

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA –THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2018 7:30 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.
****PLEASE NOTE: BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY****

SESSION OPENING

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

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to volunteers of Helping Others obtain Possibilities Through Horses (HOOPH).

The Department of Consumer Affairs will give a brief presentation on free tax preparation.

Ms. Leticia Remauro will give a brief presentation on a proposed Hebrew School in Community Board #1.

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
- Health/Human Services, Catherine Paradiso
- Waterfront, Ole Olsen
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kelly Vilar
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Rooney
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Veterans, Bob Zion
- Labor, Victoria Gillen/Anthony Scutari
- Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar
- Civic – Victoria Gillen
- Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow
- West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Camille Zarrelli/Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo
- Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

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 #1
TREASURER'S REPORT – FY 2018

February 2018

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/18</u>	<u>USED TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 - Supplies	\$ 1,595.00	811.78	783.22
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	0	200.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	200.00	950.00
117 - Postage	200.00	0	200.00
199 - Data Processing Supplies	450.00	0	450.00
314 - Office Furniture	140.00	0	140.00
315 - Office Equipment	250.00	264.55	14.55
332 - Data Processing Equipment	294.00	200.00	94.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	300.00	189.95	110.05
400 - Contractual Services	1,500.00	800.00	700.00
40B - Communication	3,013.00*	0	3,013.00*
403 - Office Services	150.00	0	150.00
412 - Equipment Rental	3,470.00*	863.10	2,606.90
451 - Carfare	800.00	540.22	268.80
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	500.00	189.95	259.78
622 - Contractor	5,000.00	2,720.00	2,280.00
TOTAL:	\$18,999.85	\$ 6,779.55	\$12,220.30

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

Larry Beslow, CB1 Treasurer

*Encumbered for FY 2018 Contracts

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MOTION TO BE PRESENTED TO FULL BOARD
FEBRUARY 15, 2018

CB1 urges the MTA to advance the long-needed improvement of Staten Island bus service by:

1. Implementing the Express Bus Redesign to improve the frequency, speed, and availability of express buses by reducing delays on congested local-street routes.
2. Initiating the Staten Island Local Bus Study for improving the frequency, availability, reliability, and convenience of local buses by simplifying routes, providing cross-island connections, and linking work, retail, and community centers throughout the island.
3. Improving off-island linkages by frequent and quick cross-bridge connector buses.

Items 1 and 2 are the MTA's long promised SI Bus Study. Item 3 seems to fall between them but is also needed.

The strategy with this motion is to combine with CB2 and CB3 (if possible), with the NYC Comptroller (recent report *The Other Transit Crisis: How to Improve the NYC Bus System*), with the SI Borough President, and maybe others, to put pressure on the MTA to get active on this.

SI has a unique need and a unique opportunity to improve the buses while the other Boroughs are more focused on subways.

St. George/West Brighton Area Committee
January 16, 2018
Walker Park Tennis House
50 Bard Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310

Meeting Minutes

Community Board Members Present

Loretta Cauldwell- Chair
Chris Rooney
Linda Eskenas
Bob Zion
Anthony Cosentino
Nicholas Zvegintzov
Nicholas Siclari – CB 1 Board Chair

Non Board Members

Diana Caughell
Ernie Sellitto
Andrew Dorman

Guests

Troy McGhie – Councilmember Debi Rose
Steven Williams

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15
- Pledge of allegiance
- Liquor Licenses

Renewals: -

- Duffy's — no issues - Approved
- Community Concerns
 - Ponding on Delafield Avenue from Hoyt to N. Mada. There are markings on the curb around Delafield Ave and N. Mada Ave, and Delafield and Bard Ave. Concern if markings indicate drainage work. If so, it needs to be done at Hoyt and Delafield also. Pictures were submitted including ducks enjoying the ponding.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee

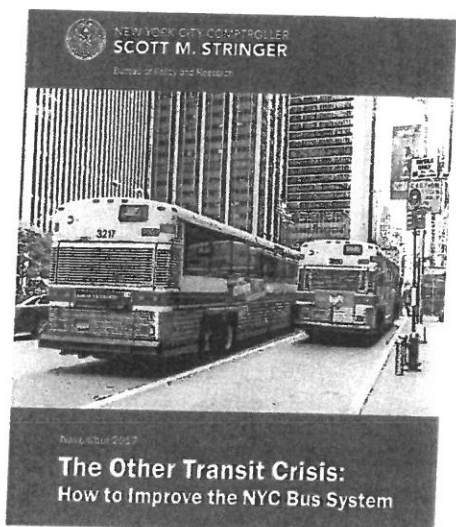
Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov

Report of February 15, 2018

1. No formal meeting in January or February

2. Buses

The Other Transit Crisis: How to Improve the NYC Bus System...



...is a new report by the NYC Comptroller's Office that criticizes bus transit across New York City with skill and statistics.

Staten Island's buses are the fastest in the city (11 mph!) but SI also has some of the City's longest and windingest and most unreliable routes (several working CB1).

Routes have not been revised since the 1930's, and do not connect resident areas with work areas.

Many Staten Islanders work with 'non-traditional hours'. In Staten Island at night and evening, 96 percent of bus

routes are infrequent in both directions.

