City Planning to rescind the motion. The Department of City Planning withdrew Staten Island from the application, no motion is needed.**

Special District Motions

- Provisions for side wall articulation and the increased construction costs, impact on useable floor area created.

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- Attempt to codify the majority of development in the special district—therefore putting all plan review and jurisdiction with DOB, who would need to become versed in all of the complexities of the property zoning – (environmental, etc.)

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- No individual review by DCP or CB of most applications and no relief by authorization process
  - Near impossibility of DOB and enforce, especially in rear yards.

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- Voluminous changes proposed, some not included with or contrary to those of the working group—therefore only withdrawal, rework, and future submission to ULURP would be acceptable.

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- Combination of all special districts - Each district has unique concerns and characteristics  
- Sub. Districts do not provide adequate recognition
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- Restrictions on lot coverage and limits of permeable surface provide exceptional constraints on property owners for otherwise reasonable expansion and amenities, yet provide no compensation.

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- No recognition of DEP accepted permeable materials.

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- Unreasonable restrictions on retaining walls and lack of compromise to provide tiered and sloped systems.

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- Conflicts with hard fought provisions of LDGM.

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- Conflict with previous accepted tree type planting schedules.

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- Complexity of biodiversity point system.

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- Provision for front tree planting regulations and the conflicts created with street trees and utilities.

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Discussion held regarding the lack of a wheel by the SI Ferry. A lot of promises were made when the application was approved by the Board for improvements to the area. In addition, questions were raised about the parking rates at Empire Outlets.

**YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE** – There was no meeting, no report. The next meeting will be in September.

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

The following motion was presented and seconded to send a letter as follows:

Letter of comment to the MTA, with copies to City and State elected:

‘CB1 supports the North Shore Transit to enhance community development and reduce existing commute times.

Except that the proposed routing on Richmond Terrace is absolutely unacceptable for multiple reasons: Increasing instead of decreasing transit times, eliminating parking, bus stops, and bike lane, and adding to traffic obstruction.

CB1 urges continued planning and engineering to route buses and/or light rail completely off Richmond Terrace to the Ferry Terminal.

Hand vote taken, vote passed 39-0-0 (1 ineligible)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER** – No meeting, no report.

**WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN** – Ms. Cauldwell mentioned that the Waterfront Committee met jointly with the Transportation Committee. Ms. Cauldwell asked on behalf of the Waterfront Committee to send a letter of support for the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines Standard for New York City.

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed 38-1-0.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – Mr. Sunny Jain requested a letter go out to the MTA requesting suicide prevention measures be taken on the Verrazano Bridge such as fences and barriers.

It was noted that Councilman Matteo has written to the MTA that Staten Island is outraged by the number of suicides that have occurred on the Verrazano Bridge.

**RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** - Mr. Rooney asked that for September we inquire about repairs to sidewalks where the tree roots have lifted the sidewalk. (The Parks Department will go and inspect the sidewalk of any resident that requests an inspection to determine if the tree roots have lifted the sidewalk. If the Parks Department determines it is the roots, the City will pay to have the sidewalk repaired. The sidewalks go by a grade up to 100 and get repaired by the highest grade first, this may take years),

Mr. Accornero asked that a letter go to the Comptroller's Office asking how much is spent on security of Elected Officials that are running for another office or when not working as their current position.

Mr. Rooney responded that as a Community Board we are apolitical. A community board is not supposed to take up any position on political issues. This request should be done privately.

Chairman Siclari asked for a reverse roll call to send the letter. Vote passed.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR** – No meeting, no report.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VETERANS** – No meeting, no report.

**LABOR, PRISCILLA MARCO AND VICTORIA GILLEN** – There was no meeting. Senator Savino is looking to have employee contractors for the state buy software which will count keystrokes and monitor with screen shots, many are upset over it.

**PARKS, NORMAN LIGHT/MEGAN DELMAR** – There were 2 presentations presented at the Parks Committee Meeting.

Mr. Light explained that improvements to the Kissel Avenue Gate and paths at Snug Harbor were presented at the Parks Committee Meeting. Request a letter of no objection be sent to the Public Design Commission.

**Reverse roll call vote taken, vote passed 37-0-0.**

A presentation was given on the Stapleton Waterfront Park at the Parks Committee Meeting as well. Mr. Sona and Mr. Doyle both mentioned that this was not presented to the Stapleton Area Committee.

**Tabled until the September 2019 Stapleton Area Committee Meeting.**

**CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN** – No meeting, no report.

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ROSEBANK, JOHN GUZZO** – No quorum, no meeting,

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH** – Northfield LDC requested to letters of support for:

Northfield Community LDC desires to apply for up to \$300,000 financial assistance through the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York BOA Program, to be matched by Northfield Community LDC with a 10% grant; and

Northfield Community Local Development Corp. application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street.

**Reverse roll call vote taken to send letters of support for both of Northfield applications. Vote passed unanimously.**

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** - A joint meeting was held with the Land Use Committee.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE AREA COMMITTEE, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**SILVER LAKE/SILVER LAKE SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, TIMOTHY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI**  
– The minutes are in the packet.

Old Business  
New Business

Ballots were cast for Chairman Nicholas Siclari, Timothy Forsyth, Second Vice-Chairman, Treasurer Larry Beslow and Loretta Cauldwell for Secretary. – All ran unopposed.

All candidates were given 5 minutes each to address the Board.

Anthony Cosentino ran against Megan Delmar for the position of First Vice-Chairperson.

Ballots were cast and counted Anthony Cosentino received 20 votes, Megan Delmar 18.

Victoria Gillen ran against Friday Ogbewe for Third Vice-Chairman

Ballots were cast and counted Friday Ogbewe received 26 votes, Victoria Gillen received 11.

Meeting adjourned.