

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2017 –7:30 P.M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**SESSION OPENING**

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

Ms. Laura Timoney, Deputy Director of Education Office of the Borough President and Timothy Castanza, Founder Bridge Prep will make a presentation for a proposal to apply for a charter school for students with dyslexia.

---Public Session

**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
- Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
- Health/Human Services, Catherine Paradiso
- Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kelly Vilar
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Bradford Greene
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino

**AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- Labor, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar
- Civic – Victoria Gillen
- Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow
- West Brighton/St. George, Vickie Fossella/Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- 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](mailto:lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov).

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT – FY 2017**

**MARCH 2017**

<b><u>CODE</u></b>	<b><u>ALLOCATED TO 6/30/17</u></b>	<b><u>USED TO DATE</u></b>	<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>
100 - Supplies	\$ 1,595.00	1,285.46	309.54
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	0	200.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	1,045.00	105.00
117 - Postage	200.00	0	200.00
199 - Data Processing Supplies	450.00	0	450.00
314 - Office Furniture	10,140.00	8,994.72	1,145.28
315 - Office Equipment	850.00	830.80	19.20
332 - Data Processing Equipment	294.00	0	294.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	100.00	89.95	10.05
400 - Contractual Services	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
40B - Communication	3,013.00*	0*	3,013.00*
403 - Office Services	150.00	56.56	93.44
412 - Equipment Rental	3,470.00*	835.45	2,634.55
451 - Carfare	1,800.00	1,592.20	207.80
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	700.00	0	700.00
622 - Contractor	5,000.00	1,440.00	3,560.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$31,112.00</b>	<b>\$17,170.14</b>	<b>\$13,941.86</b>

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 2017 Contracts

## **Minutes**

**March 2, 2017**

### **Cultural & Youth Committees**

**Present:**

**Kelly Vilar, Chair Youth**

**Pearl Minsky, Chair Cultural**

**Debbie Ann Paige, Historian**

**Minnie Graham, Empowerment Zone**

**Tammy Greer Brown, NAACP**

**Elizabeth Bennett, Staten Island Arts**

The objective of the meeting was to discuss ways in which young people could develop pride in themselves and in their communities and to assist in reducing the drug crisis on Staten Island. It was pointed out that many streets on Staten Island are named for notable Staten Islanders, however few of them with the names of people of color. Therefore, the committee will set out to suggest and promote more street namings for people of color who had been outstanding in the arts, sciences and other significant careers, as well as residents who lived on Staten Island who should be recognized for enriching and serving their communities. Many names were suggested and the public will be requested to submit names through flyers and in publications, including the Staten Island Advance. In addition, it was suggested that information about the street named should be displayed near the signs. The motivation is to inspire young people to improve their lives.

A talent show will be held for contestants between the ages 10 and 19. Judges will be selected. Auditions will be held. Those selected will perform before an audience. Every performer will be given something to acknowledge their participation and the winner will win a grand prize. Places for the audition and performances will be sought and their dates selected anon, which will be disseminated by flyers and an article in the Advance when determined. The motivation is to take the kids off the street with an activity which will give them pride and, hopefully, lead them to new positive avocations.

**Submitted by: Pearl Minsky (with agreement from Kelly Vilar)**

## Minutes of the CB #1 Youth Committee meeting

held Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Brighton Heights Reformed Church 320 St. Marks Place at 7pm

In attendance: Ernest Paige, Daniel Williams, Norman Light, Caryn Davis, Adama Fassah, Chris Cruz, Cullari, Karesha Jordon, Neshama Marucs, Susan Keag, Fern Metcalf, Gregory Zeidner, Sean Charles, Candace Charles, Tatiana Arguello, Nolan DeBrowner, Elise Walker, Sajda M. Ladner, Minnee Graham. Excused: Kelly Vilar

