

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

**MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS**

Len Garcia-Duran, Director City Planning  
Alex Kipp, Conflict of Interest Board  
Joan Cusack, NYC Human Resources Administration  
Jermaine Williams, Human Resources  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone  
Bianca Rajpersaud, Rep. MOA Cusick  
John Mancuso, DSNY  
Nicholas Circharo, DSNY Community Affairs Liaison  
Carmina Raimondi, NYC Partnership for Parks  
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation  
Det. Douglas, PBSICA  
Sgt. Ievoli, 120 Pct.  
Sgt. Borruso, 120 Pct.  
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park  
Barbara Sanchez, Friends of Mount Manresa  
Jordan Zoltowsky, Jobs Plus  
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount  
Susan Keag, SI Advance  
P.O. Romano' 120 Pct.

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Attendance was taken, quorum present.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Len Garcia-Duran, Director Staten Island City Planning spoke of the progression of the public outreach meetings for the Bay Street Corridor and that the certification should be happening the beginning of next year some time.

Barbara Sanchez asked once again if the Board could set up a meeting with Councilwoman Debi Rose to have the school seats incorporated into new building permits.

Peter Lisi spoke regarding grants available to the community through the Department of Youth & Community Development.

Priscilla Marco spoke about events in Tappen Park.

Mac Krupa spoke opposing a new high rise building that he has heard that is being proposed in Rosebank.

Claudette Duff spoke of Out of the Storm Senior Housing which provides family-like affordable and stable living arrangements. There is going to be a second annual Masquerade Gala on Friday, October 21, 2016 – 7P.M at the Excelsior Grand – information was left on the back table.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED**

Deputy Director John Mancuso and Nick Chicaro, Department of Sanitation gave a power point presentation on snow removal which is on file at the Board Office for distribution. Please call or e-mail Lisa at the Board Office if you would like a copy of the power point that was presented.

Mr. Alex Kipp, Conflicts of Interest Board spoke to the Board about conflicts that could arise to Board Members and Staff and answered questions. – The Conflicts of Interest handbook for Community Board Members was e-mailed to all Board Members..

#### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTONY COSENTINO** – A Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017 was held on October 4, 2016 – the following capital and expense items were discussed and reviewed and voted on unanimously to submit by the Budget Committee-

##### **Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library – NYPL**

- Build a Rosebank Library at the former Walgreens site at 570 Tompkins Avenue
- Renovate with ADA compliance the Port Richmond, St. George, West New Brighton and Westerleigh libraries.

##### **Provide a new or expand an existing high school - DOE**

- Build a new High School at Homeport.
- High Schools are beyond capacity – Availability at Old SI Hospital at 101 Castleton Ave.
- High School in Concord, between Bay St. and the SIE and between Broad St. and Jones's Woods Park.

##### **Renovate or upgrade an elementary school – DOE**

- Build a gym in PS21.
- Purchase Immaculate Conception School for use as a UPK-12.
- The District is under lacking in capacity. Availability at Old SI Hospital at 101 Castleton Ave.

**Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school – DOE**

- Schools overcapacity, need relief. Availability at Old Staten Island Hospital at 101 Castleton Avenue.
- Build a middle school in the Arlington, Mariners Harbor Area.

**Increase resources for other crime prevention programs - NYPD**

- Purchase Argus Cameras for 120 & 121 Precincts.

**Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new Precinct House or Sub-Precinct - NYPD**

- With the proposed Bay Street Corridor Affordable Housing rezoning, coupled with the new North Shore residential and commercial redevelopment, the current 120<sup>th</sup> is no longer adequate for the personnel, equipment & vehicles needed to keep the public safe.

**Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station - FD**

- The population has burgeoned and response times have risen making this new facility in the area between Hannah St. & Vanderbilt Ave, a matter of extreme public safety importance.

**Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility – DCA**

- Renovate Snug Harbor Veterans' Memorial Hall
- Repair the Snug Harbor Dock

**Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the Waterfront – EDC**

- The New York Container Port infrastructure is in need of better truck access and new pier and expansion of the site.

**Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces – EDC**

- This has proven successful in Stapleton and should be expanded to St. George & Rosebank.

**Make Infrastructure investments that will support growth in local Business Districts – EDC**

- Purchase and repair the esplanade from Triangle Equities to Hannah St. – **(Get update)**
- The infrastructure from the NY Wheel to the Navy Pier must be upgraded to allow for better traffic control, better drainage control and better downtown connectivity.

