

**FULL BOARD MEETING MARCH 8, 2016 – 7:30 P.M. ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Ali Mir Assum, Excused  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird, Excused  
Andrew Blancero, Leave  
Telee Brown, Excused  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Linda Eskenas  
Thomas Ferrie Excused  
Timothy Forsyth  
Victoria Fossella  
Victoria Gillen  
Christopher Bradford Greene, Excused  
John Guzzo  
Robert Honor, Excused  
Celeste Holmes  
Sunny Jain  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Norman Light  
Priscilla Marco, Excused  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky  
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok  
Friday Ogbewe  
Olsen Olaf  
Ernest Paige, Excused  
Catherine Paradiso  
Geraldine Parker, Excused  
Fran Reali  
Chris Rooney  
Marjorie Ryan, Excused  
James Samuels, Excused  
George Sona, Excused  
George Turner  
Kelly Vilar  
Kevin Washington  
Daniel Williams  
Camille Zarrelli, Excused  
Nicholas Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Debi Rose  
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Matthew Titone  
Paul Marrone, Rep. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis  
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Senator Diane Savino  
Tony Arcome, NYC Parks & Recreation Manager  
Daniel Castorina, Rep. Councilman Steve Matteo  
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration  
Patricia Kettles, New York Public Library  
Detective Rios, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Affairs  
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Frank Marra, Clove Road Civic Assn.  
Garrick Brown, St. George Resident  
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.  
Leve Johnson, St. George Resident  
Beryl Thurman, Pres. North Shore Waterfront Conservancy  
George & Dana Cusick, Manor Road Resident

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and approved.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Lolita Jackson gave an update on One NYC. PlanNYC was Originally released in 2007 under the name "PlanNYC," One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City (OneNYC) is a groundbreaking effort to address New York City's long-term challenges: the forecast of 9 million residents by 2040, changing climate conditions, an evolving economy, and aging infrastructure.

Dr. Carole Reiss asked for the Board's support for the Staten Island Green Charter School for Environmental Discovery. Presentations were given previously and supported by Community Board #1. K thru 5 school, with dual language and environmental stem school. To be open in September 2017 – Kindergarten and First Grade – 125 students in year one, will grow to 75 students each year to grade 5. Intention is to apply for Middle School program in year 5.

Mr. LaTroy Graham spoke of the football field in Stapleton and the need for it to be updated and used.

Mr. Tony Scutari spoke of an upcoming food drive on March 19, 2016 to collect food and clothes.

Ms. Sharon Pope, BikeNYC spoke of programs available, volunteer opportunities for students and everyone. For further information go to [www.bike.nyc](http://www.bike.nyc).

Mr. Mario Buoniaggio spoke opposing Camelot's expansion on Port Richmond Avenue.

Ms. Beryl Thurman, President of North Shore Waterfront Conservancy spoke opposing the expansion of Camelot on Port Richmond Avenue due to oversaturation. Ms. Thurman further spoke opposing BJ's and other building to be built on wetlands on the Graniteville swamp, it is going to cause flooding of the surrounding area. Lastly Ms. Thurman asked the Board to request Governor Cuomo come and visit the Bayonne Construction site and have a meeting with the residents that are being impacted.

Mr. Chris Hadwin, SI City Planning gave an update of meetings that have been held for the Bay Street Corridor.

Ms. Deana Dobrer spoke about Staten Island Community At-Risk Engagement Services. The program is designed to assist participants to become linked and engaged with community based providers in order to better manage their health care needs.

Ms. Hope Ghazala spoke of New York City Teens Connection Program which brings together youth based organizations, schools, clinics, and citywide agencies in a comprehensive effort to reduce unintended teen pregnancy. Through this initiative, youth in NYC will become knowledgeable about their sexual and reproductive health, have access to the information and resources they need to make healthy decisions, and be empowered to act on these decisions. For further info contact Ms. Ghazada at [Hghazada@health.nyc.gov](mailto:Hghazada@health.nyc.gov)

Certificates of Recognition were given to the North Shore Green Way, West Brighton Restoration Society and Ms. Donna Tillman, Nutritionist Seaview.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

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

**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** – Chairman Siclari wished Celeste Bute-Holmes his deepest sympathy on the passing of her mother. Additionally, Chairman Siclari thanked everyone that participated in marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year with Community Board #1. Since there were more members as spectators this year he noticed along the parade route - next year we will ask everyone prior who would like to participate, if only a handful we will rethink marching.

**DISTRICIT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – Mr. Carroll announced through the efforts of former Chairwoman, Leticia Remauro a grant will be given by the Small Business Administration to sub contract with the Jersey Street Business Association to help the downtown area. The entrance to the Wheel will be at Jersey Street and Richmond Terrace.

Keyspan has been working with Mr. Marin for the Wheel to run the gas lines. Stuyvesant Place from the Terrace to Hamilton Avenue will be used for the Gas Lines and for Keyspan to work that portion will be closed when they are doing the work.

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – There was no meeting. A letter was sent to all Board Members for the Statement of Needs. It came very late. There were no specific items for Staten Island – we did comment as follows:

Staten Island Community Board 1 thanks you for this opportunity to share with you our response to the Mayor's SON for FY 2017-18.

### **Infrastructure**

The DOT Port Ivory operation at 3551 Richmond needs to be relocated away from fragile wetlands and parklands to a facility with a buffer zone and no proximity to a residential area.

The relocation of the DOS District 1 garage has lingered for two decades and must be effected in the next capital budget. The garage is in unfixable disrepair and is an environmental injustice to the surrounding residential community. There is a plan to site a complex at Fresh Kills that will combine District 1 with a new District 3 garage, using the old District 3 garage as a maintenance depot and this is the budgetary request we are making.

