

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2017-7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Len Garcia-Duran, Director SI City Planning
Elysa Goldman, Triangle Equities
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President James Oddo
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Kevin Elkins, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Debi Rose
Detective Quania Rios, 120 Pct. Community Affairs
Joan Cusack, Executive Director Human Resources Administration
Jermaine Williams, Human Resources Administration
Nicole Brooks, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Patricia Kane, NYS Nurses Association
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Kristen Druds, P.S. 59
Diana Caughell, West Brighton Non-bd. member
William Hurley, Ellicot Street
Sara WNYC
Carmen Abercrombie, Truly Organic Community Garden
Awam Mohammad, Richmond Road
John Kilcullen, Preservation League, SI
Susan Keag, SI Advance

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

A Land Use Public Hearing was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

There was one item on the agenda - Lighthouse Point – Phase 2. This will include the development of the 175 room full service, upscale, 4 star, Westin Hotel as well as the restoration of historic buildings and 5 vaults currently on site.

Ms. Elysa Goldman from Triangle Equities showed drawings of Phase 2 of Lighthouse Point. This is south of the ferry terminal. Phase 2 includes the restoration of buildings and also the 5 vaults. A 175 room hotel with rooftop pool and bar and 15,000 square feet of banquet meeting and conference room space.

There will be approximately 1 acre of public outdoor space for outdoor concerts etc.

Mr. John Kilcullen, SI Preservation League had concerns of buildings deteriorating or falling apart before the rehabilitation starts, and asked if they could be wrapped to prevent further deterioration?

Ms. Goldman mentioned the one building which was wrapped caused more harm than good. The buildings will be repaired and restored to Landmark Standards.

There will be 115 rental units and 3 stores for retail/office space. There will only be access off of Bay Street with a new light. They have been working with NYWheel and BFC Partners.

Further discussion was held with questions and answers.

Land Use Public Hearing Closed.

Land Use Committee Meeting

Motion made and seconded to send a letter of support for Triangle Equities Phase 2 of Lighthouse Point to the Public Design Commission. Vote passed Land Use Committee unanimously.

BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept December 2016 Full Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Meggin Juraska, Susan Master, Kelly Vilar, Celeste Holmes and Kristen Druds all spoke in support of board members adopting the North Shore Youth Agenda which was tabled last month and will be presented tonight.

Ms. Carmen Abercrombie had previously presented to the Youth Committee who supported the organic garden on the vacant lot, Block 51 Lot 1, located on Cleveland Street off of Westervelt Avenue in Staten Island, New York, currently owned by NYCHA to become the Flagship Truly Organic Garden. There were questions last month of soil contamination. Ms. Abercrombie had soil tests with her showing the soil is not contaminated and can sustain an organic garden. There would also be some beds raised for persons that would like to participate in gardening that are not able to bend or kneel on the ground.

Ms. Cecilia Chau spoke in favor of the NY Soccer Initiative which was previously presented and supported by the Youth Committee. This would provide free soccer for children which include uniforms, coach and field. Through the construction of these new fields, the New York City Soccer Initiative will aim to connect more young people to soccer, expand U.S. Soccer Foundation's nationally-recognized soccer after-school program – *Soccer for Success* – and repurpose underutilized spaces in our most underserved

neighborhoods, creating a safe, public area where a community can gather. All of the neighborhoods being selected to host the New York City Soccer Initiative fields are focuses of the Mayor's Building Healthy Communities Initiative, the Parks Department's Community Parks Initiative or the Young Men's Initiative.

Ms. Pat Kane NYS Nurses Association spoke about the appeal of Obama Care and the impact that it is going to cause for the health care. The hospitals are already overcrowded with not enough beds. The Health Care Reform is going to affect over 56,000 Staten Islanders.

Mr. Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Debi Rose spoke of the feasibility study for a possible Harbor School at Fort Wadsworth – listed all the developments that are in the works. Ms. Rose sends out a newsletter monthly; if you would like to be put on the mailing list please contact 718-556-7370.

