

**FULL BOARD MEETING – MAY 12, 2015 – 8:00 P.M.**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Priscilla Marco, Chairwoman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Masum, Mir Ali  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Joseph Bird  
Andrew Blanco  
Chris Greene  
Telee Brown, Absent  
Celeste Bute-Holmes  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Linda Eskenas  
Thomas Ferrie, Absent  
Timothy Forsyth  
Vickie Fossella  
Victoria Gillen  
John Guzzo, Excused  
Robert Honor, Excused  
Sunny Jain  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Norman Light  
Priscilla Marco  
John McBeth  
Pearl Minsky  
Jeff Mohlenbrok  
Friday Ogbewe  
Olaf Olsen, Leave  
Ernest Paige  
Cathy Paradiso  
Geraldine Parker, Absent  
Fran Reali, Excused  
Chris Rooney  
Marjorie Ryan  
James Samuels  
Varum Sanyal, Excused  
George Sona  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Turner  
Kelly Vilar  
Kevin Washington  
Daniel Williams  
Camille Zarrelli, Excused  
Nick Zvegintzov

**GUESTS**

Charles Fall, Rep. Mayor DeBlasio  
Jenny Fischman, Rep. Public Advocate Letitia James  
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Senator Savino  
Ralph Porzio, Rep. Sen Lanza  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Matteo  
Andrea LaPointe, Rep. MOA Titone  
Angela Mirizzi, Rep. MOA Malliotakis  
Joan Cusack, Exec. Director NYC HRA  
Anthony Arcamone, NYC Parks Department  
Bill LaCurtis, NYC Parks Department  
Elizabete Pata, NY Public Library  
Lorraine Ruiz, NY Public Library  
Glen Cutrona, AIA, Rep. 139 Bay Street  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Impr. Society  
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.  
Michael Harwood, St. George Civic Assn.  
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park  
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Barbara Sanchez, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa  
Peter Lisi, St. Paramount Theater  
Susan Fowler, City Harvest  
Barbara Sanchez, Committee to save Mt. Manresa  
Debra Grant, Port Richmond Resident  
Beryl Thurman, North Shore Waterfront Conservancy  
Eridea Hamburg, Mindspring  
Charlotte Menter  
Erika Hamburg, Preservation Society  
Danna Cusick, Manor Road  
Michael Gee, NBCC  
Idella Gee, NBCC  
Sara Gowell, Bay Street Landing  
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing  
Jermaine Williams, NYC HRA  
Dr. David Kim, Beacon Christian Comm. Health Center

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Priscilla Marco called the Board Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Nicholas Siclari took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept April 2015 Board Minutes.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Beryl Thurman and Debra Grant spoke opposing St. Joseph mental health facility in the Port Richmond Area. It was noted that St. George and Port Richmond have the highest concentration of social services in Staten Island. These services need to be equally distributed throughout the Island.

Bill LaCurtis, NYC Parks Department spoke of membership to NYC Parks recreation centers upcoming events. Flyers were left. You can also reach Mr. LaCurtis for further information at [bill.lacurtis@park.nyc.gov](mailto:bill.lacurtis@park.nyc.gov)

Ms. Elizabeth Pata, New York Public Library asked for the Board's support in the Mayor's budget for library funding. The libraries need staffing funding, operating monies etc.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez, Secretary Committee to Save Mt. Manresa spoke of a letter from the Director of City Planning, Len Garcia-Duran to Debi Rose pertaining to the presentation of the contextual rezoning – that City Planning will not support at this time. Ms. Sanchez urged the Board to continue with the application and submit the proposal.

Mr. Michael Morrell, President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society thanked the Board for arranging to meet with the heads of the Civic Associations on the north shore. Mr. Morrell would like to see members of the board attend the annual Civic Meeting. Comptroller Scott Stringer will be in attendance at the Westerleigh Improvement Society monthly meeting tomorrow, May 13, 2015. All are welcome to attend.