### **Public Safety**

The proposed relocation of the 120<sup>th</sup> Precinct from Richmond Terrace to Hill Street must happen quickly since the billion dollar private investment in St. George will require an ease of traffic flow not possible with the current precinct location.

The Critical Response Command should be relocated to the property adjacent to the 121<sup>st</sup> Precinct or to the NYPD property at Hill Street. This will provide Staten Island with some equity regarding the benefits from siting City facilities.

The Safety City Program must be reopened at the Petridis School. In a borough without mass transit, cars are everywhere and children need to learn how to be safe in such an environment.

#### Parks and Other Agencies

Cromwell Center must be rebuilt as quickly as possible. The original facility, while being renovated from prior storms, was destroyed by Sandy and its loss has left thousands of children and adults without any recreational space, especially compounded by the fact that the Kroc Center is no longer viable. The easiest relocation would be to build the facility over Lyons Pool thus combining recreation with year-round swimming.

#### DORIS

Notwithstanding the fact that DCAS believes Brooklyn is a good siting for DORIS, Community Board 1 continues to request the siting at the Teleport which has the attributes required to maintain and protect the City's records and which would provide the benefit of a City siting for our borough.

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

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – In the packet is a report of upcoming meetings – and updates – on March 21, 2016 – 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office the MTA has been invited – please e-mail board office or Mr. Zvegintzov with any experiences you may have had, i.e. - skipped trips, buses bypassing a stops etc.

**LABOR, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK** – Mr. Mohlenbrok mentioned the Labor Committee and the Board Members have been speaking about Mayor DeBlasio's Report " Career pathway One City Working together" Mr. Mohlenbrok would like the Board to vote on the following which recommends all future further development that is brought before this board include the recommendation for first source hiring policy and to include industry partnership between developers and labor unions as to maximize training opportunities and long term development.

In Mayor de Blasio's Report, CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER, it is clearly stated:

"New York City's workforce system has fallen short of delivering full value to its jobseeker and employer customers because programs have not been adequately connected to each other or to the City's economic development priorities. To support economic mobility at scale, workforce programs and economic development initiatives must function cohesively and drive toward the single objective of increasing the number of New Yorkers who hold family-supporting jobs".<sup>1</sup>

"New York City government itself is a major driver of economic growth across the five boroughs. The City spends billions of dollars every year on goods (over \$1 billion), development activities such as creating a new manufacturing and industrial space at the Brooklyn Army Terminal (\$100 million), and mayoral priorities such as the plan to create 200,000 units of affordable housing over the next ten years (\$8.2 billion). To date, however, the City has done very little to leverage its

investments for workforce outcomes. Links between economic development projects and workforce programs have been few in number, limited in scope, and lacking in enforcement or accountability mechanisms." <sup>2</sup>

Based on Mayor DeBlasio's own report The Staten Island Community Board Labor Committee is recommending that all future further development that is brought before this board include the recommendation for first source hiring policy as outlined in recommendation 9 and 1 of the CLEAR PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER to include industry partnership between developers and labor Unions as to maximize training opportunities and long term employment.

Which states: "RECOMMENDATION 9: Maximize local job opportunities through the City's contracts and economic development investments by establishing a "First Source" hiring process and enforcing targeted hiring provisions in social service contracts."

"Establish a "First Source" Hiring Process. The program sets specific goals: a 50 percent hiring goal for targeted populations, a 40 percent retention rate for those individuals for at least nine months, and higher wages for at least 30 percent of them within a year" <sup>3</sup>

"RECOMMENDATION 1: Launch or expand Industry Partnerships with real-time feedback loops in six sectors: healthcare, technology, industrial/manufacturing and construction, which will focus on training more New Yorkers for jobs with career potential, and retail and food service, which will focus on improving the quality of low-wage occupations." <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pg 52 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 1

<sup>2</sup> Pg 52 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 2

<sup>3</sup> Pg 53 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 4

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Pg 27 Report CAREER PATHWAY ONE CITY WORKING TOGETHER Paragraph 4

**Motion seconded. Reverse roll call vote take, vote passed unanimously.**

**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

**YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR** – The minutes and the newsletter are in the packet.

A letter will be sent reiterating our support for the Green Charter School. A letter of support was also voted on unanimously to send a letter of support for a Harbor School on the north shore.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER BRADFORD GREENE** – No report.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CIVIC COMMITTEE, VICTORIA GILLEN** – There is a meeting scheduled for March 24, 2016 – 7:00 P.M at the Board Office.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY** – There has not a been meeting as of yet. The Board honored last month, Doreen and Luanne from the St. George Theatre.

**PARKS & RECREATIONAL AFFAIRS, MEGAN DELMAR**- No report.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** – We are not going to meet prior to the Board Meeting in April. If anyone has any health items that they would like to discuss please speak to Ms. Paradiso.

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Whereas Community Board 1 is seeking to oppose the program expansion proposed for Camelot's existing building located at 263 Port Richmond Ave to add 35 inpatient beds for men with substance abuse issues, based on the following ongoing community issues.

The Port Richmond community is extremely oversaturated with social service facilities and existing supportive housing programs;

The vendor cannot limit the contract to Staten Island residents only;

The proposed structure is not consistent with the existing low density growth provisions of the NYC zoning code;

The area currently is a high crime locale and the proposed clientele would be at risk or add on to existing crime concerns.

There is a currently a proposal for St. Joseph's to open in very close proximity to the site on Heberton Avenue.

**Motion seconded, vote passed to oppose the expansion vote passed unanimous 25-0-0 (2 ineligible).**

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – Members of City Planning gave a presentation on the Bay Street Corridor.

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

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTELRIGH/WILLOWBROOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH** - No meeting, no report.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

Old business

New Business

Meeting adjourned.