- Mr. Ernest Paige welcomed the attendees and announced that our chairperson, Ms. Kelly Vilar, was excused from the meeting.
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- A preview of the evening's agenda followed.
- Mr. Christopher Cruz Cullari, Executive Director, Continuing Education and Professional Development at the College of Staten Island (CSI), delivered a presentation regarding the READY (Restorative Educational Access and Development for Youth) program. READY students receive free training to become pharmacy, computer repair, networking or patient care technicians. They also receive internships and job placement assistance. The program targets Staten Island North Shore residents, between 18- 24, not in school, not working regularly, with a high school diploma or equivalency. A folder with additional information was provided to attendees.
- The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Staten Island's Ms. Neshama Marcus, LMSW, Director of Social Services and Disaster Relief, presented information regarding the JCC's recreational, educational and social programs. Their headquarters is on Manor Road and they have locations in all 3 Staten Island community districts. Their 3 NYCHA based community center programs are in New Brighton, Stapleton and Todt Hill. She also spoke about NY rising, their disaster preparedness program; the Patient Activation Project, their island-wide initiative to improve health and health literacy through care coordination; and the Sunrise Day Camp, which provides free day camp for children fighting cancer and their siblings. The camp is located on the campus of Mount Loretto. Neshama also spoke about their caregiver support center and youth programing. A folder with additional information was circulated to attendees.
- Ms. Adama Kromah-Fassah, Executive Director and Founder, Napela, Inc. spoke about her organization's adult learning and GED program. Napela, Inc. helps women learn to read and write in English. They also prep women for their U.S. citizenship test. While helping women, they discovered that their youth needed services too. The organization began teaching the children about their heritage. They also run a summer youth program. The Citizen Committee funds their youth programing. They encourage supporter to visit their "Go-fund-me" page. A pamphlet was distributed to attendees.

- During announcements, Ms. Sajda M. Ladner, Artistic Executive Director, Universal Temple of the Arts, encouraged attendees to look out for details on their upcoming annual Jazz Festival 2017.
- Ms. Minnee Graham, Empowerment Zone Inc., spoke about her organization's programing in Park Hill to include Girls Who Code (computing), Kings of the Board (chess program), HIV/AIDS education for at risk women, and computerized GED assistance.
- Ms. Karesha Jordon, Outreach Coordinator, New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID), shared information regarding the various types of mediation NYCID provides. Their school programing consists of special education, truancy and peer mediation. Other types of mediation provided include parent and child mediation. Currently they are looking for youth between the ages of 18-24 to participate in their Peace Ambassador Program. The training consists of five 2-hour workshops to help find alternatives to the conflict and violence that targets youth in the Stapleton area. Training will be held at the Gerard Carter Center on 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10 and 4/24/2017. Food will be served. Additionally, NYCID provides IEP support at Curtis High School. A flyer and pamphlet was provided to attendees.
- Ms. Tatianna Arguello, Staten Island Program Director Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), announced that applications are currently being accepted with a deadline of 3/31/2017. SYEP is open to all NYC residents between the ages of 14 to 24 who are eligible to work in the U.S.
- There was no old/new business.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Waterfront Committee  
February 28, 2017  
Community Board 1 Office  
1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217  
Staten Island, NY 10305

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance

On file at Board office

The meeting was called to order at 7:10

Update on the New York Wheel project

Rich Marin of the NY Wheel spoke about the Wheel progress. The Nicholas Street ramp is open and there are presently 820 parking spots available – 600 self-park and the balance valet. NYPD has also been offered spots to help with the Richmond Terrace parking issues. The elevators are not functioning yet. The building needs to be completed first. The terminal building is being worked on. The main deck flight which is the second floor is where the loading of the Wheel will take place.

This coming year the actual Wheel construction will be the concentration. The barge will begin to bring the crane and April 1<sup>st</sup> the legs are scheduled to start going up. Late summer the spindles and in August the rim sections are scheduled to arrive. Next year this time it will look like a completed wheel and the capsules will go on.

Mr. Marin will be meeting with DOT regarding the closing of Bank Street (a requirement of the buildings department) to vehicles from the Wheel to Bank Street. The only access will be for emergency vehicles and the shuttle buses from the Wheel to the ferry.

