

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING MARCH 23, 2017**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD. – 7:30**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Joseph Ahlstrom  
Ali Mir Masum  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird  
Telee Brown, Excused  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anthony Cosentino, Excused  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle, Excused  
Claudette Duff  
Linda Eskenas  
Thomas Ferrie, Excused  
Timothy Forsyth  
Vickie Fossella  
Victoria Gillen  
John Guzzo  
Celeste Holmes, Excused  
Sunny Jain, Excused  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Norman Light  
Priscilla Marco, Excused  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky  
Mohan Radhakeishna  
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused  
Friday Ogbewe  
Ole Olsen, Leave  
Ernest Paige, Excused  
Catherine Paradiso  
Geraldine Parker, Excused  
Amy Poirer, Excused  
Fran Reali  
Chris Rooney  
Marjorie Ryan  
James Samuels, Excused  
Anthony Scutari  
George Sona  
Hakan Tale, Excused  
George Turner  
Kelly Vilar, Excused  
Kevin Washington  
Daniel Williams  
Camille Zarrelli  
Bob Zion  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Jason Razefsky, Chief of Staff Office of the Borough President  
Laura Timoney, Deputy Director Education Office of Borough President  
Timothy Castanza, Founder Bridge Prep.  
Robert Englert, Land Use Director Office of the Borough President  
Roland Stewart, Office of Borough President James Oddo  
Francine Capeli, Rep. Councilman Steve Matteo  
Angela Miriezi, Rep. MOA Nicole Malliotakis  
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon  
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration  
Jermaine Williams, Human Resources Administration  
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation  
Eileen Ferrie, Skyline Drive  
Theresa Torres, Skyline Drive  
Janice Monger, Director Alice Austen House  
Barbara Sanchez, Committee to Save Mount Manresa  
Laura Cavallery, SI Resident for Bridge Prep.  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park  
David Goldfarb, St. George Resident  
Willie Steiner  
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount  
Michael Squillaro, Rep. Walter Gorman, 1400 Bay Street  
Diana Caughell, Non Board Member West Brighton  
Susan Keag, SI Advance  
Donna Hakim, Board Chairwoman Alice Austen House  
**OFFICE STAFF**  
Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

The following application was heard:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 24-17-BZ - Reinstate variance for the gasoline service station and accessory uses which was granted under cal. # 960-58-BZ at 1400 Bay Street.

The variance expired in August of 2005. The original variance was approved in 1951 and was applied for every 10 years as it expired.

There has been change in ownership a few times. The Board of Standards and Appeals does not notify the applicant if the variance has lapsed. Power Test Realty Company Limited Partnership is the owner of and leases it. They are the company asking for the variance.

Mr. Guzzo stated he is ineligible to vote. The neighborhood does not have any attended gas stations. As stated by the applicant's representative it is needed.

**Public Hearing closed.**

**Land Use Committee Meeting**

**A motion was made and seconded to reinstate variance for a term of 20 years retroactive to 2005 with an option to renew for 10 years in 2025.**

**Roll call vote taken, vote passed 8-0-0 (1 ineligible)**

It was decided that we will request a letter to Board of Standards & Appeals asking them to notify applicants when their variance is going to expire.

**FULL BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept February full board minutes.

Ms. Laura Timoney, Deputy Director of Education, Borough President's James Oddo and Timothy Castanza, founder Bridge Prep made a presentation for a proposal to apply for a charter school for students with dyslexia.

There have been requests from parents, students teachers and the Staten Island community for a school whose classroom staff is trained to recognize and teach students with dyslexia and other language –based learning difficulties.

The school would be called Bridge Preparatory Charter School for Creative Thinkers and would be providing a high quality education for each student while also helping students gain the skills and confidence needed to achieve their full potential by the use of alternative but research-based proven teaching methods.

For further information contact Laura Timoney at [StatenIslandDyslexiaSchool@gmail.com](mailto:StatenIslandDyslexiaSchool@gmail.com)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Donna Hakin, Chairwoman of the Alice Austen Hosue spoke in favor of the proposed parking lot at the Alice Austen House.

Mr. David Goldfarb is on the Board of the Alice Austen House and asked the Board to support the proposal for a parking lot at the Alice Austen House and he noted the land would be used for a homeless shelter.

Mr. Jermaine Williams gave an update on the resources available from the Human Resources Administration.

Ms. Jackie Steiner spoke in favor of the parking lot for the Alice Austen House and was opposed to the 125 Edgewater Applications for the apartment buildings.

Ms. Jenny Fischman introduced a member of the District Attorney's Office and spoke about the drug epidemic in Staten Island and how they are working to curtail the problem.

Ms. Laura Cavallery spoke in favor of Bridge Preparatory Charter School and how much it is needed on Staten Island.

Ms. Meg Ventrudo spoke in favor of the proposed Alice Austen House Parking lot.

Ms. Eileen Ferrie and Theresa Torres spoke opposing a new 72 unit apartment building proposed for Scarborough Avenue.

Janice Monger Executive Director of the Alice Austen House spoke in favor of the proposed Alice Austen House Parking lot.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez spoke about Landmarking St. Mary 's Church on Bay Street.

#### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** - No report.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** - No report.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – No report.

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

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – The Mayor will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April at Prall Intermediate School. Information will follow.

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Mr. Siclari reminded all of the members that it is very important to attend their area and functional committee meetings. Quorums are needed to conduct business. Chairman Siclari, a Farrell High School Alumnus mentioned that himself and Anthony Scutari with many other volunteers collect food from schools etc. sort it out and distribute too many on Staten Island and have started in Brooklyn. Anthony Scutari further mentioned volunteers are always needed to sort food. There is a bread of life food drive on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 7<sup>th</sup> meet at Blessed Sacrament parking lot at 6:30 A.M., 30 Manor Road. On the 8<sup>th</sup> meet at Farrell parking lot at 6:00 A.M.

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – A meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting tonight.

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**A motion was made and seconded to reinstate variance for a term of 20 years retroactive to 2005 with an option to renew for 10 years in 2025.**

**Roll call vote taken, vote passed 30-0-0 (1 ineligible)**

**Hand vote taken to send a letter to the Board of Standards & Appeals to ask that they notify the applicants that have variances that are going to expire.**

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – No meeting, no report.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** – No meeting, no report.

**WATERFRONT, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – The report is in the packet.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – No meeting, no report.

**YOUTH, KELLY VILAR** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**A motion was made to send a letter of support for the Bridge Preparatory Charter School for Creative Thinkers**  
**Hand vote taken. Vote passed 34-1-0.**

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – Chairman Siclari mentioned that Christopher Bradford Greene has resigned from the Board; Christopher Rooney will be the new chair.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – No meeting, no report.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LABOR, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK** – No meeting, no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR** – A meeting was held jointly with the Rosebank Area Committee regarding a proposed parking lot at the Alice Austen House. Minutes of the meetings are in the packet. An overwhelming number of residents came out opposed to the parking lot. A recommendation was not made at the committee. A brief discussion was held.

Larry Beslow suggested that this be tabled back to the Parks Committee for a recommendation for or against the parking lot.

No objection to tabling.

**CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN** – There will a meeting on May 30, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY** – The committee is working with the Youth Committee on a Talent show with the Youth Committee. If anyone knows of any youth that are interested please let Ms. Minsky know.

#### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – There was no meeting in March due to the snow storm.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK, VICKIE FOSSELLA** – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSYTH** – The minutes of the meeting are in packet.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.