Mr. Glen Cutrona, AIA representing 139 Bay Street showed plans of the proposed building where Fish & Eddy's once was. A full presentation was given at a Land Use Public Hearing last week.

Mr. Jermaine Williams, NYC HRA gave an update on the HRA SNAP program – you can apply on line – many how were not eligible for assistance with food may now be eligible and it is worth looking into. For further information you can contact Mr. Williams at [williamsjb@hra.nyc.gov](mailto:williamsjb@hra.nyc.gov)

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest spoke of the West Africa My Plate Challenge on May 30, 2015. For further information you can contact Ms. Fowler at [sfowler@cityharvest.org](mailto:sfowler@cityharvest.org).

Mr. Harwood, St. George Civic Assn., Eridea Hamburg and Charlotte Mentor all spoke opposed to the variance applications for 139 Bay Street. Concerns raised were that it is out of character of the neighborhood and that it blocks corridor view.

Marjorie Ryan spoke of a fundraiser for the UPS driver that lost his legs when he was struck by a car unloading his truck on Hylan Blvd. The race will be on May 17, 2015 – 10:00 A.M. at Clove Lakes Park. Even if you cannot walk or run any monetary amount will help the family.

Mr. Bob Zion spoke of Fleet Week, volunteers are needed to help set up, serve etc. You can also tour the ships from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Dr. David Kim, Beacon Christian Community Health Center spoke of services offered to the community, improving access to health care. The office is located at 2079 Forest Avenue. Beacon Christian Health Center is provided Neighborhood Assistance Program through subsidized assistance from the federal government for individuals and families without medical insurance. The Center also takes most major insurance including Medicaid and Medicare. For further information and services provided please call 718-815-6560.

A presentation was made by Flood NY on the new flood maps that were completed. For further information please go to [floodhelpny.org](http://floodhelpny.org).

### **PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED**

#### **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 report is in the packet.

**SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Additional nominations will be taken at the end of the meeting.

**CHAIRWOMAN, PRISCILLA MARCO** – The Secretary's report is in the packet. Chairwoman Marco introduced newly appointed Board Members, Mr. Masum Mir Ali, Ms. Celeste Bute-Holmes, Mark Washington and Mr. Varum Sanyal who was excused.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** - Mr. Carroll announced the District 1 Sanitation Garage is in the budget to be relocated. Kudos should be given to Councilwoman Rose and a special thanks to Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia.

Congratulations were extended to our new appointed SI Parks Commissioner Lynda Ricciardone who is a life-long Staten Islander, a friend of the board and, lastly, \$131,000 has been secured for Buono Beach, which is much needed.

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** –

**139 Bay Street** - Enlargement of a mixed use building contrary to floor area regulations, lot coverage, balconies below third story, distance from legally required windows to lot lines and side yard regulations:

Motion made to approve with the condition that 8 of the 28 parking spots are allocated strictly for the commercial tenant/s and that they must provide adequate internal space for trash compaction and recycling sorting.

The Land Use committee voted 5-1-0 to approve

There was a long discussion on the motion.

**Roll call vote taken, vote failed 12-22-1.**

**Mr. Bird made a motion to deny application for 139 Bay Street with the recommendation that the developer incorporate the current design of the façade into the new design**

**Roll Call vote taken, vote passed to deny 26-9-0.**

Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 – For City Facilities/Fiscal Years 2016-2017

Mr. Accornero explained that the Citywide Statement of Needs is part of a planning process in which communities are informed at the earliest possible stage of the city's needs for facilities and the specific criteria for selecting the locations of those facilities.