They have been working with Water Taxi companies and hope to have them in operation in the first quarter of next year.

The Wheel operational building will move to Stuyvesant Place in April. If all goes as scheduled the project is scheduled to be completed by June 2018.

Community members expressed major transportation and traffic concerns after the many projects, including upcoming projects, will have on the Bay Street area from the Verrazano Bridge to the ferry.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Loretta Cauldwell

**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE ROSEBANK AREA COMMITTEE MARCH 21, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M. BOARD OFFICE**

ATTEDANCE ON FILE AT THE BOARD OFFICE

Meeting called to order.

Councilwoman Debi Rose explained the allocation of the funds for a parking lot at the Alice Austen House.

Chief of Staff of the NYC Parks & Recreation Charles Fall explained the process of the Parks Department plans for the parking lot.

Mr. Ray Zbrowski for NYC Parks & Recreation Capital gave a power point presentation of the proposal. The presentation entailed a parking lot for an estimated 15 parking spots a light fixture and plantings surrounding the lot.

A long discussion was held, community in opposition to the proposal. Most of the residents live in direct proximity to the lot living on Hylan and on Edgewater.

The parking lot would be open to the public and not just the sole use of the Alice Austen House.

There were several other alternatives discussed but none seemed to be feasible for all involved.

Councilwoman explained that the \$750 thousand allocation must be used for the parking lot at this location and cannot be reappropriated. The money would be repooled back to the City Budget.

A report will be given at the Full Board Meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017. All present were informed that they have an opportunity to speak during the public session portion of the board meeting. Ms. Delmar will ask the members at the Full Board meeting to make a motion to either support not support the proposal for the parking lot.

Meeting adjourned.

**Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth**  
**Area Committee Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**Attendance**

John Guzzo, Chairman  
Robert Gibbs/Stapleton Library  
Sam Urcioli  
Robert Cucco  
Maria Mihailos  
Paul Sorocco  
Brandon Stradford  
Michael DeCataldo

**Office Staff**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager

OPEN/PLEDGE – 8:00 PM

**Land Use**

I voted the wrong way and I apologized.

Mt. Manresa  
Sun Chemical  
125 Edgewater  
Seaview CT -80 Scarbror  
Dynasty of Housing

- **Library Discussion**

- **Discussion on New Meeting Schedule**

Joint Meeting Thursday, March 2, 2017 – Rosebank & Parks Department

Motion to Adjourn by Mike DeCataldo.



February 22, 2017 Wednesday

**MINUTES**

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook/Clove Lakes/Grymes Hill  
Area Committee Meeting.

Attendance: Timothy Forsyth (CB1/Area Co-Chair), Camille Zarrelli (CB1/Co-Chair)  
Joseph Ahlstrom (CB1), Ernest Paige (CB1)  
Norman Light (CB1), Mark E. Zink (Assemblyman Titone Rep.),  
Michael Morrell (WIS), Caitlin Forsyth (Upper West Brighton resident)

A quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at Silver Lake Tennis House

1. Confirmed plan to henceforth start these Area Committee Meetings at 7PM  
--- all present in favor. Request the CB1Office amend Calendar and Notices  
accordingly.
2. Discussed Liquor License Renewal for Schaffers Tavern --- no objections or  
adverse comments --- and no known time frame for closure or demolition.
3. Discussed update on Victory Boulevard widening and Manor Road intersection  
improvements --- noted that Condemnation proceedings by the City of New York  
for widening of Victory Boulevard are apparently in progress per filed Map Exhibit.  
Per S.I. Advance reports, some local merchants are opposed and the Borough  
President and Councilman are requesting that the DOT plans be revisited.
4. No updates on Victory Boulevard and Clove Road intersection improvements.
5. Mike Morrell reported from the Westerleigh Improvement Society on continued  
National Grid natural gas pipeline replacements and apparent delay in start of  
Wardwell Avenue sewer project. Noted that the Friends of Westerleigh Park  
volunteer group disbanded because of Parks Dept. insurance requirements, and  
that there is a local resident proposal to build an interactive/natural landscape  
childrens playground there as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Co-Chairs Camille Zarrelli and Timothy Forsyth.

