

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Andrew Blancero
Marilyn Brown
Telee Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen, Excused
Christopher Green
John Guzzo
Robert Honor
Sunny Jain, Excused
John Keiser, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Norman Light
Pearl Minsky, Excused
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused
Friday Ogbewe
Olef Olsen, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Catherine Paradiso
Fran Reali
Leticia Remauro
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
Nicholas Siclari, Excused
James Samuels
George Sona, Excused
George Turner, Excused
Kelly Villar
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello, Excused
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Paul Duffy, Rep. Governor Cuomo
Laura LoBianco-Sword, Rep. Comptroller DiNapoli
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Robert Gibbs, NY Public Library
Bob Zion, St. George Civic
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement District
Peter Lisi, Stapleton resident
Kathy Romanelli, Mariners Harbor Civic Assn.
Michelle Mills, Mariners Harbor resident
Laura Barlament, Silver Lake resident
Meredith Sladek, Harbor Ring
Janet McKee, Grymes Hill resident
Hope Wright, Rosebank resident
Chris Guadalupe, Kings County Repeater Assn.
Steven Guadalupe, NS Emergency Response Team
Phyllis Zito, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa
Beth Malone, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa
Barbara Sanchez “ “ “ “ “
Hope Wright, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa
Jack Bolembach, “ “ “ “ “
Eric Palatnik, PC., Rep. LU Applications
Carinda Longueira, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa
Elise Vetere, Royal Oak
Eric Petillo, Sundog Theatre
Bernard Cambell
Joseph Parker, Westerleigh resident
Michael Palmieri, Westerleigh resident
Sameh El-Meiniawy LP, Rep. 1492 Victory Blvd.
Theresa Torres, Skyline Point
Richard Pagan
Matthew DeLuccio, Westerleigh resident
Rose DeLuccio, Westerleigh resident

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order immediately following the Citizen Preparedness Training given by the National Guard, sponsored by Governor Cuomo, Borough President Oddo, Senator Lanza, Assemblyman Cusick, and Councilman Matteo and facilitated by Paul Duffy, Rep. Governor Cuomo.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken, quorum was present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept June 2014 Full Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Fran Reali spoke of the 6th Annual Memorial Dinner in memory of Frank J. Reali, III which is to protect one young heart at a time by helping to provide supportive funds for echocardiograms or other heart baseline testing for 8th graders, prior to entering high school sports.

Beth Malone, Hope Wright, Barbara Sanchez, Jack Bolembach, Phyllis Zito and Carinda Longueira all spoke regarding items relating to Mount Manresa. Issues spoken about were the asbestos in the buildings, the demolition of the buildings and zoning.

Ms. Elise Vetere spoke of accidents and speeding on Royal Oak Road and the need for traffic controls.

Ms. Katherine Romanelli spoke of quality of life in Mariners Harbor, residents playing loud music all day, night.

Joseph Parker, Michel Polmieri, Matthew DeLuccio, Richard Pagan and Rose DeLuccio all spoke opposing the variance request for 200 Cambridge Avenue, Rabbi Jacob Joseph School for girls. Residents state that there is already disregard for the neighborhood with overgrown trees onto adjoining properties, grading problems that are affecting adjoining homeowners, disregard from parents, children littering when dropping children off, traffic issues, etc.

Mr. Eric Petillo from Sundog Theatre spoke he has a 40-minute touring show about the dangers of tobacco smoking and advertising.

Chris Guadalupe invited everyone to participate in The Kings County Repeater Association (KC2RA) which will be offering an amateur Radio Technician class to the public. The class starts 8/14/14 with several weeks of self-study followed by a one weekend in class session scheduled for 9/20-9/21. For more information and registration info please visit www.kc2ra.org/classes. This class is open to all.

Ms. Theresa Torres, Skyline Point Homeowners Association spoke of the problems and the liens on the homes on Skyline Drive. Since Hurricane Sandy their homes are unlivable, retaining walls need repair etc.

Ms. Meredith Sladek spoke of a rally for a bicycle/pedestrian path on the Verrazano Bridge on October 18, 2014 - 11:00 .M. -2:00 P.M. at the Alice Austen House.