The following motion was made and approved unanimously as a package:

DOT – Relocation of DOT Operations Port Ivory – Whereas, The DOT facility is currently located at 3551 Richmond Terrace and,

Whereas, the facility needs to be relocated ASAP,

Be it hereby resolved that: The facility needs to be in a location that is not located near residents and must have a buffer zone, and,

Whereas, The Department of Parks & Recreation – proposes the relocation of Green Thumb, Fresh Kills Park, and Partnerships for Parks administrative offices, and;

Whereas, Staten Island is the Borough of Parks, and;

Whereas, Fresh Kills Park will be the largest New York City Park and a worldwide destination for all of its natural attractions and features, and;

Whereas, Snug Harbor is under the jurisdiction of New York City Parks & Recreation

Whereas, Snug Harbor Cultural Center has underutilized space amongst the landmark buildings on its campus, and;

Whereas, Snug Harbor is easily accessible to the rest of the city of the Staten Island Ferry and single MTA bus line, and;

Whereas, Snug Harbor Cultural Center is also home to the Staten Island Botanical Gardens, Chinese Scholar Gardens, Tuscan Gardens, Compost Project and Farming Program, all of which would complement the Green Thumb and Partnership for Parks Program,

Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 strongly request the relocation of the Green Thumb, Fresh Kills Park and Partnership for Parks Administrative Offices to Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Whereas, the Department of Sanitation proposes the consolidation and relocation of the sanitation garages for M-CD6 & 8 and M-CD11 and M-lot cleaning unit, and;

Whereas, the Staten Island District 1 Garage is in an extreme state of disrepair and is a detriment and an environmental hardship on the surrounding residential community, and;

Whereas, the relocation of the Staten Island District 1 Garage has been in previous Statement of Needs and 10 year Capital Plans and promised for over two decades, and;

Whereas there has been widespread agreement to relocate the Community District 1 garage to the former Fresh Kills Landfill and convert Community District 3 maintenance facility

Be it hereby resolved that: Community 1 demands the Department of Sanitation reinstall SICB1 and CB3 relocation/consolidation into the next possible capital budget.

Whereas, the DORIS proposes to relocate its municipal archives, and;

Whereas, this proposal first appeared in the 2007/2008 Citywide Statement of Needs, and;

Whereas, the New York City Charter requires the archives preserve city records of history, research, cultural or other important value and determine the most suitable methods to maintain them, which requires varied environmental conditions for optimal preservation including reduced exposure to light and ultraviolet rays as well as controlling temperature and humidity levels and;

Whereas, the Staten Island Teleport possesses and/or has the capacity to provide these varied conditions and has adequate space, transit and truck access.

Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 strongly recommends relocating the DORIS municipal archives to the Staten Island Teleport.

Whereas, the relocation of the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. was previously included in the Citywide Statement of Needs, and;

Whereas, a ULURP was filed to relocate the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. to Hill Street, and;

Whereas, the current location of the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. does not provide adequate parking at all for Officers' or visitors,

Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 strongly recommends relocating the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. to Hill Street.

It was requested by a few board members that the items be separated. It was decided that the Parks Department item would be voted on separately.

**CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 - PARKS DEPARTMENT** – Motion on the Parks Department (noted above) only.

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 22-9-2 ineligible.**

**Roll call vote taken for the Citywide Statement of Needs – items in a group (motions listed above minus Parks Department).**

**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 29-1-1 (1 ineligible)**

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** - Ms. Paradiso thanked Dr. David Kim of the Beacon Christian Center for informing the board of the services he offers to the community.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** - There have been requests at the last few Labor meeting from nurses to invite representatives from RUMC at SIUH to the Labor Meeting. Since contract negotiations are underway, they will not be invited until they are completed.

**WATERFRONT, PRISCILLA MARCO** – Ms. Marco stated the minutes are in the packet. Ms. Marco stated she has chaired the Waterfront Meeting, it was very well attended. The next meeting will be on May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Museum, all are invited to attend.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – If anyone has any issues concerning city agencies please let Mr. Jain know. Mr. Jain will be attending the 120 and 121 Pcts. Community Council Meetings and will report back to the Board.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, MEGAN DELMAR** – The minutes are in the packet. Presentations were given at the Parks Meeting by the Dept. of Parks.

