

MOTIONS TO BE PRESENTED DECEMBER 13, 2016

STAPLETON MOTION – SCHOOL PROPOSED FOR 357 TARGEE STREET

A presentation was made at the October 10, 2016 Community Board #1 Full Board Meeting and at the Stapleton/Clifton/Concord Area Committee Meeting on October 17, 2016 for a new public school at 357 Targee Street.

The Stapleton/Clifton/Concord Area Committee unanimously supported the proposal.

Community Board #1 supports sending a letter of support to place a school at 357 Targee Street.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TRULY ORGANIC PROJECT

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 ADOPT THE YOUTH STATEN ISLAND NORTH SHORE
YOUTH AGENDA

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA TUESDAY – DECEMBER 13, 2016–7:30 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

SESSION OPENING

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order
- Roll Call Attendance
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Public Session

Dr. David Kim, Beacon Christian Community Health Center will give a brief presentation and receive a certificate of recognition.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Treasurer, Larry Beslow
- Secretary, Anjail Ameen Rice
- Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- District Manager, Joseph Carroll

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, Vincent Accornero
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
- Health/Human Services, Catherine Paradiso
- Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kelly Vilar
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Bradford Greene

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Labor, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar
- Civic – Victoria Gillen
- Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow
- West Brighton/St. George, Vickie Fossella/Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Camille Zarrelli/Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo

Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Refreshments will be served to celebrate the holidays.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please call or e-mail Anjail Ameen-Rice or the Board Office **prior** to the meeting 1-718-981-6900 lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1
TREASURER'S REPORT – FY'17

December 2017

CODE	ALLOCATED TO 06/30/16	USED TO DATE	BALANCE
100 – Supplies	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 1,210.93	\$ 384.07
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	0	200.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	365.00	785.00
117 Postage	200.00	0	200.00
199 - Data Processing Supplies	450.00	0	450.00
314 - Office Furniture	10,140.00	8,340.30	1,799.70
315 - Office Equipment	250.00	145.80	104.20
332 Data Processing Equipment	294.00	0	294.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	100.00	89.95	10.05
400 - Contractual Services	2,000.00*	600.00*	1,400.00
40B – Communication	3,013.00*	0*	3,013.00
403 – Office Services	150.00	56.56	93.44
412 - Equipment Rental	3,470.00*	512.51*	2,957.49
451 – Carfare	800.00	285.60	514.40
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	700.00	0	700.00
622 – Contractor	5,000.00	800.00	4,200.00
TOTAL:	\$29,512.00	\$ 12,406.65	\$ 17,105.35

Please Note: Each Code is transferable to other codes as long as the total allocation is

Larry Beslow, CB1 Treasurer

*Encumbered for FY'17 Contracts

Silver Lake Sunnyside, Grymes Hill, Westerleigh Area Minutes
November 16, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm

Attendance

Camille Zarrelli CB#1 Co Chair
Norman Light
Joe Ahlstrom
Frank Marra
Mike Morrell
Larry Kennedy
Mark Zinc

Announced the demolition of the house at 168 Fairview Avenue

We spoke about the recent closing of Walgreens at the corner of Victory & Clove Road . The development planned for the opposite corner where Indian Clove, The Bookstore and the Nail Salon use to be.

We would like to invite Cassandra Properties to discuss the possible development plans as they represent the property.

We request DOT provide us an update on the old light pole at Victory & Clove.

We also addressed the Bike Lane from Broadway to Bement. The understanding in the original proposal was to stop the bike lane at Broadway and to continue to Forest. We would like an explanation from DOT or this matter can be referred to Transportation for further clarification.

In January a meeting will be scheduled with DDC at Manor & Victory to discuss the widening of the intersection, the extent of what will be done and a time frame.

The committee engaged in a discussion regarding developing our 2017 Agenda Items.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted ,

Camille Zarrelli

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Report of December 13, 2016

1. No Transportation Committee meeting in December.

2. November 21 hearing: EDC and DOT's "North Shore Transportation Improvement Strategy"

Intended to be a plan for traffic, intersections, street planning, pedestrians, parking, etc., for future traffic to and through the North Shore. The study was financed as part of the deal for development zoning.

Unfortunately not a "Strategy" but a bundle of miscellaneous improvements.

Many of the comments at the hearing were about *transit*. The MTA (buses, SIRT) was mostly omitted from the study.

3. DOT's "Van Duzer Street Corridor Transportation Improvements"

Will be presented to Area Committee before the Full Board.

3. Young Democrats of Richmond County and CB1's *Staten Island's Front Door: Addressing Quality of Life Concerns on the Staten Island Ferry System*

The crack-down on predatory ticket sellers at Whitehall is reported to be a stand-off. Cops at Whitehall describe 20 arrests in 2-1/2 weeks, 20 complaints per day from tourists, fights, ticket-sellers telling tourists that riding the Ferry requires "a New York City ID" and that it takes 2-1/2 hours.

