

BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2009 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Tom Aiello, Rep. Gov. Patterson
 Andrew Yuen, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
 Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
 Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer
 P.O. Shane Febus, Crime Prevention Officer, 120th Pct.
 P.O. Michael Goodchild, Community Affairs, 120th Pct.
 P.O. Elizabeth DeLuca, Community Affairs, 120th Pct.
 Nicole O'Loughlin, Health Care Education Project
 1199 SIEU
 Ilene Greinsky, Beth Abraham Health Services
 Marisa Parish, NY Public Library
 Annamaria Carluzzo, NY Public Library
 Ulysses Gooso, SI Workforce 1
 Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
 Mark Herman, Former Commissioner Board of Elections
 Nicolas M. Rosale, Transportation Alternatives
 Peter Lang, Transportation Alternatives
 Meredith Sladele, Transportation Alternatives
 Christopher Randazzo, Local 79 Laborers
 Lena Delvaron, Bay Street Landing HOA President
 Beryl Thurman, President, NS Waterfront Conservancy
 Nancy Zubrycky, Board of Directors Bay Street Landing
 Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
 Scarle Selmon, Bay Street Landing
 Ellen Passalacqua, Bay Street Landing
 Francisco Dorta, Bay Street Landing
 Maureen Connolly, Bay Street Landing
 Linda Dalb, Bay Street Landing
 Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing
 Meta Syzyer, Bay Street Landing
 John Clarke, St. Paul's Avenue resident
 Kiawana Rich, SI Advance

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
 Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Curt Ward made a motion to accept October 2009 Board Minutes, Linda Eskenas seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Beryl Thurman, President of the North Shore Waterfront Conservancy requested CB#1 write letters of support to all Elected Officials to apply pressure to the NYC Parks Department and the Department of Environmental Protection for the remediation of Veterans Park, John J. Jewett & Son's White Lead Company and Archer Daniels Midland Company's Parcel 1.

Ms. Nicole O'Loughlin of the Health Care Education Department/1199 SIEU. Ms. O'Loughlin asked members to sign letters against Governor Patterson's Budget Cuts to our health care system. Richmond University Medical Center stands to lose \$1.5 Million; Staten Island University Hospital stands to lose \$4.5 Million. Our health care systems can not afford to lose this money especially since there is no Health and Hospital Corporation Hospital on the Island.

Ms. Ilene Greinsky, Community Outreach & Consultant for the CCM/Pace Program affiliated with Beth Abraham Health Services spoke of health care services for older adults 55 and older on Bay Street. A full range of services is offered from daily adult day care including meals to a wide array of health services. Informational flyers were provided.

Ms. Marisha Parish of the New York Public Library introduced Ms. Anna Carluzzo the new site Manager of the West New Brighton Branch library. Ms. Carluzzo looks forward to working with the community.

Ms. Lena Delvaron, President of the Bay Street Landing Homeowners Association spoke of the proposal for the water siphon and the effects it will have on the residents of Bay Street Landing, especially noise, parking and access to Bay Street Landing.

Chairwoman Remauro responded to Ms. Delvarona and the residents of Bay Street Landing that the Land Use Committee included in their recommendation, a community liaison be assigned from The Department of Environmental Protection and the General Contractor hired to do the construction work with a pre-construction meeting to take place, all trucks that are used for the project be directed south on Front Street to Bay Street avoiding the Hannah Street Bridge, coordinate with City agencies for residents of Bay Street Landing to utilize City land for parking. i.e., parking lot across from Cromwell Center, additional planting on north side of site and, that no night work is permitted for any of the construction, i.e., water siphon, sewer and water construction.

Mr. Mark Herman spoke of the recent article in the SI Advance regarding the Lighthouse Museum which will not go forward. "It is a shame after all these years and all of the money that was spent to create the Lighthouse Museum it feel short on funds and will not see fruition."

Chairwoman Remauro responded to Mr. Herman, they have met with NYCEDC to at least try to create public access, maybe a greenmarket something that will attract visitors off of the ferry to Staten Island.

Councilwoman Elect Debi Rose, member of Community Board #1 thanked all in attendance for their support. Ms. Rose is excited to be able, finally, come January 2010 to resolve some of the problems that all of the members of Community Board #1 have worked so hard on for so many years. "I am so happy instead of making recommendations and having them come back saying, further study needed, no money, I will be the voice to fight for the projects, the issues that matter most to the north shore and make it a better place for everyone. I look forward to working with Community Board #1 and all of the residents of the north shore."

