

**FULL BOARD METING MAY 14, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joe Ahlstrom, Excused
Ali Mir Masum
Anjail Ameen Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown
Sandy Carles, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell, Excused
Anastasia Ciluffo
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Claudette Duff, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radhakrishna
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer, Excused
Fran Reali
Christopher Rooney
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
James Samuels, Absent
Anthony Scutari
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 DeBlasio
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Donald DeRosa, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Lisa Thompson, Rep. District Attorney McMahon
Samen Mahmoud, Rep. Congressman Max Rose
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Debra Fischetti, Rep. Senator Lanza
Mosaab Sadeia, Assemblyman Fall
Javon Pamell, Rep. Assemblyman Fall
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA
Nicole Brooks, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Robert Gibbs, St. Georg Library
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Resident
Diana Coughell, Non. Board Member West Brighton
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing Resident
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing Resident
Miriam Arnold, Occident Avenue Resident

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Bob Zion, Veterans Committee Chairman lead in the pledge of Allegiance in observance of Memorial Day.

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Pat Kane, NY State Nurses Association thanked Chairman Siclari for the dedication he has given in making the community a better place.

There is a problem with nurse staffing at Richmond University Medical Center, it is not regulated. The NYS Nurses Association is trying to get a bill passed for safe nursing standards. This was achieved from Northwell Health and the nursing standards have improved. Ms. Kane left a petition for all to sign to achieve the passing of the bill. It is Nurse's week as well.

Ms. Simone Mahmoud, representing Congressman Rose spoke of the homeless shelter at 44 Victory Blvd. Ms. Mahmoud mentioned the Mayor does not care about Staten Island and what the needs are of the community "Can't wait to see how that works out in Iowa". The Congressman is available for all and stands by Community Board #1 for the siting and the size of the shelter at 44 Victory Blvd.

Ms. Kate Carousel Statin is a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association and is Co-Chair of the 2019 Walk to end Alzheimer's on October 12, 2019. There are two upcoming events; on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 there will be an Alzheimer's Community Forum at the Knights of Columbus to talk about the needs of Staten Island. On June 4, 2019 at Flagship Brewery will be the kick off walk to end Alzheimer's. You can learn about the walk, where the fundraising goes to, and share personal stories. There will be free beer and food. Flyers were available. You can contact Ms. Statin at kmc2029@gmail.com.

Mr. Donald DeRosa, Staten Island Borough Director representing Scott Stringer spoke on the Comptroller's report on Parks in NYC. We are ranked 48th in the City. We have 2,000 parks in NYC. This is alarming. We need 200 new parks. Parks are opening up at schools. 50% of parks there are some type of injury that needs to be addressed.

Ms. Mary Calla, Co-founder and President and Samantha Stogsdill, Co-founder and Executive Vice-President spoke of Opening Doors, a wellness and recovery center located at 149 Fillmore Street. There are programs for recovery maintenance. There has been some controversy in the neighborhood. The program provides life skills and social skills to go back into society. They offer holistic wellness through meditation, yoga, crystal healing Reiki. The relapse on Staten Island is astronomical. They also offer job placement, GED training, computer literacy classes, tutors, teachers and life skill coaches. Ms. Calla and her husband own Calla Karate and offer Marshall Arts for free 2 times a week. The organization runs solely on grants and private fund raising.

Ms. Lisa Thompson representing District Attorney McMahon mentioned programs like this are needed, there have been 30 overdoses this year, and 59 lives saved. Staten Island is actually on a decline from last year.

Ms. Remauro mentioned the lawsuit has not been filed as of yet. A number of different attorneys have been spoken to about a case. We need to insure that this is the avenue to go and that the case will be won. Ms. Remauro did not have all the statistics with her. The Mayor is not backing down on this. Ms. Remauro thanked all that have already donated. Donations are still encouraged; we have a long fight ahead of us. We do not want the shelter built. Everyone should be cared for, we do have 1300 people who need housing. There is a 10 year lease for this property. Our schools are already at 150% capacity, there is lack of public transportation, no city hospital. We need affordable housing not shelters and get them back into the workforce. Everyone should write letters call the Mayor's Office, call WIN. You can still donate or if you want to help in anyway contact Leticia@thevonagency.com.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - Chairman Siclari reported that the judge granted a stay to stop the homeless shelter in Manhattan.

Letters were sent to Con Edison and Verizon for the Eruv fence that was put up in Westerleigh. We have heard back from Con Edison. Con Edison responded that permits have been submitted and will be approved. The applicants agreed to take down the old Eruv and put up new ones.

We are looking for another site to meet for Board Meetings. There is very limited parking here, lights flicker. We have already looked at Christ Church it is not feasible, too many stairs and parking would be limited due to the RV Club meeting there. If anyone has any suggestions of a place that is handicapped accessible please inform Chairman Siclari.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, MEGAN DELMAR – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY - No report.