Next aim is to urge the City to not permit the tour-operators to sell via street vendors.

4. Sit-down benches at bus stops

The Federal Government is financing sit-down benches at bus stops "particularly for elderly and mobility-impaired New Yorkers". The

catch is that the sidewalk has to be 10'6" wide, more under some circumstances. (Good thing the elderly don't need benches on narrow sidewalks.) They managed to identify exactly two sites: one outside Kohl's and one outside Lowe's.

If you'd like to talk up seats in your own area, see <http://www.nyc.gov/citybench> and/or contact the Transportation Chair.

5. Last but not least... Citizen beats the MTA

Not primarily about CB1, but interesting nevertheless. I just won an appeal against the MTA on a fare-beating ticket!

On February 18, 2014 I boarded the S44 on Richmond Terrace and the bus's farebox rejected my Senior Metrocard, twice. Not uncommon. The bus driver made no sign yea or nay - it turned out there was a reason for that, because at the ferry terminal I was given a ticket by two plain clothes inspectors.

When I got off the ferry I used the card and it was fine.

I went to a hearing. The hearing officer ascertained that my card was valid and had money on it, and in fact I had paid for the ride at Bowling Green. But I lost and was fined.

I went to an appeal hearing, and lost again.

Then the Legal Aid Society took my case and we appealed through the courts. We lost again.

Then we appealed to the Appellate Court.

I went to that hearing before four judges, two of them from Brooklyn. They commented on the size of the fine (\$60) - "That is, let's see, 40 rides for the appellant" - and asking the MTA whether it was REALLY their opinion that a 74-year-old man who boards a bus in February and the farebox doesn't work, and it is subsequently proved that there is nothing wrong with his card and that it has money on it - is REALLY guilty of fare-beating? "Yes, your honor." "No further questions!"

We won. "Under the unique facts and circumstances of this particular case" I was not guilty.

The lawyer is unhappy that the Appeals judges did not say under what circumstances, but I believe it establishes an important principle: The fact that your Metrocard doesn't work does not in itself mean you are a fare-beater.

Happy new year -- Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

**Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth
Area Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

Attendance

John Guzzo, Chairman
Paul Sorocco
Kathy Friedman
Maria Mihailos
Robert Cucco
Robert Gibbs
Audrey Solomon
Phyllis Zito
Alfred D'Albero
Joe Carroll
Michael DeCataldo

Office Staff

Joseph Carroll, District Manager

Open/Pledge

PRESENTATIONS

Library

- 1254 Bay Street – **Royal Relay Spa**
Rezoning Plan submitted by Rosebank.

- **Mt. Manresa** – Plans to build were rejected but are not a permanent fix.

- **North Side of Hylan Blvd.** - Need to put arrows showing lane ending.

- **1 Bang Place** - Tree hitting house. Call Parks Dept.

Minutes of the CB #1 Youth Committee meeting

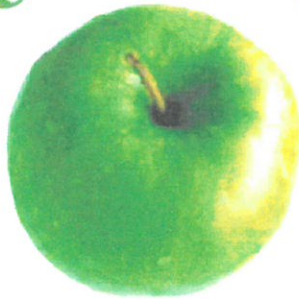
held Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Brighton Heights Reformed Church 320 St. Marks Place at 7pm

Members in attendance: Kelly Vilar, Meggin Juraska, Donna Mazzella, Ernest Paige, Susan Master, Simone Richards, Daniel Williams, Fern Metcalf, Tammy Greer Brown, Neil Berry, Kathy Vidal, Celeste Holmes Vistors: Carmen Abercrombie, Tanisha Perry, Debbie Ann Paige, Kevin Elkins, Grace Loiacono, Grace Dwyer, Ian Yamda, Christina Visconti

