

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2018-7:30

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Accornero, Vincent
Ahlstrom, Joe
Ameen-Rice, Anjail
Beslow, Larry
Bird, Joseph
Brown, Telee
Cauldwell, Loretta
Ciluffo, Anastasia
Cosentino, Anthony
Delmar, Megan
Doyle, George
Duff, Claudette
Eskenas, Linda
Forsyth, Timothy
Gillen, Victoria
Guzzo, John
Holmes, Celeste
Holst, Robert
Jain, Sunny
Lattanzio, Lisa M
Light, Norman
Marco, Priscilla
McBeth, John
Minsky, Pearl
Mohan, Radharkrishn
Ogbewele, Friday
Olaf, Olsen
Paige, Ernest
Paradiso, Catherine
Poirer, Amy
Rooney, Chris
Scaturi, Anthony
Siclari, Nicholas
Sona, George
Tale, Hakan
Turner, George
Washington, Kevin
Williams, Daniel
Zarrelli, Camille
Zion, Bob
Zvegintzov, Nicholas

GUESTS

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor DeBlasio, CAU
Donald DeRosa, Rep. NYC Comptroller Stringer
Rowland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Facility
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks and Recreation

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call attendance was taken, quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept November 2018 Board Minutes.

Mr. Larry Beslow presented Ms. Heather Butts with a certificate of Recognition for the creation and maintenance of the Hill Street Garden.

Mr. Nicolas Circharo, Department of Sanitation gave a presentation regarding snow removal. There were many complaints regarding the last snow storm and the amount of travel time it took to travel.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Bianca Cabrera spoke of a proposed Proxima Academy School for K-8 Charter School for students on the North Shore. Presentations were given already to the Board and to the Youth Committee. Flyers were left for everyone to view. For more information go to: www.proximaacademy.org

Priscilla Marco spoke regarding Sandy Carles. His son has a very rare form of cancer, there is a go fund me page and asked donations to help off-set some of their travel and medical costs.

Mr. Nicholas Zvegintzov asked if anyone knew who was selling Girl Scout cookies, he needs thin mints.

Ms. Jaclyn Massa requested that a speed camera be installed at P.S. 65, on St. Paul's Avenue and Grant Street.

Ms. Kelly Vilar read a poem that she wrote regarding the Bay Street Corridor, Cromwell and Santa Nick
PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Next month, January 8, 2019 at 6:15 P.M. the Land Use Public Hearing on the Bay Street Corridor applications are going to be heard. At 7:30 P.M. we will call the Full Board Meeting to order, take roll call attendance, let anyone speak under the public session on anything other than the Bay Street Corridor. A motion will be made to suspend the rules and continue with the Land Use Public Hearing. Chairman Siclari asked everyone to review the applications that were previously sent. Written testimony is encouraged and requested to be submitted prior to the Meeting.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney wished everyone happy holidays.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY – FRIDAY OGBEWELE – Mr. Ogbewe also wished everyone happy holidays.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The Treasurer's report is in the packet. Mr. Beslow wished everyone happy holidays.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – Ms. Rice was glad that attendance has improved at the board meeting, and asked that it continue to the area and functional meetings.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Chairman Siclari was also happy to see attendance has improved, wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Siclari reminded everyone that next month on January 8, 2018 the Land Use Public Hearing for the Bay Street Corridor will begin at 6:15 P.M. The Board Meeting will start at 7:30 where Roll call attendance will be taken, public session for anyone that wants to speak on any issue other than the Bay Street Corridor. A motion will then be made to suspend the rules to continue the Land Use Public Hearing. A full Board vote will take place at the end of the meeting. It is very important that everyone reads the documents that were sent to them regarding the Bay Street Corridor applications.

Many members expressed disapproval that the sanitation garage and 51 Stuyvesant Place was lumped into the applications.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll wished everyone a happy holiday.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – Mr. Accornero reported there was no land use applications submitted. Mr. Accornero reiterated regarding the Bay Street Corridor Public Hearing on January 8, 2019. Mr. Accornero had previously arranged for two walking tours of the areas of the Bay Street Corridor and hoped everyone took advantage of it. He further urged everyone to read the applications that were previously sent out so everyone is well informed for the hearing. We are also asking for written testimony be submitted prior to the meeting. We would like to incorporate some of the testimony with our submission to the City Planning Commission, in addition to know in advance what the community's thoughts are.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – There is a report in the packet. **A hand vote was taken and passed unanimously to send a letter to the NYC DOT supporting the request by the P.S. 65 P.T.A. for additional street calming measures on St. Paul's Avenue, including a permanent speed camera at P.S. 65 near Grant Street.**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – Ms. Poirer spoke of feeding veterans around the Thanksgiving holidays. With the help of many elected officials including Jenny Fischman from the District Attorney's Office many veterans were served food during the Thanksgiving holidays and thanked everyone who was involved. In addition Ms. Poirer thanked everyone that brought pajamas into the Board Meeting tonight for children in the hospital or that are in the ACS system, they are needed. Lastly, Ms. Poirer invited everyone to the 120th Community Council tomorrow night, December 12, 2018 at the 120th Pct. at 5:30 P.M.

WATFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No meeting, no report. There will be a meeting scheduled in January.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Hopefully with the next storm there will be no issues with Sanitation. If anyone has any sanitation issues please speak to Mr. Jain.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – **A hand vote was taken and approved unanimously to send a letter of support for the Proxima School to be located in Community Board #1.**

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS, BOB ZION, No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Ms. Minsky asked for help from members to try to get the talent show going for 6th – 12 grades.

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN, PRISCILLA MARCO – Ms. Gillen submitted the following for consideration to be added to the recommendation for the Bay Street Corridor from the Labor Committee:

Bay Street Corridor: Conditions for Consideration

- *Legally enforceable, verifiable "commitment" plan with anticipated implementation timelines
- *City should provide necessary resources and tools for training, job placement & business plan development targeted to area
- *Environmental remediation: require local hire, career-path quality training (the benefit goes beyond BSC: potentially many similar jobs on our Island)
- *Local hiring for local residents; secondary focus on Staten Islanders
- *MWBE commitment - 50%
- *Job creation must include opportunities for people with disabilities
- *Create Local Employment Network to facilitate connections to jobs
- *any proposals to relocate land uses which could potentially limit the value of residential developments (car repair, heavy manufacturing, et al.) must mindfully consider impact on other residential districts. Additional resources are needed for enforcement Island-wide
- * NYC Economic Development Corp., Small Business Services, and the SI Chamber of Commerce should be joined by all stakeholders, including local community development groups and unions.
- *Community Board 1 Labor Committee must play an active role in considerations of economic impact/job creation.
- *Reach out to 1199: recent studies indicate growth in health care; 1199 apprentice programs are an upward career path; Staten Island needs a HOSPITAL.
- *Existing industrial stock could be repurposed as light manufacturing/Artist-in-Residence - not demo-ed for another URBY. Those buildings, along with our waterfront, are essential elements of our area's heritage.
- * The Bay Street Corr. plan focuses on HOUSING - and retail/commercial. The future for Retail is shaky, at best, and does not provide a living wage, let alone upward career paths.
- *housing maintenance: hire/train/certify local (for example, FDNY "Certificate of Fitness" for superintendents)
- *Transportation: in July DCP released a report which basically says look west of the Hudson for jobs... include transportation to New Jersey? Along those lines, how about a ferry to the new Amazon HQ?

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – Ms. Delmar reported on White Playground and Parks without Borders of lowering the fences around parks to 4 feet. At the meeting the residents in the area were opposed.

In addition Mr. Zvegintzov reported on the comfort station at Tompkinsville Park which is to be demolished. Therefore the following two letters are requested to be sent:

ITALIANATE STRUCTURE, TOMPKINSVILLE PARK

To Parks Commissioner, Borough Parks Commissioner, Mayor (etc.)

Should not demolish the 1931 Italianate structure in Tompkinsville Park, without first:

1. A plan for abating the blight of a demolished area
2. An estimate of the cost of demolition
3. An estimate of the cost of maintenance (e.g., roof repair).

The threatened structure is a five-sided 'temple' built in 1931 with Italian crafts, with cut stone base, carved Venetian windows, cast-iron lanterns, and Mediterranean tile roof. The proposal to demolish is not thought through, has no cost estimate, has no plan for re-design or replacement, and will add to blight in Tompkinsville Park.

Hand vote taken, vote passed unanimously.

WHITE PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS

To Parks Commissioner, Borough Parks Commissioner

The Parks Committee supports the White Playground renovations.

The Committee supports Parks without Borders as has been the case for all the other renovated Parks. However, the committee wants the Commissioner to know that there was extreme opposition to the 4 foot fence at White Playground, just as there was extreme opposition in all the other renovated parks.

Hand vote taken, vote passed unanimously.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES – The meeting has been moved back to Mt. Carmel Hall, 36 Amity Street. There will be no meeting in December.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND/ELM PARK, JOHN MCBETH – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Anjail Ameen-Rice is going to send an amendment to the minutes. There is information missing and the Chairman; John McBeth had an excused absence from the meeting. There will be no meeting in December.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – There will be no meeting in December and the January 2019 meeting will be with the Land Use Committee meeting on the 8th regarding the Bay Street Corridor.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – There was no meeting in November and will not be meeting in December. The committee will meet in January 2019 with the Land Use Committee on the 8th regarding the Bay Street Corridor.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH – There was no meeting in November and will not be meeting in December. The committee will meet January 16, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House.

Old business

New business

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.