The report's #1 recommendation is: 'The MTA should initiate a comprehensive review of the bus network to better align routes with a changing city'.

Staten Island has a special need for this review because it is so dependent on buses (no subways), and because the MTA has announced (but not initiated) a local bus review.

The Transportation Committee recommends CB1 to join with the other CBs and elected to push for this review.

The Staten Island Express Bus Redesign Project

This MTA project cuts Express Bus time wandering Manhattan and Staten Island, to make more / quicker service on the express part.

Before endorsing this plan we are looking for actual proposed routes and frequencies after feedback from Open Houses throughout Staten Island.

Bus schedule improvements for April 2018

Once again SI led the city, with the S93 (Limited-Stop Service - Weekdays Only, CSI to Bay Ridge) one of the city's big gainers, with improvements at all times of day, including doubling service in the evening.

3. Streets

Staten Island Ferry Terminal Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

This complex plan for the Richmond Terrace / Bay St / Ferry Terminal intersection, one of the most complex in the City, will protect pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic and vice versa. It was endorsed by CB1 on June 17 2017.

Striping and protective barriers have been completed. Pedestrian / bicycle crossing lights will be installed after construction road encroachment on both sides of the ferry terminal abates.

A February 10, 2018 article in the *SI Advance*

(http://www.silive.com/expo/ERRY-2018/02/b70dd91aad/bike_lane_reconfiguration_near.html) faulted the plan for 'forc[ing] bicyclists accessing Bay Street from the St. George ferry terminal to cross multiple lanes of traffic'. The plan does not force lane-crossing, which is inevitable without tunnels or bridges; it has cyclists cross at the same time as pedestrians and at a 90 degree angle to vehicular traffic to enhance predictability, visibility, and safety.

Van Duzer Street Corridor Transportation Improvements

The NYC DOT's plan for relaning, barriers, turns, etc. to increase safety and traffic separation and to decrease speeding on the Van Duzer / St. Paul's / Richmond Road / Targee corridor is essentially complete, and has been accepted with some resident modifications.

Experimental 'speed cushions' which discourage speeding but allow emergency vehicles and buses are still promised. 'We are still in the process of determining which specific locations within the roadway network of the Van Duzer project can accommodate the installation of speed cushions. We hope to have a list of locations soon. If feasibility is determined ahead of the spring, we hope to install them in the beginning of the summer.'

Proposed traffic change: Clove Road and Howard Avenue

PROPOSED CHANGES

Based on traffic counts

- Long term future capital project upgrades:
 - Construct a right turn lane with acquired land
- Short term fix:
 - Eliminate left turns on Clove Road to Tioga Street, and to Howard Avenue
 - Re-align the intersection, and create two through lanes at both approaches



After consultation with stakeholders along Howard Avenue, the NYC DOT proposes to alleviate traffic back-ups at peak times on Clove Road at Howard Avenue (caused by flow to and from the Expressway) by a short term and a long term action:

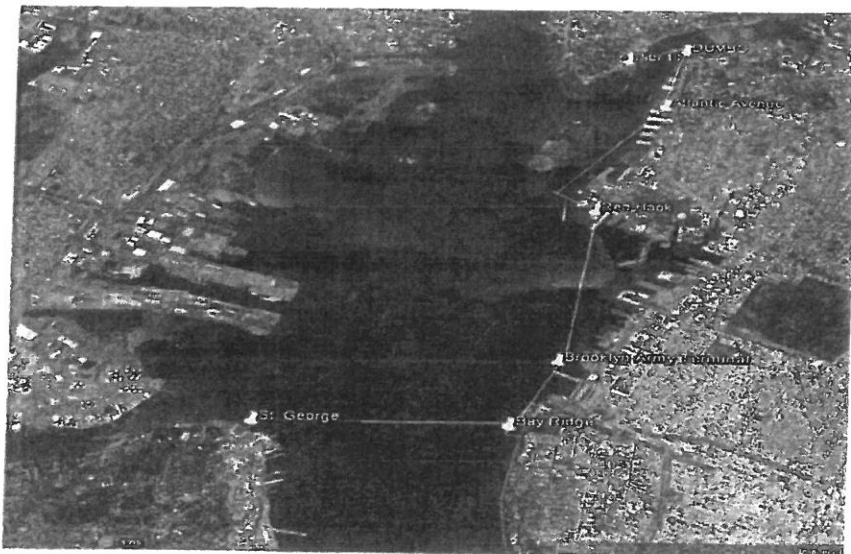
1. Eliminate left turns from Clove Road at Howard Ave / Tioga St, convert both dedicated left turn lanes to through lanes.

2. Acquire a corner of land from Wagner College to add a right turn lane at Clove Road northbound, and make two through lanes.

Colleges, schools, and residents on Howard Avenue also want traffic calming to discourage rat running across Grymes Hill.

4. The NYC Ferry should serve Staten Island

On April 3 2017 CB1 wrote the Mayor that the '5 Borough' NYC Ferry should also serve Staten Island -the South Brooklyn route should be extended to St. George.



