

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2019-7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joseph Ahlstrom
Ali Mir Masum
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow, Excused
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown, Excused
Sandy Carles
Loretta Cauldwell
Anastasia Ciluffo
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar, Excused
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victory Gillen
John Guzzo, Excused
Celeste Holmes
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radharkrishn
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer
Fran Reali
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
James Samuels, Excused
Anthony Scutari
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona, Excused
Hakan Tale
George Turner
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Bob Zion
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor DeBlasio, CAU
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Yvette Fall, Rep. Congressman Rose
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Brandon Stratford, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Bill Matarazzo, Chief of Staff, Rep. Senator Lanza
Andrew Craford, Rep. District Attorney McMahon
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA
Jermaine Williams, Dept. of Mental Health and Hygiene
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Resident
Robert Gibbs, New York Public Library, St. George
Joe Helferty, SI Department of City Planning
Jack Bolembach, Serpentine Arts and Nature Commons
Mario Buongsio, Port Richmond Resident
Daniel Penrose, Cecilia Court

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting. The following agenda items were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

An application has been submitted to the City Planning Commission, Application Nos. N 190057 ZAR & N 190058 ZAR to authorize enlargement to the existing athletic facility, which contains the Wagner College Stadium including the football field, a practice field, track and field facilities, parking lot, grandstand, training rooms and the locker rooms of the existing sports complex at **636 Howard Avenue** in a Special Hillside Preservation District.

Mr. Michael DeRuvo representing 636 Howard Avenue explained Wagner College is proposing construction of a stadium, practice field, grandstand and new locker room facilities and various field improvements. No trees will be removed.

There were no objections from the public in attendance.

An application has been submitted to the Board of Standards –BSA No. 822-59-BZ – request for an amendment to the existing automotive service station to convert the existing 1,794 square foot building to a convenience store at **1774 Victory Blvd.**

Ms. Elyse Folagdale representing 1774 the application is to amend the existing automotive service station to convert the existing 1,794 square foot building to a convenience store.

There were no objections from the public in attendance.

An application has been submitted to the City Planning Commission, Application Nos. N 190105, N 190106 ZAR, N 190107 ZAR, N 190108 ZAR and N 190109 ZAR - Application to authorize development and modifications for two single-family detached homes at **43 and 47 Cecilia Court** within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Mr. Michael Sanna, R.A. representing 43 and 47 Cecilia Court explained they were requesting to build two 3 story with cellar single family homes with garages.

Mr. Sanna explained the application, which included the modification of the private road which would permit the occupants of both of the homes and existing residences to the south to turn around and exist the 16' private road width to Howard Avenue. It will also provide emergency service turnaround and fire protection for all the residences fronting Cecilia Court due to the installation of the proposed private water main and fire hydrants. The roadway will be increase from 30' to 60' in diameter, which will be a cul-de-sac. A gabion wall will be installed to support the increase in road.

The Board of Standards & Appeals and the Fire Department were accepted the plans.

There were a number of residents in the area from Serpentine Arts and Nature Commons, adjoining homeowners and John Garcia HOA President and a member of the Serpentine Arts and Nature Commons lives below the proposed homes off Van Duzer Street.

Mr. Garcia stated there is significant water run off already and flooding of basements. Neil Pisane and Dan Pisane and Daniel Remine of the Grymes Hill Homeowners Association were against the proposal as well stating that the trees and vegetation act as a sponge to runoff water from the hillside. In addition all of the residents stated that the serpentine rock should not be disturbed, once airborne it is very dangerous.

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

City Planning Commission , Application Nos. N 190057 ZAR & N 190058 ZAR to authorize enlargement to the existing athletic facility, which contains the Wagner College Stadium including the football field, a

practice field, track and field facilities, parking lot, grandstand, training rooms and the locker rooms of the existing sports complex at **636 Howard Avenue** in a Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call taken of the Land Use Committee – Vote passed 9-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Board of Standards –BSA No. 822-59-BZ – request for an amendment to the existing automotive service station to convert the existing 1,794 square foot building to a convenience store at **1774 Victory Blvd.**

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken of the Land Use committee – Vote passed 10-0-0.

