

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING -SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.

SNUG HARBOR, BUILDIN LP

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Patrick Lewis, Rep. Mayor's Office, CAU
Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Francine Capelli, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Victoria Mecca, Rep. Senator Savino
Hanane Obajat, Rep. MOA Malliotakis
Saman Mahmoud, Rep. Congressman Rose
Lisa Thompson, Rep. District Attorney McMahon
Joan Cusick, Director Human Resources Administration
Jermaine Williams DSS/Human Resources Admin.
Nicole Brooks, NYC Department of Parks & Admin.
Peter Levine, NY Public Library
Giuseppe Deserio, Board of Elections
Sklyer Deangelo, Board of Elections
Kelly Vilar, SI Urban Center
Pat Kane, NYS Nurses Assn.
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Genevieve Torress-Pineds, RUMC
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh resident
Catherine Hermogones, resident
Saul Porter, Port Richmond Strong
John Wasserman, NYC Census
Karen Holdman, RUMC
Carey Spearman, Stapleton resident

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Mr. Zachary Mattura from Troop 7 led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept June 2019 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Guiseppe Deserio and Skyler Deangelo from the Board of Elections spoke of early voting from 10/26-11/3. Sites on the north shore will be I.S. 61, P.S. 57 and P.S. 44. New vote cards will be sent out, bring your card with you so it can be scanned at the polling site.

Ms. Kelly Vilar spoke of the first SI young leadership program. The program is for 14-21 transgender women. It is a 6-month program which deals with raising level of confidence, social justice, what's going on in the community. They receive training through the arts such as poetry, welding etc., you can contact Ms. Vilar at siurbancenter@gmail.com

Ms. Pat Kane, Treasurer of the NYS Nurses Assn., spoke of safe staffing and nurse to patient Ratio. Ms. Kane mentioned that RUMC has a very poor nurse to patient ratio and more nurses need to be hired. Ms. Kane asked the Board to support the nurses and urge RUMC to hire more nurses.

Ms. Karen Holdman nurse at RUMC spoke of the contract in relation to the Nurses and the possible strike.

Mr. John Wasserman from the New York Census spoke of the importance of filling out the census. Flyers were left. You can reach Mr. Wassereman at Jowasserman@nyc.census.gov for further information on the census.

Mr. Saul Porter mentioned that over the summer with help from agencies were able to get rid of 110 abandoned vehicles, found owners of 11 vehicles with out of state plates got the IRS involved, stopped the hotel of asbestos which was supposedly fraudulently signed off on, had NYS DEC monitor and issue 60 summonses to a business on Morningstar Road, had 165 clean up programs etc. Port Richmond Strong meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 at the Reformed Church, all are welcome to attend.

Ms. Nicole Brooks announced Discovery Day at Fresh Kills Park on September 15th at 11:00 A.M.

Mr. Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Rose welcomed everyone back from summer break and thanked all the Board Members for serving their community. It is that time of year again for the participatory budget. Ms. Rose sends out newsletters and reaches out to the community for their input in where funds should go. For more information please speak to Mr. McGhie or contact the Councilwoman's Office at 718-556-7370.

Mr. Peter Levine from the Port Richmond Library spoke of afterschool programs at the library and events. Flyers were left and you can reach Mr. Levine at peterlevine@nypl.org.

Mr. Jermaine Williams from Human Resources administration spoke of Action NYC which provides services to immigrants such as legal assistance health assistance etc. For more information call 1-800-354-0365.

Ms. Samen Mahmoud representing Congressman Rose gave an update on 9/11 victim compensation fund which has passed Congress to offer victims that have been affected from 9/11 illnesses. Congressman Rose has sent letters to WIN regarding the crime that is around 44 Victory Blvd. and opposing the siting of the homeless shelter at that location.

Ms. Lisa Thompson representing District Attorney Michael McMahon left flyers for: the calendar to protect your dogs/pets. You can send an e-mail of a picture of your pet to be considered for the calendar at contest@rcda.nyc.gov

The District Attorney is also kicking off Friday night lights at P.S. 44. There will be professional basketball players, tutors, arts and crats. Etc. Flyers were left for both.

Lastly, on Saturdays at the Gerard Carter Center on Broad Street they offer from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. They have a music studio, arts and crafts etc. please pass along.