This would restore the Brooklyn ferry service lost on Nov 25 1964. Since then it has been a long way to the next Borough - Brooklyn.

NYC EDC replied: 'To continue with meeting our project

timeline, we are focused on launching the service routes that have been identified for 2017 and 2018. As we did in the 2013 study, we will include Staten island in future studies to understand how various locations might best fit into future phases of expansion.'

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

**Port Richmond, Elm Park, Arlington & Mariners Harbor
January 16th, 2018 Minutes**

Attendees

John McBeth: CB1, Local Area Committee Chair

Vincent Accornero: CB1 (absent)
Anjail Ameen-Rice: CB1
Tele Brown: CB1 (absent)
Claudette Duff: CB1 (absent)
Bill Morris: Voting Non-Board Member

Victoria Gillen: CB1
Pearl Minsky: CB1 (absent)
Ali Mir Masum: CB1
George Sona: CB1 (absent)

Stephanie Shavuo: Representing CM Debi Rose. sshavuo@council.nyc.gov, 718.556.7370
Doris Valentin: Camelot of Staten Island, Inc. dvalentin@camelotcounseling.com 718.981.8117
Lt. Steve Vano: FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit 718.281.3870; www.fdnfiresmart.org
Kathleen Sforza: Northfield LDC. 718.442.735; northfieldldc.kathleensforza@gmail.com

Community Members:

Mario Buonvaggio

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Chair's Remarks:

- Ongoing South Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades are on-going; starting to take shape
- National Grid Gas Project – ongoing, work hours 7am to 9pm; anticipate will take 90 days
- Sewer Collapse at Castleton and Nicholas – emergency repairs, street excavated. Will not close it up pending National Grid anticipated work. Est. completion 9/14/2019
- SIEDC remains non-responsive to request for info re “Skyway.”
-CM Rose firmly against: should be transit, not park. Bus Rapid Transit not in the budget;.

PRESENTATION

*FDNY Lt. Vano discussed fire safety program with community outreach: ready to do presentations for different populations. The unit stands ready to “table” community events, or delivers one hour classes on prevention and fire protection plans. Noted that only CO₂/Smoke Detector combinations, with a ten-year battery, are available now. Free detectors and installation may be had by calling 311 or 877.RED.CROSS

*** DEMO/NEW BUILDING PERMITS**

*Demolitions – 6 1/3 & 6 1/2 La Forge Pl.(legalize garage demos); 2121 Richmond Terrace (U-Haul project)
*New Buildings– 189 and 191 Van Name. Two 2-family residences. Currently, application is disapproved.
ALT 1: 1579 Forest – interior alterations, changing use to “supermarket” (was Walgreens)

Liquor License: Renewal

*Bagel Land 1841 Forest Avenue – Approved
*New China 1640 Forest Avenue – Approved

Liquor License: New

Koten's Caribbean & American, 537 Pt. Richmond Ave (formerly Rusty's). Plan to be open 7 days, Mon-Sat 3pm-2am, last call 12:30/1am. Sunday Noon to 10pm. Weather permitting will use open area in the back.

-concern about echo-chamber effect on residential properties abutting the space. Noise "baffles" will be used.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN SESSION

A traffic hazard exists at Brothers Pizzeria, at Van Riper Ave. Chaos when classes are discharged, cars cutting through lot. NYPD should have Traffic Enforcement on hand; past barriers should be emplaced.

205/209 Park Ave (at Castleton) requires a court order for demo of this extremely unsafe collection of buildings. Cannot get action because ownership is unclear.

Daylighting o blocked storefront windows deemed a hardship for small business; NYC Council will not take action.

Holland Avenue has an abandoned school bus; "No Parking" sign is missing.

Plaque for Graniteville Quarry stalled due to placement concerns.

Camelot's Pt. Richmond facility work is pending Oks.

Northfield has \$7,500 left in "Main Street" grants for Pt. Richmond Ave between Harrison and Ann Streets.

A Taco Bell will open at Jewett & Forest Aves.

Announcements:

*Beware ConEd smart meter scam: info is copied from bill; info for payments is changed, allowing theft. Beware of weird phone calls claiming to be ConEd, requests for payment by bitcoin, etc.

*NYPD 121 Pct. Community Council meeting is the 2d Wednesday of each month – next will be February 14th, 7pm, at 970 Richmond Ave (across from Shoprite).

Meeting ended at 9:03

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th, 7pm, at 250 Park Avenue.

WATERFONT COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 30, 2018 – 7:00 BOARD OFFICE

ATTENDANCE

Ole Olsen, Chairman
Loretta Cauldwell, Co-Chair
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth, Excused
James Samuels
Priscilla Marco
Ali Mir Masum
Bob Zion
Joseph Ahlstrom
Anthony Cosentino
Norman Light
Will Fisher, NYC EDC
Sarah Gowell
Marsha Russel
Brandon Stradford, Rep. Councilwoman Rose

The New York City Economic Development Corporation presented plans for Homeport Resiliency and Homeport Pier Rehabilitation for the operations building (former fire pump house and elevated substation and upgrade the electrical service to the fireboat station.

There are plans in the office of the existing conditions and the renovations to be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Ole Olsen