**Motion to support the upcoming plans to rebuild three parks as a part of the Community Parks Initiative for De Matti, Levy and McDonald Playgrounds.**

**Hand vote taken. Vote passed 35-0-0 (1 ineligible)**

**YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**A motion was made to support the full development and approval of the Change Prep High School.**

**Change Prep Charter High School, a Staten Island North Shore School whose foundation in curriculum and all supporting activities and programming are STEM based. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The opportunity for our community to have a coed high school enriched with STEM education is important and very much needed.**

**Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.**

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE** – Mr. Greene announced there is a letter in everyone's packet:

On May 12, 2015 Community Board #1 voted unanimously to support of Int. No. 732, a Local Law to amend the New York City Charter in relation to making urban planning professionals available to Community Boards.

The proposed amendment makes certain what the City Charter only now suggests: that the "technical assistance" called for by § 82(9) entails the provision of an urban planning professional to allow each Community Board to discharge their duties in an effective manner. This is a welcome change. Under the City Charter, Community Boards are tasked with two core functions: advising the Mayor on the budgetary needs of their district, and providing the initial review of proposals for the use, development or improvement of land in the district. While the former is not without complication, the latter involves understanding byzantine zoning and land use rules that may, or may not, apply to a particular property. And although our Board is fortunate to have a sharp and knowledgeable Land Use Committee Chairman, not every Board does. Such expertise should be permanently available to each of the 59 Community Boards.

A careful balance must be struck between satisfying the demands of a growing population and maintaining the very characteristics that make a particular community district appealing. Through the tireless work of our Land Use committee, Community Board 1 strives to strike that balance. But there are times when even herculean efforts cannot overcome threats to this community's beauty and vitality. Recent history only confirms that.

This Board is striving to proactively identify areas whose zoning may be out of step with the current or contemplated use of the neighborhood. This will entail finding mis-zoned properties in our district and assessing what, if any, action to recommend

Accomplishing this will require precisely the kind of "skilled technical help" you have recognized that our Community Boards need.

So that we may make a thoughtful recommendation to our local officials concerning the proposed legislation, we ask that you indulge us with two requests:

1. The proposed amendment mandates at least one professional planner "for every four community boards in the borough." As Staten Island contains three community boards, we want to confirm that it would be entitled to its own professional planner situated in the office of Borough President Oddo. Staten Island is unique in the planning issues it faces for reasons we are sure you understand; sharing such a planner would only ensure that the idiosyncratic needs of Staten Island would be overlooked by a professional straddling two very different boroughs.
2. We also ask that you provide further information concerning the characteristics of the "urban planning professional" contemplated by the bill. Would such a professional be a credentialed urban planner or something else? Who would have a voice in the selection of the professional?

As the "City Government in the Community," Community Boards serve an integral role in ensuring that City Hall understands the needs of each of this great city's 59 districts. By providing much needed technical assistance to those Boards, Int. No. 732 empowers them to better serve the communities whose interests they are charged with representing. Subject to our questions above, this Board stands ready to provide any assistance necessary to ensure that this legislation is enacted. We welcome your leadership on this issue.

**Reverse roll call vote taken to send letter: Vote passed unanimously.**

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

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – A motion was made to approve the DOT Clove Road Traffic Improvement proposal which was requested by this board in September of 2013. A presentation was given to the full board, recommendations were given by a number of Board Members which were sent to DOT, and changes were made. A revised presentation was given at the St. George/West Brighton Meeting in April were members of the Transportation Committee were in attendance.

There was a long discussion on the motion. A motion was made to table to the June Board Meeting. Motion passed to table to the June Board Meeting .

## **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. A request was made to send of support as follows for Northfield LDC Grant Application:

**WHEREAS**, Northfield Community LDC desires to apply for financial assistance through the 2015 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings on Port Richmond Avenue between Richmond Terrace and Walker Street; and Richmond Terrace between Jewett Avenue and Nicholas Avenue; proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Community Board #1 of Staten Island, NY approves and endorses the 2015 New York Main Street application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Northfield Community LDC.

A request was made to send of support as follows for Northfield LDC Grant Application:

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBOOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSYTH** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.