Police Officer Shane Febus, Crime Prevention Officer, 120 Pct. gave crime prevention tips to prevent a home burglary. P.O. Febus will come to any home for free and asses the security of the home. If you make the necessary recommendation given by P.O. Febus he will come back and re-asses your home. A 10% discount will be given by your homeowners insurance. You may contact P.O. Febus at 718-816-8505.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHARIMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney thanked all of the functional chairs who have been sending agendas to the office in a timely manner. All of the chairs need to send agendas by Wednesday of the prior week of their meeting to insure it gets published in the newspaper and to inform the members.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – Mr. Ogbewele asked for the area chairs to also submit their agendas as previously asked and, in addition to send the minutes of the meeting in a timely manner.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari gave his labor report as follows: informed that 220 uniformed sanitation workers would be laid off in January. Mr. Siclari requested information as to how many of the employees to be laid off have passed the civil servant test and were not appointed. Ms. Nicole O'Loughlin presented a letter to the committee that the Labor Committee would like sent to MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer regarding impending health care budget cuts as discussed under the Public Session.

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

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro addressed the Bay Street Landing residents, acknowledged the letter they sent was received. As previously mentioned, the board tried to address as many of the anticipated issues that may arise for the impending needed water siphon project.

Ms. Remauro remarked on the disbandment of the Lighthouse Museum and the disappointment all of this board feels after all of the years of hard work and the \$8 million dollars that was invested by the City. We have held meetings with the Borough

President and EDC. A tour was taken of the site with EDC. Diligent work is being undertaken to insure public access is obtained at the site.

Every year we hold a holiday party after the December Board Meeting here at All Saints. Chairwoman Remauro asked the members for thoughts for the party, go out somewhere after the meeting or keep it status quo.

Lastly, the board along with the City of New York is trying to go green. If you would like to receive your packet electronically instead of the paper packet at the meeting, please inform Lisa Crosby. It will be up to each of you to read through the minutes, to insure you are knowledgeable of votes and issues that may arise at the meeting. In addition, if there is a Land Use Application, all members will receive it electronically before the Land Use Meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll reported on the lead contamination and arsenic in Veterans Park. We have been working with the NYC Parks Department and the Department of Environmental Protection to alleviate the situation. Ground covering, wood chips and soil have been used over the contamination. The lead and arsenic that was found in Veterans Park was from the chemicals the Parks Department and everyone used years ago and also from the lead that was used in the gasoline many years ago. The Health Department has determined Veterans Park is not a health hazard to the neighborhood. Richmond Terrace was always a heavy industrial area with many automotive junk yards. The gas seeped into the ground from the cars. Many of the children in Port Richmond have tested positive for Lead Poisoning because of the homes that that are very old and the lead paint. It is important for the families that live in the Port Richmond Area and all families that live in older homes get tested for lead poisoning.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO - An underwater tunnel to link Staten Island and Brooklyn by 2013 will create a new source of drinking water for North Shore residents, provide a backup for the rest of the borough and add a chlorination station to a now-barren property along Front Street.

A new siphon is needed because the two existing pipelines, located north and south of the Stapleton Homeport, are located some 53 to 55 feet underwater and have to be removed for the Army Corps Engineers to deepen the Kill Van Kull. Once the new siphon is constructed, 95 feet below the main water line, the existing tunnels will be dismantled and the dredging project will be completed.

MOTION

Motion made and seconded to approve Department of City Planning Application No. C 100110 PSR with the following conditions:

- ❖ A community liaison be assigned from The Department of Environmental Protection and the General Contractor hired to do the construction work with a pre-construction meeting to take place.
- ❖ All trucks that are used for the project be directed south on Front Street to Bay Street avoiding the Hannah Street Bridge.

- ❖ Look at the possibility of loading material onto rail train and unload onto trucks at the foot of SIRTOA access at Bay Street and Vanderbilt Avenues.
- ❖ Coordinate with City agencies for residents of Bay Street Landing to utilize City land for parking. i.e., parking lot across from Cromwell Center.
- ❖ Additional planting on north side of site.
- ❖ No night work permitted for any of the construction, i.e., water siphon, sewer and water construction.

Roll call vote passed 27-1-0.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – A representative from Workforce 1 attended the meeting prior to tonight’s Board Meeting. Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – Ms. Remauro reported The New York City Economic Development Corporation gave an update on the St. George Terminal Retail space. To date, six leases have been signed and there are two additional parties interested.

The committee agreed to work with EDC to find tenants for the remaining space that will serve the commuters, the tourists and the residential community. EDC is currently seeking a pharmacy, a book store and an electronic store among other things. If anyone knows anyone that would like to open a business at the Ferry Terminal they should get in touch with Sean Sweeney.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Previously reported under the Secretary’s report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN AVERETT – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting.

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

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting will be included in the packet next month.

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

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting is included in the packet. The September and October minutes somehow got combined into the minutes.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – There was not a quorum present at the meeting. The attendance is in the packet.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Accornero asked if the Rules Committee can look into saving parking spaces in front of homes. There was a recent article in the SI Advance regarding this.

Chairwoman Remauro asked members to bring an unwrapped gift to the December 8, 2009 Board Meeting for the annual Santa visit to the Pediatric Ward at Richmond University Hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.