

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
8:00 P.M. ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Tom Aiello, Rep. Governor Patterson
Victoria Larsen, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg
Mike Latona, Rep. Borough President Molinaro
Julie Levine, Rep. Sen. Andrew Lanza
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Hyer-Spencer
Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA M. Titone
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
P.O. Michael Goodchild, Community Affairs,
120th Pct.
Luis Caridad, Neighborhood Economic
Development Advocacy Project
Saleen Shah, Citizens Committee for NYC
Eric Palatnik, Rep. Mosque
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement
John Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Jean Crisson, Arlington Civic Assn.
Shaun Wyan Boudier, Arlington Civic Assn.
Patricia Schwimmer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Steve Douglas, Denton Place resident
Cheryl Moller, Arlington Civic Assn.

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. immediately following the Land Use Public Hearing.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken.

Quorum was present.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro read the list of Elected Official representatives in attendance.

Motion made and seconded by Ms. Linda Eskenas to accept June 2009 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Rajiv Gowda spoke of the upcoming Democratic Primary Election and asked for support in the election.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro informed Mr. Gowda that the Community Board is not a political forum and his speaking was inappropriate.

Mr. Ronald Meisels spoke of the National Lighthouse Museum. Mr. Meisels was mugged 3 weeks ago and beaten with a metal bat on Hannah Street. There were papers scattered outside 30 Bay Street and Mr. Meisels went to retrieve a shopping cart to retrieve the papers. The National Lighthouse Museum should be opened to the public and not have locks on the doors. The Nantucket should be brought back to Staten Island. Ms. Pamela Silvestri did stories of many storefronts on Bay Street that are closed. "We do not need anymore restaurants; we need to have the National Lighthouse Museum open to the public."

Mr. Saleen Shah from Citizens Committee for New York City spoke of "New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Grant Application." Citizens Committee for New York City offers small grants for volunteer-led projects that improve and strengthens communities, and that involve neighbors in a meaningful way. Our grants are for grassroots community groups in economically under-resourced neighborhoods. Through New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods, Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000. There is a grant workshop this Saturday. For more information see below.

The fall deadline is September 30, 2009 and the fall deadline is March 14, 2010. You can download the application at www.citizensnyc.org/grants or call or e-mail Saleen Shah or Arif Ullah at 212-980-0909 or e-mail at grants@citizensnyc.org.

Luis Caridad from Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project is a resource center that deals with economic justice. If anyone is facing foreclosure or knows anyone that is facing foreclosure 311 should be called and they will be given information on reputable foreclosure crisis centers or foreclosure specialists.

Many people refinanced their mortgage and are unable to make the payments. There is a stimulus package from President Obama if you qualify which helps lower your mortgage payments.

New York State Law prohibits upfront fees when refinancing your mortgage. Mr. Caridad urged anyone who was facing foreclosure or who were thinking about refinancing their mortgage to seek professional help before signing or paying anything. Flyers were available. You may obtain additional information by e-mailing Mr. Caridad at Luis@nedap.org.

OFFICERS REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – There will be a Budget Public Hearing on October 1, 2009 – 8:00 P.M. at the Board Office, for the Capital and Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney welcomed everyone back from summer break. Mr. Rooney looks forward to working with the functional committee chairs and asked for each functional chair to submit an agenda to him of two or three major points their committee is going to work on.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICOLAS SICLARI – There is no Secretary's report. Mr. Siclari is the Chairman of the newly formed Labor Committee. Mr. Siclari will be coordinating with Ms. Lattanzio and the Human Services Committee. The Labor Committee would like to secure well paying, safe and secure unionized jobs for the working people of the north shore of Staten Island. "Anyone interested in joining the committee please speak with me."

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll reviewed the stimulus funded projects for our Board area and noted that these are important numbers for the north shore.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Ms. Remauro sent e-mails out over the summer to the Board Members. Ms. Remauro urged anyone that has personal e-mails going to their spam folder to please have her name removed from them. Anyone who does not have e-mail please tell Lisa how you would like to receive the e-mails that go out. All of the City of New York has been asked by the Mayor to try to work Green, copying, less paper, mailings, saves trees and money.

Each member is a representative of their neighborhood, they speak to people, and they know what the needs are of their neighborhood. Chairwoman Remauro sent an excel spread sheet via e-mail to all members for the October 1, 2009 Budget Meeting asking members to submit their budget requests on the excel spread sheet or e-mail their request to the Board Office. Many requests have been received. If you have not submitted your request please do so. Having information prior to the meetings will facilitate a more efficient, smooth and quicker meeting.