**Minutes of Area Committee Meeting – St. George/West Brighton – 2/21/17**

**Members**

Jeff Mohlenbrok  
Vickie Fossella  
Nicholas Zvegintzov  
Amy Poirer  
Anthony Consentino  
Bob Zion

**Guests**

Mark E. Zink – Assemblyman Titone  
Tom Casotelli – Ho-Brah Tacos  
Terra Hudson – Celebrate Snug Harbor  
David N.S. Woods – Relish Caterers & Event Planning  
Danny Ahearn  
Ernie Sellitto  
Colin Vautrinat – West Brighton Library - NYPL

**Announcement:**

339 Victory Blvd. (corner of Cebra & Victory) – Voted & Done

**Liquor Licenses:**

1. Relish Caterer at Snug Harbor – Under New Name  
Full Liquor License – Existence 25 years – No Objections  
Vote support 6 yes - Quorum
2. Liedy's Pizza – Renewal Liquor License – 1 Bay Street  
6 yes
3. Randall's Island Food Inc.  
22 Pizza Bar & Grill – In Ferry Terminal  
6 yes
4. Ho Brah – Outdoor space music? Seeking renewal Liquor License and outdoor music.  
Would build a sound-proof wall. Separate lot, Separate license?  
Approve for 10 PM (Quiet Laws)– Music outdoor, then revisit in September  
6 yes, 1 no

**West Brighton Library – for tax preparation.**

# Meeting Minutes; CB1 Local Area Committee Port Richmond, Elm Park, Arlington & Mariners Harbor

February 21, 2017

John McBeth, Local Area Committee Chair

Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Vincent Acconero - absent  
Telee Brown - absent  
Claudette Duff - absent

Victoria Gillen  
Ali Mir Masum  
Pearl Minsky  
George Sona - absent

In attendance:

Stephanie Shavuo: Council Member Debi Rose – [sshavuo@council.nyc.gov](mailto:sshavuo@council.nyc.gov), 718.556.7370

Kathleen Sforza, Northfield LDC - [northfieldldc.kathleensforza@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldldc.kathleensforza@gmail.com), 718.442.7351

Beryl Thurman: North Shore Waterfront Conservancy, resident - [nswcsibt@aol.com](mailto:nswcsibt@aol.com)

Joe Alexander, Camelot Counseling – [jalexander@camelotcounseling.com](mailto:jalexander@camelotcounseling.com), 718.981.8117

Sharon Williams-Mitchell, Jobs Plus – [smitchell@rescarenyc.com](mailto:smitchell@rescarenyc.com) 718.285.8488

Victoria Giordano, NYC Department of Transportation – [vgiordano@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:vgiordano@dot.nyc.gov), 212.839.2375

Will Sherman, NYC DoT

Jean Crisson, President, Arlington Civic, Resident  
Cheryl Moller  
Bill Morris

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

Chairman McBeth welcomed all, introduced Department of Transportation for presentation of PS 20 traffic improvements under “Safe Routes to School” initiative.

PS 20 is located in a “Priority Area” under the Vision Zero traffic initiative. Issues include wide streets with poor lane markings, high-speeds and wide turns. Response includes better lane markings, better delineation of parking areas (with the anticipated outcome of day-lighting corners), and curb bump-outs at intersections. No net loss of parking spaces. Power Point presentation available at

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/ps20-school-safety-feb2017.pdf>

*Discussion of Proposal:* DoT’s assertion that there will be no net loss of parking spaces was challenged: currently vehicles are parked in cross-walks, blocking sidewalk ramps and cross walks. Enforcement is erratic at best. *Enforcement will be discussed with Tom Coccia, SI DoT’s SI Borough Commissioner.* Design considerations for bump-outs should include public amenities – the Aging Initiative Council is looking at putting in benches in areas around City. *Applications may be made to DoT’s Street Furniture unit* – Greening should be considered – *planters are a problem due to maintenance issues* - bioswales should be considered; area is missing storm water catch-basins, furthermore area served by a combined storm/sanitary system, which is overburdened.