Mr. Carey Spearman would like to start a program where when you bring your change to be counted at the bank for cash that a portion of the transaction or the back can donate a portion to send supplies to our troops that are serving overseas. He would like the help of the Board and Elected Officials to get this started.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH - Mr. Forsyth welcomed everyone back and requested a new flag for our new meeting location.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No report.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Chairman Siclari welcomed everyone back. He asked everyone to please be patient with our new meeting location at Snug Harbor. There is a worker at Snug Harbor for anyone that needs a ride to their car if they are not in the adjacent parking lot. We are working out the kinks to make this a satisfactory meeting location. This is the first meeting here. We have this location until June, and we will see how it works out.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL - Mr. Carroll wished the best for Mr. Doyle who was having surgery tomorrow. Mr. Carroll also mentioned Ms. Minsky has recovered from her illness which she was in the hospital over the summer.

Kelly Vilar is being honored on October 5, 2019 at the Alice Austen House.

Mr. Carroll mentioned a dear friend and resident of Stapleton was in attendance who is the Author of 2 wonderful Books, 36 Years and a Wake Up and Vietnam Veterans Homecoming: Crossing the line.

Lastly, September 11, 2019 Borough President James Oddo will be hosting a ceremony at Post Cards for the victims of 9/11.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The following applications were presented and voted on as follows: Two applications have been submitted to the Board of Standards & Appeals, Application Nos. 2019-185-A and 2019-186-A requesting a waiver to allow construction of 2 two-family homes located partially within the bed of a mapped street at 47 Fletcher Street. The Land Use Committee unanimously denied the applications. The following motion was presented:

Motion to deny Application Nos. 2019-185-A and 2019-186-A, 47 Fletcher Street, because of the existing narrow roadway. It would take away street widening. Would be irreparable damage to the neighborhood.

- **Adjoining lot with street widening of Virginia Avenue will set as a precedent.**
- **Although posted no parking, de facto parking. Current homeowners do not have any options for off street parking.**
- **With the size of the property, more creative building can be done.**
- **Ability to develop further on the current zoning lot.**

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 31-0-0.

An application has been submitted to the Board of Standards & Appeals, Application No. 120-13-BZ for an extension of a previously granted variance at 1815 Forest Avenue, McDonalds.

Drive-thru through BSA and only allows for a 5-year term. Came 5 years ago and application was approved. Request for another 5 years. The motion passed Land Use 5-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Motion to approve as submitted, Application No. 120-13-BZ, 1815 Forest Avenue, McDonalds.

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

There was an application for 1390 Richmond Terrace which was withdrawn for a new school.

There will be a Land Use Meeting in October for the property at Mount Manresa to build 169 homes on streets that are not on the City Map and City Planning Authorizations for Harbor Lights Court.

An RFP went out by the NYC EDC for an operator at the Richmond County Ballfield for events other than Baseball. The Board asked for an extension of time for the RFP. The RFP closed in a 30-day time frame.

In addition, the lease agreement for the operator for the Ballfield will be up in January and Mr.

Accornero requested to view the current lease agreement which he has not received.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Paige invited everyone to attend the Youth Meeting in October to discuss: substance abuse and vaping by youth.

TRANSPORATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be a joint meeting with Mariners Harbor on Tuesday the 17th to discuss proposal to enhance connectivity to the new Goethals Bridge Bike path.

A link was provided for the North Shore Bus Rapid Transit, it is called MTA System Modernization. The Board sent out a letter of comment in June. There will be an open house on September 25, 2019 – 8 P.M. at 3250 Richmond Avenue to discuss the alternatives.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – Gotham Health is trying to arrange a Narcan training, Ms. Poirer has been trying to team them up with District Attorney McMahon.

Saturday will be the 2nd annual Veteran's BBQ funded by Christ Church from 2:00 PM. – 6:00 P.M. at Christ Church.

Ms. Poirer asked for donations for NCO Officer of the 120 Pct. Lillian Plymale who is serving in Kuwait. A big necessity is feminine hygiene products. Feel free to also drop off anything t-shirts with business logos anything that says Staten Island.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – There will be a meeting in Community Board #1 Office on Monday, October 16, 2019 – 2:00 P.M. on sustainable energy than there will be a tour of the Homeport for possible siting.

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

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

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – There will be a Budget Public Hearing on October 7, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office for the FY '2021 Capital and Expense Budget, please poll your committees in September for their needs.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION- No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – No meeting no report.

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting, no report.

PARKS & RECREATION, NORMAN LIGHT – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – The committee met jointly with the Land Use Committee, minutes are in the packet.

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

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – No meeting, no report.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The committee met jointly with Land Use, minutes are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK – No meeting, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle asked about the work at the Stapleton Ball field and park –

Ms. Nicole Brooks mentioned they had to remove an underground oil tank and some underground streams.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.