Chairwoman Remauro asked the Functional Committee Chairs to send agendas prior to their meetings to Christopher Rooney, and Area Committee Chairs to send agendas to Friday Ogbewele prior to monthly meetings. Chairwoman Remauro would like to reduce the number of meetings, maybe combine some committees. The Executive and Steering Committees will meet prior to the Board Meeting. All members are welcome to participate in any of the meetings.

Lastly, Chairwoman Remauro asked the Chairs to give their reports from the podium in the middle of the room, if there is a motion; it is the Chairs responsibility to have the motion voted on in the affirmative.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting.

Mr. Accornero explained the application and read the following motion which was seconded by Mr. George Wonica, Jr.

MOTION

Board of Standards & Appeals Application Nos. 189-09-BZ and 190-09-A, applications submitted to permit the legalization of the existing five-story mosque located at 2067 and 2075 Richmond Terrace.

Question was called Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-0-0 (1 ineligible).

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – Ms. Lattanzio and her committee asked that the committee be called the “Human Services Committee” rather than the Human Resources Committee. There was no objection. A quorum was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICES, LLOYD BACCHUS – At the time of the meeting, Chairwoman Remauro announced Mr. Bacchus was not doing well. Mr. Sunny Jain, Co-Chair will step up as Chairman of the Public Services Committee.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN AVERETT – A quorum was not present at the Youth Services Meeting tonight. Ms. Averett urged all parents, people who know of children of single parents or who don’t have adult supervision to mentor the children, it is never too early to talk to the children, take time for them, give them encouragement, give them support, encourage them to be a positive part of society and show them they can be whatever they want to be.

The Youth Committee has been and will continue to reach out to the Youth to join the Youth Committee. The committee will further give awards to students that may have started out struggling in the beginning of the school year to encourage them.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – There was no meeting. The committee will meet as needed. If anyone has anything for the committee please speak to Ms. Long.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – A Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2011 will be held on October 1, 2009, 8:00 P.M. at the Board Office. Requests for budgetary items were sent over the summer by Chairwoman Remauro. Please send all requests for Fiscal Year 2011 to Chairwoman Remauro with a carbon copy to Lisa Crosby at the following two e-mail addresses lbremauro@aol.com and sicblb@si.rr.com.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – Chairwoman Remauro announced Mr. Ward's father passed away in Pennsylvania. Arrangements will be announced. Deepest sympathy goes to Mr. Ward.

GREENWAY COMMITTEE, LINDA ESKENAS – The first Greenway Committee meeting will be held on September 17, 2009 – 8:00 P.M. at the Board Office. Everyone is welcome to attend. The committee will be working on a number of issues including esplanades, greenway trails and parks etc.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Chairwoman Remauro announced an influx of applications have been submitted to Councilman Mitchell and Borough President Molinaro. Non-Board applications are in every chairs packet. Please ask at the meetings if anyone would like to become a non-board member. Some committee chairs already have completed non-board member applications in their packet. Non-Board member applications are available on line for anyone who wishes to become a non-board member of a committee. Please submit all completed applications to Lisa Crosby.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, AJMAL CHAUDHRY – Chairman Remauro informed members that Mr. Joseph Pancila has been chosen by Borough President Molinaro to be a member of the Borough President's Education Committee. Mr. Pancila resigned from Community Board #1 to devote his time to that committee. Mr. Chaudhry asked members to attend the meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 – 7:30 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis Hose, 50 Bard Avenue.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE – Ms. Anjail Ameen-Rice reported the first meeting will be held on September 22, 2009 – 7:30 P.M. at 250 Park Avenue. One item on the agenda will be revised plans for the automotive station at 2294 Forest Avenue, corner of South Avenue.

CLIFTON/CONCORD, LARRY BESLOW – The first meeting of the committee will be held on September 17, 2009 – 7:30 P.M. at the Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street Ms. Mary Mitchell has resigned as a member of Community Board #1 but will continue to serve as a non-board member on the Clifton/Concord Area Committee.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – A joint meeting is being held with the Clove Lake Civic Association on September 16, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. at Castleton Moravian Church, 1657 Victory Blvd. A re-zoning application for Sunnyside and lower Grymes Hill is being worked on by the Clove Lake Civic Association and the Department of City Planning.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – Due to Primary Day, the committee will meet on Monday, September 14, 2009 – 7:30 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