*Further Discussion:* Lane markings should be re-done at the north-east intersection of Forest Avenue and Willow Road West (near Perkins).

Chairman McBeth advised that the sewage treatment plant would be upgrading the “gooseneck” to improve safety; community impact will be minimal.

*Discussion:* Beryl Thurman pointed out that the treatment plant is 47 years old – and the original useful life projection was 35 years. Furthermore, it is operating way over capacity. A new plant should be constructed adjacent to the old. Land would be required – consider making a “municipal corridor” to include municipal operations, i.e. DoT, DoS.

*Proposed:* add to Community Board 1 Budget “Wish List” – calendarized for September action (V.Gillen)

Recently, a notice about a meeting regarding the St. George Wheel was not adequately broadcast; developer said notices were sent out. CM Rose’s office received notice only three days before, presumably CB1 also had short notice. *CB1 will be reminded to keep us in the loop going forward.*

The Bayonne Bridge adopts the “cashless toll” system. This will eliminate the car pool discount, and may have impact on other discounts. Motion made and accepted: present to full Board: *proposal to send letter to PANY/NJ* (A. Amin-Rice will draft).

Liquor license applications, renewals, and amendments :

Renewal for Cichon Post approved.

No representative for application by Mg Spanish Restaurant, 1400 Forest Avenue. Tabled.

Residents of Lake Avenue voiced frustration with continuing harassment by owners/trucks delivering to 125 Lake Avenue; concerns about recent sale and new tenants (World Wide Plumbing and Royal Baza Seafood).

*Proposed:* invite both entities to up-coming meeting (V. Gillen)

#### General Announcements:

A new building, with 4 ground-floor retail units and six apartments above, proposed for 106 Anne St, at Port Richmond Ave.

Walk Graniteville Swamp - Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM. This vital wetlands area is slated for development as a mega-retail site; paving over the marsh will take away critical environmental buffers, putting our neighborhood at risk. Go to [nswcsi.org](http://nswcsi.org), [nrpa.com](http://nrpa.com), or [siprotectors.org](http://siprotectors.org) for more information.

NY Parks: ground breaking at Grandview (9am, 3/16) and Levy (11am, 3/16) *V. Gillen will attend.*

Replacement of the Cromwell Center is in the very early stages. Van Name/Van Pelt Phase 2 starts in April.

Renderings may be found at <http://www.archdaily.com/800379/12-projects-recognized-as-2016-nyc-public-design-commission-award-winners/583c84eee58eced17f000049-12-projects-recognized-as-2016-nyc-public-design-commission-award-winners-image>.

Northfield LDC is seeking grant to promote use of space under railroad tracks; SIEDC is seeking proposals for design of a “High-Line” use for elevated portions.

The Richmond Terrace Sewer project continues...

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted: Victoria Gillen

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 7pm, at 250 Park Avenue

**Rosebank Meeting – March 21, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Board 1 office**

Attendance on file at the Board Office.

This was a joint meeting with the Parks Department regarding a parking lot for the Alice Austen House. The Parks Committee. Rosebank minutes submitted separately.

Concerns were brought up about the over building zoning at 125 Edgewater, with 400 to 500 units coming, along with 80 Scarboro Ave. getting 72 units.

Concerns were raised regarding DEP Meadow on the Alice Austen's property. Other concerns raised who will be doing the maintenance of the parking lot i.e., snow removal open and closing of the parking lot etc.

A request was made to redistribute the funds and turn the old parking where they parked the trolley into parking for Alice Austen from 10:00-4:00 to provide parking for programs.

Respectfully submitted, John Guzzo