City Planning Commission, Application Nos. N 190105, N 190106 ZAR, N 190107 ZAR, N 190108 ZAR and N 190109 ZAR - Application to authorize development and modifications for two single-family detached homes at **43 and 47 Cecilia Court** within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken of the Land Use committee –Vote passed 6-4-0.

Land Use Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken.

Motion made and seconded to accept January 2019 Board Minutes, motion approved.

Chairman Siclari thanked everyone for coming out in the bad weather.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Joseph Helferty, SI Department of City Planning gave an update on the on the timeline for the Bay Street Corridor. The Land Use Application is currently under review at the Borough President's Office. City Planning will be holding the Public Hearing on February 27, 2019 at 120 Broadway at 10:00 AM. You can also submit testimony on line or in writing.

Victoria Gillen mentioned that we need homes for the homeless not shelters. All shelters should have a "sunset" Provision.

Mario Buongsio spoke against the homeless shelter located at 44 Victory Blvd. Mr. Buongsio further mentioned that Port Richmond is oversaturated with social services.

Jack Bolembach spoke about the dysfunction of the homeless shelters; the homeless population should be more evenly spread out and not congregated with 200 families at one site.

Jermaine Williams, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene spoke about murals being painted at schools for healthy eating etc. more commercials against cigarettes smoking and sugar beverages. Lastly, any child under 5 must get flu vaccinations to enter a day care or pre-k program.

Yvette Fall representing Congressman Max Rose stated he is standing by the community against the proposed homeless shelter. Ms. Fall announced that the House of Representatives passed the Congressman's Amendment to the Access to Childcare which expands childcare coverage.

Mr. Andrew Craford representing District Attorney Michael McMahon has taken Jenny Fischman's position since she has moved to New Orleans. Mr. Craford mentioned the DA was able to convict a drug dealer of manslaughter for selling drugs that directly lead to a person's overdose. This is the first time this has happened all of NY. This will set a precedent. Mr. Craford also reported on the lives that were saved with Narcan. If anyone is struggling with drug addiction or knows someone that is struggling please contact the District Attorney's Office, we will get them the help they need.

Mr. Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Rose mentioned the participatory budget has begun. Volunteers are needed to work poll sites. The voting will begin March 30, 2019 to April 7, 2019. We will arrange a location near to your house. A lot of great proposals have been submitted.

Mr. Robert Gibbs from the St. George Library spoke of 2 events – "Singing in the 60's" 6 week session geared to adults 50 and over, all are welcome which starts on March 23rd from 2-4. On February 27, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. the library will be hosting a business resource fair. Flyers were available for both events.

Mr. Daniel Pisane spoke against the proposal for 43 and 47 Cecilia which was presented and voted on prior to the meeting this evening. The trees and vegetation act as a sponge to runoff water from the hillside. In addition all of the residents stated that the serpentine rock should not be disturbed, once airborne it is very dangerous. A written statement was submitted and on file at the Board Office.

Mr. Dorian President of the St. George Civic Association thanked everyone for the support against the homeless shelter. The homeless do not need to be warehoused in a gigantic facility. The St. George Civic Association will be holding a meeting tomorrow night, February 13, 2019 – 7:30 at Curtis H.S.

Mr. Daniel Remine spoke for Serpentine Arts and Nature Commons, Van Duzer Civic and the Grymes Hill Association against the proposal for 43-47 Cecilia Court for two homes to be built where there is 88% sever slope in the Hillside Preservation District.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, MEGAN DELMAR – Ms. Delmar was not in attendance, she is ill. Mr. Chris Rooney presented Community Board #1 response to the Mayor's FY 2020 preliminary budget as follows;

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Community Board 1 represents Staten Island's North Shore and has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life for our residents. This encompasses increased affordable housing, expanded youth and senior services, upgrading the mass transit and street transit system, adding school seats and improving the waterfront.