Ms. Jenny Fischman who is working for District Attorney Michael McMahon spoke of the Hope Initiative which is a new community partnership where if you are low level first time offender you would get a desk appearance ticket and immediately get connected to treatment. The District Attorney is also participating in a series of lectures to students in grades 5-12 at public and private schools about the real life horrors of drug addiction. Flyers were left, for more information on these programs or other programs that District Attorney McMahan has contact Ms. Fischman at jenny.fischman@rcda.nyc.gov.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Chairman Siclari mentioned that Mr. Rooney is in the hospital with pneumonia speedy recovery was wished to him by all.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari spoke of the Youth Committees North Shore Agenda and the Truly Organic Garden; these items were tabled last month. The Youth Committee voted to adopt the North Shore Agenda so when speaking on subjects or sending out letters pertaining to any of the items Ms. Vilar or any other member can state that the Board Adopted it. When Mr. Siclari was Labor Chair the Board passed a mission statement that the Labor Committee adopted. Mr. Mohlenbrok also brought to the Board CLEAR PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER to include industry partnership between developers and labor Unions as to maximize training opportunities and long term employment.

There was a heated discussion on Community Board #1 by-laws and the Standing Operating Procedures. It was decided that Ms. Vilar would present all three of her motions as a package and members can vote yay or nay.

The Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee will review Community Board #1 by-laws and the Standing Operating Procedures in relations to bringing forth motions from committees to the Board without having to go bring it before the Executive Committee as it states in the Standing Operating Procedures which has not been followed in many years.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – The Department of Transportation will be attending the Stapleton Area Committee Meeting with the Transportation Committee on January 19, 2017 – 7:30 Central Family Life Center to present the Traffic Improvements including bike Lane on Van Duzer, St. Paul's etc.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – Prior to the Meeting tonight a Public Hearing was held, Ms. Elysa Goldman from Triangle Equities showed drawings of Phase 2 of Lighthouse Point. This is south of the ferry terminal. Phase 2 includes the restoration of buildings and also the 5 vaults. A 175 room hotel with rooftop pool and bar and 15,000 square feet of banquet meeting and conference room space.

Motion made and seconded to send a letter of support for Triangle Equities Phase 2 of Lighthouse Point to the Public Design Commission.

Vote passed Land Use Committee unanimously.
Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 28-3-0 (1 ineligible)

BUDGET AND FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - We are waiting on the response from the Mayor for our Capital and Budget Requests for FY 2018.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – As Mr. Carroll previously mentioned under his report, the Transportation Committee will be meeting with the Stapleton Committee on January 19, 2017 – 7:30 P.M. at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street.

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

WATERFRONT, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The Committee will be meeting on January 23, 2017 -7:00 P.M. Representatives will be in attendance to give updates on the NY Wheel and Empire Outlets.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Previously Sanitation gave a presentation on Snow removal etc. If anyone has any problems with snow removal or garbage pick-up during snow storms, please contact the board office or Mr. Jain.

YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR – The following items were voted on as a package.
Adopt the Staten Island North Shore Youth Agenda Budget FY 2018, Support the Truly Organic Garden on the vacant lot, Block 51 Lot 1, located on Cleveland Street off of Westervelt Avenue in Staten Island, New York, currently owned by NYCHA to become the Flagship Truly Organic Garden and send a letter of support for the NY Soccer Initiative.

All passed 30-0-1.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE – Mr. Greene was not in attendance. Chairman Siclari stated he was going to reach out to him regarding setting up a meeting to go over the Community Board #1 by-laws and Standing Operating Procedures to review what Mr. Siclari previously mentioned under his report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK – Ms. Pat Kane NYS Nurses Association spoke to the Labor Committee about the health reform and the impact it will have on the hospitals, residents etc. on Staten Island.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Minutes are in the packet. A daytime meeting will be set up next month.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – A meeting was held, no minutes.

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

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, JEFF MOHLENBROK, VICKIE FOSSELLA – No meeting, no report.

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

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/ SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – No meeting, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Sunny Jain asked the Board Office to inquiry about the status of Victory Blvd. and Clove Road in regards to the turn lane etc.

Mr. Vincent Accornero spoke briefly about CB#1 Rosebank rezoning application, speaking with Elected Officials etc. to see how to get the application rolling.

Meeting adjourned.

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