- Ms. Kelly Vilar opened the meeting by summarizing the evening's agenda. Her comments included plans for robust discussions regarding the recent Cromwell Symposium, the New York City budget, the North Shore Youth Agenda, the Truly Organic Community Garden Project, and the Staten Island Green Charter School.
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Kevin of the City Comptroller's Office discussed the NYC Comptrollers Report on budgetary concerns regarding youth and families as it relates to incoming presidential administration's campaign promises and NYC as a "Sanctuary City". Elkins encouraged concerned citizens to express their priorities. Kelly followed-up by encouraging attendees to be proactive regarding possible budget cuts.
- Kelly discussed the latest Staten Island North Shore Youth Agenda draft for fiscal year 2018. The purpose of the agenda is focus the community and elected officials on youth issues and the need for funding. Building more public schools, rebuilding the Cromwell Recreation Center and the creation/expansion of youth leadership opportunities, improving district-wide opportunities for youth participating in organized sports and expanding opportunities for performance and visual arts were all cornerstones of previous agendas as well. A new Cromwell Center anchoring the MERC was also highlighted. Kelly shared she had recently participated in a boat tour around Staten Island and discovered for herself how damaging Staten Island's own environment has a multitude of contaminants with no studies on it impact to the residents of the borough. With a disproportionate number of youth diagnosed with autism, learning challenges and the the highest proportion in NYC with LEDs and/or enrolled in special education, there needs to be a means for our community to properly examine if there is in fact a connection and obtain a definitive answer to this from a reliable and scientific source. Ms. Debbie Paige suggested the group reach out to NYS legislators who specializes in the environment and environment racism. Another addition to the North Shore Youth 2018 agenda is the attention given to the absence of legislation in the North Shore that ties residential development to school seats. The North Shore should have parity with the South Shore which has such protection in place.
- Kelly shared that Ms. Carole Reiss, founder of the Staten Island Green Charter School, received formal approval of the opening of the charter school. They are currently scouting location for their school.

- In the recent past, October 21, 2016 the Youth Committee teamed with Staten Island Arts for the Cromwell Visioning Symposium, a visual representation to the Rebuild Cromwell effort.
- Kelly spoke briefly about the success of the Youth Social Justice series at Brighton Heights Reformed Church. Participants explored their social consciousness regarding race, bullying and other issues challenging our youth.
- Representative from Truly Organic Community Garden Project explained the benefits of organic food and growing organic produce in urban settings. The project is seeking partnerships with organizations including NYCHA to reach a larger audience regarding their message and making fresh organic produce readily available to urban consumers. Debbie Paige suggested that they consider enlisting the support of military veterans.
- **A motion was seconded and passed that the Youth Committee will request that the full body of Community Board 1 provide Truly Organic Community Garden Project a letter of support.**
- **Another motion was seconded and passed accepting the Staten Island North Shore Youth Agenda for NYC fiscal year 2018.**
- Meeting was adjourned.

Truly Organic



Community Garden Project

With "Sharing The Best" Outreach Mission in Partnership with "American Homes Group"

Organic We Need From The Soil To The Seed

Dear Community Board No. 1,

We thank you for your interest in standing behind Staten Island's first "Truly Organic Community Garden Project" and Movie Documentary.

The Truly Organic Community Garden will enlist local residents to grow fruits and vegetables without the use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, GMOs or chemical fertilizers. The initial materials will be paid for by corporate and individual donors.

We're asking that you accept the invitation to become our first **Truly Organic Community Garden Ambassadors**.

We are presently waiting confirmation from NYCHA for use of the land on Cleveland Avenue (Block 51 Lot 1), Staten Island. The plan is to transform this wasted space into a lush oasis filled with affordable organic food by the Summer of 2017.

The garden will provide the community with organic produce at extremely affordable prices. The profits will circulate back into the garden. In addition to many other benefits, the garden will offer nutritional supplementation for those who depend on local food pantries.

THE MISSION... To spread the word about the importance of organic food and to create a Truly Organic Community Garden Model that other communities across

America especially low income communities, senior communities and churches can emulate. The American Cancer Society reported that exposure to pesticides is linked to an increased cancer risk, including breast cancer, prostate cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma. We simply believe that everyone has a right to eat pesticide and GMO Free!

The People Behind The Project (So Far)

THE EXECUTIVE TEAM - The Truly Organic Garden Community Project is a "Sharing The Bliss" Outreach Mission. The project is being spearheaded by Carmen Abercrombie (founder and CEO), assisted by Ms. Tanisha Necole Perry (Project Manager) and American Homes Group Realty (Project Partner).

THE CREATIVE TEAM - includes the Truly Organic Garden Community Project's **Movie Documentary Crew**, John Paul Learn Garden Designer (Urban Garden Designer, Consultant, Farm-to-Table Celebrity Chef and owner of Mandala Farms) Anthony Abercrombie Artistic Director (Artist, Photographer, Teacher, Webmaster and CEO of Abercrombie Art).

THE SUPPORT TEAM - The Truly Organic Community Garden Project is operated through the support of many wonderful people. The garden construction and materials will be paid for by our **Corporate Sponsors** and individual **Legacy of Love Donors**. Labor tasks will be performed by our **Garden Team and Garden Team Leaders** lovingly known as "Wellness Warriors". All administrative tasks will be performed by our **Administrative Team**. We will invite our community leaders, churches and groups to become **Truly Organic Community Garden Ambassadors** whose role will be to spread the word and help us enlist volunteers.

Blissfully Yours,
Carmen Abercrombie (Founder) & Tanisha Perry (STB Outreach Missions Manager)

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