**Improve streetscapes in Business Districts to attract/encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements – EDC**

- Study the required infrastructure needed to develop the North Shore Greenway Trail & Bikeway.

**Provide more housing for medium income households – DCP**

- The corridor from Snug Harbor to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned C4-2 to permit affordable housing, including sites affordable for seniors.

**Other sewer maintenance requests – DEP**

- Install catch basins on Walker Street between Port Richmond Ave. to Van Pelt Ave. (updated)
- Install catch basins on Park Ave. between Richmond Terrace and Castleton Ave.
- Install catch basins on Heberton Ave. between Castleton Ave. and Richmond Terrace.

**Build new, expand or repair storm sewers – DEP**

### **Address Traffic Congestion – DOT**

- Install smart lights, sequential signals and turning lanes at major traffic choke points.

### **Upgrade or provide new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Lanes**

- Routes isolated from traffic congestion are needed to get folks to work in a timely manner.

### **Other park facilities and access requests – DPR**

- Provide a baseline \$100 million budget for Parks

### **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground – DPR**

- Provide electrical service in Heritage Park
- Update Mariners Harbor Park and buy adjacent property
- Build a Soccer field block 487 lot 100 by Lyons Pool. – New

### **Provide new or expanded parks facility, e.g. recreation center – DPR**

- Cromwell Center needs to be rebuilt above Lyons Pool thus remaining central to the district and including a year round aquatic facility.
- Purchase land along Richmond Terrace to become part of Faber Park
- Provide \$16 Million to finalize Goodhue acquisition
- Place the office for Fresh Kills Park in Village Hall – DPR – Expense

### **Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure – SIRT OA**

- The Stapleton station needs to be made safe to accommodate the development of the Navy Pier Project.

### **Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs – DCP**

- The area from Snug Harbor to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned from M to C4-2 to allow for affordable housing and the area from Fort Wadsworth to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned to reflect the actual land uses in various districts contained within. Moreover, DCP should provide each CB with a dedicated planner and the personnel allocation for planners on SI be substantially increased.

### **Assign more teaching staff – Expense – DOE – Expense**

- Provide art teachers in every school
- Add music teachers in every school

### **Create or promote programs for Education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc. -**

- Create competitive sports' opportunities for middle and high school youth.

### **Provide more community board staff – DCP – Expense**

- The Board needs a land use planner to keep up with zoning actions and to create zoning actions based on district needs.

### **Other housing support requests – HPD – Expense**

- Provide energy-saving grants to homeowners.

### **Support nonprofit cultural organizations- DCA – Expense**

- Fund cultural organizations with budgets under \$25,000 and cultural business for at least five years with a minimum of \$25,000 each.

**Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service – TA – Expense**

- SBS is required to modernize mass transit in the district.

**Expand Homelessness Prevention Programs – DOA – Expense**

- Staten Island has one service provider and funding does not allow enough resource allocation to preventing homelessness only servicing the currently homeless.

**Provide Additional senior center staffing – DOA – Expense**

- Provide an additional 20% staffing at all senior centers.

**Other education programs requests – DPE – Expense**

- Fund visual arts and performance programming.
- Fund youth leadership programs.
- Provide environmental educational programming offered by the Northshore Waterfront Conservancy for disadvantaged young people.

**Provide more firefighters or EMS workers – FD – Expense**

- Provide higher staffing ratios to the houses that cover the NY Wheel, Empire Outlets, Lighthouse Pointe and Homeport.

**Support Merchant Organizing – SBS – Expense**

- Fund the Victory Boulevard Merchants' Association
- Fund the North Shore Merchants' Association
- Jersey Street Merchants' Association

**Provide or expand district marketing, branding & promotion – SBS – Expense**

- Expand service and funding for the West New Brighton LDC/BID/Business Outreach Center.
- Expand the funding and scope of services for the Northfield LDC.
- Jersey Street Merchants Association

**Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment – DOMH – Expense**

- Create programs to provide community education regarding the mental and physical health issues of transgendered youth.

**Provide, Expand, or Enhance preventive services – ACS – Expense**

- Provide sufficient funding for youth development and delinquency prevention programs.

**Expand Programs for housing inspections to correct code violations – HPD – Expense**

- Add enforcement and plan examination staff specific to Staten Island.