Ms. Laura Barlament spoke of the committee Transportation Alternatives making the roads safer for bicycle riders and pedestrians.

Mr. Ameh El-Meiniawy representative for a variance at 1492 Victory Blvd. attended the Land Use Public Hearing. Mr. Meiniawy asked if an amendment can be made to the variance and waive the term limitation.

Ms. Linda Eskenas thanked everyone who attended the street naming dedication for Kenneth Cubas on the corner of Dongan Street and Richmond Terrace.

Mr. Bernard Campbell spoke about Election Funding.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENITNO – The Budget Public Hearing will be held on October 1, 2014 – 7:30 P.M. at the board office, everyone is urged to attend.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Welcomed everyone back, urged all the new members to participate in the functional committees.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Mr. Carroll reiterated the importance to come to the Budget Public Hearing on October 1, 2014 – area committee chairs should announce the date, time and location at their area meeting and ask if there are any capital or expense money that is needed for specific items.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Ms. Remauro told a story, while she was at a local nail salon. She was speaking with a 7th grade student and the student mentioned that it is very hard to concentrate taking exams in the hot weather why ceiling fans cannot be installed in the classrooms. Ms. Remauro asked Ms. Marilyn Brown and the Youth Committee to look into this matter. It is a smart idea coming straight from a student.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO -

The following motions were read, discussed and voted on as follows:

1. Department of City Planning Application No. C 110122 ZMR – 1816 Forest Avenue – Proposal to map a C1-2 commercial overlay within an existing R3-2 District on the south side of Forest Avenue to facilitate a proposed use Group 6, local retail commercial development and change the portion of the existing C1-1 commercial overlay to a C1-2.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 27-0-1.

2. Board of Standards & Appeals Application Cal. No. 126-14-A – 3153 Richmond Terrace – Proposal to permit construction of a warehouse building partially located within the bed of a mapped but unbuilt street.

Motion made and seconded to approve with the condition that the applicant sign a restrictive covenant, attached to the land in perpetuity to agree to accept all costs of demolition and reconstruction of the building if DOT plans to widen Richmond Terrace.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 25-2-0 (1 ineligible)

3. Board of Standards & Appeals Cal. No. 153-14-A – 200 Cambridge Avenue – Proposal to build a one-story school building located partially within the bed of a mapped but unbuilt street.

Motion made and seconded to deny the application: Based on the owner's demonstrated disregard for the community with the existing conditions and use of the property, the increased traffic and disruption of the quality of life that would result from approval of the application, and the reports of unlicensed plumbing and electrical work being performed at the property, we cannot approve the application.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 28-0-1.

4. Board of Standards & Appeals Cal. No. 526-76-BZ – 1492 Victory Blvd. – Proposal to reopen, amend and extend the term of a variance.

An amendment to the motion was made to amend the term of variance to waive the term limitation.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 27-1-1.

5. Board of Standards and Appeals Cal. No. 171-14-A – 172-14-A - 235 Dixon Avenue – Proposal to construct a single-family home located partially within the bed of a mapped street.

Motion made and seconded to approve with the condition that visually permeable fencing and/or low growing shrubbery be used around the perimeter of the property for daylighting on the corners of Dixon and Granite Avenue.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 24-2-3.

Proposed contextual rezoning study of the Rosebank, Ft. Wadsworth, Shore Acres and Clifton Neighborhoods.

Motion made and seconded to assist and join the application as co-applicant.

Community Board #1, as a New York City Agency, request that the Department of City Planning provide all necessary support, including an in-house environmental review, a negative declaration is expected since the majority of the action reflects the exiting build out of these areas and the contextual action would reflect that and protect against large scale change in densities.

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO - There will be a Health & Wellness Expo on October 2, 2014 – at the Hilton Garden Inn.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No meeting, no report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN - No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN - No meeting, no report.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN - No meeting, no report.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The Budget Public Hearing will be on October 1, 2014 – 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office at 1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite #217.

TRANSPORTATION, RICHARD ZICHETTELO - No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at 250 Park Avenue.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No Meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. 59 Wright Street,

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL - No meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at 50 Bard Avenue.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI & TIMOTHY FORSYTH – No meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House, Hart Blvd. & Revere Street.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – No meeting, no report. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 at 36 Amity Street.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.

