

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FUL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SIANTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Ali Mir Assum, Excused
Joseph Bird
Andrew Blancero, Leave
Joseph Bird
Telee Brown, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie, Absent
Victoria Fossella
Victoria Gillen
Christopher Greene
Celeste Holmes
Robert Honor
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Friday Ogbewele
Ole Olsen, Leave
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso, Excused
Geraldine Parker, Absent
Fran Reali, Excused
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan Excused
James Samuels, Excused
Varun Sanyal, Absent
George Sona
Kelly Vilar, Excused
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Paul Duffy, Rep. Governor Cuomo
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Jenny Fischman, Rep. Letita James
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Cara Buoninconti, Rep. MOA Malliotakis
Sylvia Ancrom, Rep. MOA Titone
Joan Cusack, Executive Director NYC Human Resources Admin.
Jermaine Williams, NYC Human Resources Administration
Anthony Arcome, NYC Parks & Recreation Manager
David Kraiker, Census Bureau
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society
Georgetta Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Frank Marra, Clove Lakes Civic Assn.
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Lynda Piraino, Archcare
Carol DiPaulo, Archcare
Claudette Duff, Out of the Storm Senior Housing Program
Amy Penia, Bay Street Cake

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance
Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice took roll call attendance, quorum present.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Mr. John McBeth, Bobby Digi and members of Occupy the Block.

Mr. McBeth explained the program goal which was to have a consistent male presence in our neighborhoods to avert violent acts, while providing man-to-man counseling to area male youth.

Using every man that is willing, on three days each week a different block will be occupied.

Specific blocks were and will be identified and advertised on Mondays. Every abled bodied man from the various North Shore neighborhoods held court on the identified block where there will be an open discussion about our neighborhoods, young people and violence. Chairs and tables and outreach materials outside on the blocks where youth usually hang out and get in to trouble as identified by the Neighborhood Captains. We took those blocks for a few hours including shutting down any illegal trade at that time and transform that block into a safe space while we are there. Every man that can needs to get involved offense ladies, we appreciate the support, but this is a male initiative to address our young men.

Mr. McBeth thanked the Board Members for their appreciation and recognition.

Ms. Wendy Joseph is an architect for Snug Harbor showed preliminary plans for the expansion of the Music Hall at Snug Harbor. There will be additional presentations in the future and requests to have the Board's support.

Mr. Len Garcia-Duran showed slides of 2 City-Wide Zoning Text Amendments that were both certified September 21, 2015.

Both the on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment and Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment can be viewed on the City Planning website at NYC.Gov/City Planning - Presentations are on the City Planning Website along with both full text amendments.

Mr. Paul Duffy representative to Governor Andrew Cuomo announced he is leaving his position and is going to miss working with Community Board #1. Mr. Duffy is going to forward his replacement information to the Board Office. In addition Mr. Duffy is getting married and will be on his honeymoon for the November Board Meeting, he plans on attending the December Board Meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Michael Sher, New York Road Runners spoke of the Open Run Programming who bring free weekly runs to local neighborhoods. They meet in Silver Lake Park Bridge at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays. There is no advance registration. Volunteers are also needed. For further information contact Mr. Scher at mscher@nyrr.com

Ms. Priscilla Marco requested the board write a letter demanding that the old Staten Island Hospital on Webster and Castleton Avenue be demolished to prevent further incidents like the recent death Marco Castillo. If anyone is interested in donating to the family of Marco Castillo to offset funeral costs etc. you can look on SILIVE for details.

Ms. Lynda Piraino and Ms. Carol DiPaolo spoke of Archcare and – Senior Life-PACE and Adult Day Center. You can reach either of them for more info at lpiraino@archcare.org; cdipaolo@archcare.org.

Ms. Claudette Duff spoke of a Senior Housing project she is working on to get seniors that need homes that are in the street, sleeping at the ferry etc. into a home with other senior individuals.

Mr. David Kraiker, Census Bureau spoke of the Census Bureau efforts and outreach. You can reach Mr. Kraiker at david.j.kraiker@census.gov

Mr. Jermaine Williams spoke of the Human Resources Administration SNAP program. Even if you do not think you are entitled to receive food benefits it does not hurt to apply. Many people think they do not qualify and in fact they do.

Ms. Pearl Minsky spoke of a petition she left regarding Access-A-Ride. The service that Access-A-Ride provides is atrocious. There needs to be oversight on what goes on with the service that is provided. She urged everyone to sign the petition, write a letter asking for a better quality of service.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez, the Committee to Save Mount Manresa spoke of the rezoning application that Mr. Paul Graziano has been working on from Rosebank and Clifton. The application should be completed within the next few weeks and brought to the Community Board #1 office to be submitted to the City Planning Commission.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – Mr. Cosentino asked all chairs to please submit written reports to be included in the packet and noted that there is no need to orally outline the minutes at the meeting.

Our former Chairperson, Leticia Remauro's son Robert has passed away. In lieu of flowers donations were requested for a young girl with a very rare disease. A collection was made to send a donation on behalf of the Community Board #1 members and the community. If anyone would like to donate or read about the fund go to: www.fopashleyscure.org.

Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney - No report.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewele – No report.

Secretary, Anjail Ameen-Rice – No report.

Treasurer, Larry Beslow - The report is in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Chairman Siclari mentioned that a demolition notice was submitted to demolish 101 Castleton Avenue. We are trying to get the building demolished ASAP. There was a problem that many entities still owned units at 101 Castleton Avenue that is why it was not demolished already.

Congratulations to Joseph Bird on his recent marriage.

District Manager, Joseph Carroll - The Department of City Planning has taken over lead agency status from The Office of Management and Budget and have changed the way submitting budget priorities making it very complicated and thanked Chris Rooney for seeing to the successful design and funding of the Snug Harbor Music Hall.

Ms. Leticia Remauro has been appointed to the Bay Street Corridor Committee.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use, Vincent Accornero – No meeting. There is an application in for 428 St. Mark's Place to develop a four story, five dwelling mixed used office and residential building located partially within the bed of an unbuild mapped portion of Victory Blvd.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino –The Capital and Budget for FY 2017 were electronically sent to all Elected Officials, Civic Associations and Board Members and were included in the Board Packet of October 2015.

MOTION

Motion to approve the FY 2017 as submitted by the Budget & Finance Committee.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 24-0-1 (1 ineligible)

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov – No meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday October 19 2015, 7:30 p.m. The NYC Transit will be in attendance to brief the committee on the Staten Island Bus Service Study.

Health & Human Services, Catherine Paradiso – No report.

Labor, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok - No report.

Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Public Services, Sunny Jain - No report.

Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar – No report.

Youth Services, Kelly Vilar – The minutes of the meeting and newsletter are in the packets.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Greene - No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Civic, Victoria Gillen – There will be a civic meeting on November 12, 2015 – 7:30 at the Board Office.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, Anjail Ameen-Rice – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow - No report.

West Brighton/New Brighton/St. George, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok & Vickie Fossella – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned.