**Conduct traffic or parking studies – DOT**

- Study the possibility of making Bay Street one-way from Hylan Blvd. to St. George.

**Other traffic improvements requests – DOT**

- Create a turning lane on Martlings Avenue onto Manor Road acquiring land where needed.

In addition it was decided that the Steering Committee would set up 2 meetings one with the Commissioner of DOT and the other with the Commissioner of the Parks Department to discuss the budget requests after the area committee reviews each request in their area at the next area committee meeting.

The Board will write a letter to DCAS Commissioner requesting that all City buildings be equipped with Argus Cameras.

Motion made seconded and approved unanimously as submitted.

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

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

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

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** -Chairman Nicholas Siclari introduced the new Board Members present that were appointed and asked Roland Stewart from the Borough President's Office to swear them in. Joseph Alhstom, Claudette Duff, Anthony Scaturi, Mohan Radharkrishn were sworn in. Mr. Hakan Tale and Amy Poirer were not in attendance. Chairman Siclari welcomed the new members.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – Mr. Carroll mentioned he would e-mail the information.

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – No meeting, no report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** - The budget requests for Fiscal Year 2017 were reported and voted on under the First Vice-Chairman's report.

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – There was no meeting, there is a report in the packet of upcoming presentations.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** - No meeting, no report.

**WATERFRONT, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – No meeting, no report.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** - No report.

**YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR** – No report.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE** - No meeting, no report.

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

**LABOR, JEFF MOHLENBROK** – No report.

**PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR** – Ms. Delmar asked that the Board send two letters of no objection for the renovation of the fountains at Buono Beach and Tappen Park. Hand vote taken – no objections to sending the letters.

**CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN** – There was no meeting. Ms. Gillen is going for knee replacement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. All the best was given to her.

**CULTUAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY** – No meeting, no report.

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, VICTORIA FOSSELLA, JEFF MOHLENBROK** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.

- Flooding control along Victory Blvd. from Manor Rd. to the SIE; controls along Forest Ave. from Metropolitan Ave. to Clove Rd; along the streets between the Snug Harbor outfall and Forest Ave.
- Build a storm sewer on North Ave. between Livermore Ave. and dead end.
- Build a storm sewer system from Forest Ave. to Richmond Terrace including Dekay St., Kissel Ave., Bement, Delafield and Sharon Avenues. Hart Blvd, Clove Road and the Snug Harbor Bluebelt.
- Build a storm sewer along the streets connecting Homeport to Bay Street.
- Catch basins on Vanderbilt from Bay to Narrows Road North.- New

#### **Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers – DEP**

- Build a sewer on Port Richmond Ave. between Orange and Homestead Avenues

#### **Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure - DOS**

- The current District 1 site is in a sensitive residential and developing community and needs to be moved to Fresh Kills built at the same time as a new District 3 garage thus leaving the old District 3 garage to be used as a borough maintenance facility.

#### **Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming- DOT**

- On Targee St. between Osgood and Laurel Avenues.
- Rebuild and widen sidewalks along Richmond Terrace between Bank St. and Pelton Ave.

#### **Repair or provide new street lights – DOT**

- Upgrade lighting on Van Duzer St. between Broad St. & Hannah St.
- Install street lights at Edgewater St. and Hylan Blvd.
- Increase street lighting on Vanderbilt Ave.
- Upgrade lighting on Targee Street between Vanderbilt Ave. and Broad St.
- Upgrade lighting on Jersey Street. – Benziger to Jersey and on corner of Brighton and Jersey with Argus Cameras – Updated
- Upgrade lighting on Canal Street.

#### **Other transportation infrastructure requests – DOT**

- Purchase Augustinian property from Howard Ave. to the service road to build a dedicated turn lane.

#### **Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads – DOT**

- Repair curbs on Colonial Court between Broadway and dead end.
- Repair or install as needed, acquiring title where required, all curbs on Lake Ave. between Dixon Ave. & Walker St.

#### **Upgrade or create new plazas - DOT**

- Upgrade and improve the “kiss and ride” plaza at the St. George Ferry improving pedestrian and bicycle access to the Lighthouse Museum site, including signage and lighting upgrades in the improvements.

#### **Reconstruct Streets – DOT**

- Reconstruct Dixon & Lake Avenues
- Reconstruct Richmond Terrace with a concrete subsurface between Nicholas Ave. & Broadway.