CB1 is grateful Sanitation 1 is being relocated to Fresh Kills and that HHC has placed a clinic in Clifton; however, there are major aspects of our budget requests that have been unresolved.

Parks

The funding for Cromwell Center cannot be attached to the Bay Street Corridor. The Center should be held harmless since its reconstruction has been so greatly muddled over the years and since its cost will drain corridor funding if included.

Every Park should have a bathroom or portable toilets as well as water fountains and parks with facilities and should be staffed during regular park hours.

Parks should have a base line capital budget of \$100 million to end the game of getting local elected to pay for park projects out of their budgets.

The North Shore Greenway needs to be designed and built.

With the inception of "Parks without Borders," more PEP officers are required.

HHC

The Corporation must be provided 5% of the tax-levy capital budget to be given to the Island's two health care systems to address the inequity of the lack of an HHC hospital facility on Staten Island.

EDC

The site of the failed NY Wheel, which NYC refused to help, must become a tour de force economic development site to enhance the growth engendered by the Empire Outlets and to provide local businesses the opportunity to flourish.

The Corporation needs to go beyond considering and fund the project to improve truck access, a new pier and an expansion of NY Container Port.

Schools

The district has an identified need for elementary and middle school capacity. Therefore, sites must be selected and such schools built.

FDNY

The Bay Street Corridor and Empire Outlet projects coupled with increased response time make the siting of a fire house with the Bay Street area essential.

NYPD

The increase in population, drug activity and certain other crimes coupled with the congestion at the current 120th make it important to develop the new Hill Street property for a precinct.

HRA

While shelter service funding is adequate, more money is needed on prevention programs.

As domestic violence increases, the DA needs to be funded to increase the Borough's push-back.

DOT

The confluence of Amazon and other warehouses near the Container Port has created a congestion issue that needs to be resolved by providing a separate entrance into the port.

Smart lights, better signal algorithms, sequential signals and turning lanes are needed to ease congestion at traffic choke points.

SBS routes need to be created in ways that isolate the busses from traffic congestion.

Bus shelters should be redesigned with this Borough in mind. Since SI lacks the luxury of wide sidewalks, the generic design used by the Agency does not work and are commuters are left to the elements.

DYCD

Provide youth development, senior services, literacy programing and youth and adult recreation in a community center built or leased in the Park Hill Community.

DEP

The sewer system along the Bay Street Corridor must be upgraded if the proposed ULURP is to succeed.

LIBRARIES

CB1 has spent the last twenty years advocating for a library in Rosebank. In a neighborhood bereft of schools and a growing young population, this is unconscionable.

DFTA

The rise in crime against the aged requires an increased commitment from NYC to protect them.

These are CB1's major unaddressed concerns in your preliminary 2020 budget and we hope you will review these requests in a more positive way before final budget adoption.

Hand vote taken, vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Rooney presented the City-Wide Statement of Needs:

Dear Ms. Lago:

Community Board 1, SI, thanks you for this opportunity to comment on the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY 2020-2021.

Infrastructure

Community Board 1 is supportive of and grateful for the relocation of Sanitation 1 to Fresh Kills.

Public Safety

Community Board 1 recommends the relocation of NYPD's Special Victims' Office to One Edgewater Plaza.

CB1 also recommends the location of NYPD's Raise the Age HQ to 60 Bay Street.

CB1 recommends siting the NYPD Medical District Office in space at the main building at the Bayley Seton Hospital site.

CB1 recommends constructing a facility for the K9 Unit in Fresh Kills Park.

Motion made and seconded to approve the City-Wide Statement of Needs for 2020-2021.