THRID VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – No report.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – Nominations will be taken at the end of the meeting for Executive Committee positions.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Fleet week is coming up. Flagship brewery will be hosting a free event on Sunday with entertainment and beer.

Hillel will be honoring Pearl Minsky on May 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

There have been quite a bit of discussion on Windmills on Staten Island, they need to be delivered upright, they are unable to fit under bridges. Atlantic Terminal is looking to assemble the windmills there. New Jersey already has 3 facilities built. Long Island is on board – this will bring a lot of jobs and energy.

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting this evening. The following application was presented discussed and voted on as follows:

- Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2019-9-BZ - 468 Targee Street Application for a single family detached home, contrary to side yard and open area regulations and front yard regulations.

Variance Application Section ZR 23-461, ZR 23-45 to allow construction of a single family detached home, contrary to side yard and open area regulations and front yard Regulations.

Community Board #1 recommends denial of this application due to the impact the proposed construction would have on the adjoining properties by building to 0' side yard which would impact any future as-of-right residential development on this site.

Community Board #1 also believes the reduction of the requested front yard frontage from 10 feet to 4 feet impacts the future street line development.

Further, there is a substantial concern of the proposed cut at Targee Street would be a difficult logistical configuration and the proposed 2 car garage and parking do not appear to be feasible as proposed.

In conclusion, Community Board #1 resolves that this variance if granted will alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the zoning lot is located, and will substantially impair the appropriate use or development of the adjacent properties.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed to deny passed unanimously.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – There will be a joint meeting of Transportation and Waterfront on May 28, 2019 -7:00 P.M. at the Board Office. EDC will be attending regarding all borough fast ferries.

Last month a presentation was given to the Stapleton Area Committee as well as a Full Board presentation by DOT for traffic improvements to Broad Street and Vanderbilt Avenue. It was noted by George Doyle to request enforcement of double parking and request metered parking.

Hand vote taken to send a letter of support for the traffic improvements. Vote passed 24-5-0.

The Engineering report for the fast buses or light rail going from South Avenue old north shore rail has an unobstructed right-of-way. There could be 2 -12 foot lanes enough for either buses or a light rail until they get to Nicholas Street at Richmond Terrace where they are absolutely sure there is no way to turn buses or trains around under the Ferry Terminal. Therefore, they are proposing to bring those trains and buses up onto Richmond Terrace for that last ¼ mile and get in with all the rest of the traffic. This negates the whole Idea.

Proposing to bring up to Richmond Terrace most of the traffic, unsatisfactory solution – dedicated bus lane in the middle of Richmond Terrace.

There is a Transportation report in the packet.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – No meeting, no report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – Previously announced there will be a joint meeting with Waterfront and Transportation on May 28, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS, BOB ZION - The parade of ships in the harbor will be coming on Wednesday of next week. Tours of the ships will be from May 22nd to the 28th. Flagship brewery will be hosting a free event on Sunday the 28th with entertainment and beer. Come out and support our Troops.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Bridge brings different cultures together. They are looking for singers, dances, poetry readers – there is not a date yet, admittance will be \$10. They would like people to show a part of their culture.

On a separate note, Ms. Minsky asked everyone to send a letter to the Mayor against the homeless shelter at 44 Victory Blvd. – the north shore does not have our fair share of services, school seats, hospitals, recreation to sustain the homeless shelter.

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN – Ms. Gillen piggybacked what Joe Carroll reported under his report regarding windmills, a school is needed to train people to manufacture, assemble and maintain the windmills. Windmills would create much needed jobs.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – Mr. Light reported on 2 letters of support needed as follows:

Letter of support to COI Arts Education for temporary installation of three benches to be installed at Richmond Terrace and Nicholas.

Letter to the NYC Parks Department for the installation of a temporary Art Mobile Studio at the Stapleton Waterfront Park.

Hand vote taken to send both of the above letters of support. Vote passed unanimously.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN- No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – There is a proposal for the Sun Chemical site for a store, area would like to see a trade school.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – Minutes are in the packet.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – Minutes are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI/TIMOTHY FORSYTH – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

The Secretary, Anjail Ameen Rice announced all of the current Executive Committee Members except for her position have submitted Call for Candidate forms to run for their current positions.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman
Megan Delmar, First Vice-Chairwoman
Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairman
Friday Ogbewe, Third Vice-Chairman
Treasurer, Larry Beslow

Ms. Loretta Cauldwell previously submitted a call for candidate form for Secretary.

Mr. Anthony Cosentino previously submitted a call for candidate form for the position of First Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Norman Light nominated Mr. Timothy Forsyth for the position of Second Vice-Chairman.

Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice called each position 3 times before closing nominations.

Elections will be held at the June Board Meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Christopher Rooney announced there will be a West Brighton Taste of Forest Avenue on Sunday May 19th on Forest Avenue. Tickets in advance are \$15 the day of the event they are \$20. You can get tickets at www.forestavebid.com

Meeting adjourned.