Roll call vote taken, Vote passed 37-1-0.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – The Staten Island Notre Dame Club will be holding a food drive at Farrell High School on April 13, 2019. Community Board #3 will be holding their meeting on the proposed shelter for Mount Loretta at Woodrow Methodist Church; 7:00 P.M. they would like as many people to come as possible.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VICNENT ACCORNERO – The following items were heard at a Public Hearing tonight prior to the Board Meeting. All items were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

City Planning Commission , Application Nos. N 190057 ZAR & N 190058 ZAR to authorize enlargement to the existing athletic facility, which contains the Wagner College Stadium including the football field, a practice field, track and field facilities, parking lot, grandstand, training rooms and the locker rooms of the existing sports complex at **636 Howard Avenue** in a Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call taken of the Land Use Committee – Vote passed 9-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Roll call vote taken of the Board, vote passed to approve the application 29-7-1.

Board of Standards –BSA No. 822-59-BZ – request for an amendment to the existing automotive service station to convert the existing 1,794 square foot building to a convenience store at **1774 Victory Blvd.**

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken of the Land Use committee – Vote passed 10-0-0.

Roll call vote taken of the Board, vote passed unanimously 38-0-0.

City Planning Commission , Application Nos. N 190057 ZAR & N 190058 ZAR to authorize enlargement to the existing athletic facility, which contains the Wagner College Stadium including the football field, a

practice field, track and field facilities, parking lot, grandstand, training rooms and the locker rooms of the existing sports complex at **636 Howard Avenue** in a Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call taken of the Land Use Committee – Vote passed 9-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Roll call vote taken of the Board, vote passed unanimously 38-0-0.

City Planning Commission, Application Nos. N 190105, N 190106 ZAR, N 190107 ZAR, N 190108 ZAR and N 190109 ZAR - Application to authorize development and modifications for two single-family detached homes at **43 and 47 Cecilia Court** within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken of the Land Use committee –Vote passed 6-4-0

There was a long discussion regarding the authorization.

Motion to approve failed.

Motion made and seconded to deny application and to continue to respect the Hillside Preservation District.

Roll call vote taken of Board, vote passed 29-7-1.

Mr. Accornero mentioned he has been contacted by a few parties that are interested in building “the Wheel”

Motion made and seconded to send a letter to the Mayor and CC: NYC EDC strongly requesting that an RFEI be sent out requesting a new developer for “The Wheel”

Hand vote taken, vote passed 33-4-0.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – On April 30, 2019, 7:00 P.M., Christ Church will be sponsoring a group of doctors for Vegetarian, Vegans and plant based life.

Gotham Health is looking to extend their evening hours. They are in need of physicians to fill the spots.

WATERFORD, OLE OLSEN – No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Mr. Jain commended the Department of Sanitation for their expedience of the cleanup at the last snow storm.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – No meeting, no report.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS AFFAIRS, BOB ZION – No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Ms. Minsky mentioned the schools have no money and there is still difficulty getting the talent show started.

LABOR, PRISCILLA MARCO/VICTORIA GILLEN – A meeting was held this evening prior to the Board Meeting, NYC EDC was in attendance and presented NYC Freight. Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – The Parks Department attended the February 7, 2019 Parks Meeting and would like to rehabilitate the bathrooms located at Prall Intermediate School.

There was no objection to sending the letter.

In addition a presentation was given for a statue from Venice Italy be placed on the grounds of the Garibaldi Museum at 420 Tompkins Avenue.

Reverse roll call vote taken to send a letter to the Landmark Preservation Commission of no objection, vote passed 32-0-1.

CIVIC COMMITTEE, VICTORIA GILLEN – A meeting has been scheduled for February 26, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office. The committee will be addressing traffic and enforcement issues.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/ShORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The committee met jointly with the Parks Committee. Report under Parks.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – The Report is in the packet.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The report is in the packet.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No meeting, no report.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEGIH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH – The report is in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS – Ms. Minsky mentioned cars are available for access-a-ride instead of the mini buses they have, you have to request it and, pay an additional \$5.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.