

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
ST. THERESA’S – 1632 VICTORY BLVD. – 8:00 P.M.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry, Excused
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Grace Ferranti
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo
Jeanne Hogan
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Excused
Dominick Lambert, Medical Leave
Lisa Lattanzio
Adena Long
Priscilla Marco
Jacob Massaquoi, II
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Friday Ogbewe
Leticia Remauro
Majorie Ryan
John Pabone, Excused
Vincent Pompa
Chris Rooney
Nicholas Siclari
John Strandberg
Sean Sweeney, Excused
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Curt Ward
Mark Washington
George Wonica, Jr., Absent
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Stanley Mroz, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer
A.J. Basile, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Dr. M. Khalid, Civilian Complaint Review Board
Merra Joshi, Civilian Complain Review Board
Nicole Rios, 120th Community Affairs
Larry Kennedy, Clove Lakes Civic Assn.
Mr. & Mrs. Dorta, MH Resident
Roy Hettler, Westerleigh Resident
Helen Settles, N.S. Resident
Cynthia Lane, N.S. Resident
Mr. Craig, MH Resident

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Chairwoman Remauro welcomed everyone back from summer break.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept June 2010 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ken Tirado invited everyone on September 11, 2010 to attend a reenactment at the Conference House at 3:00 P.M.

Francisco Dorta expressed dissatisfaction that the SI Expressway Access Improvement Plan did not start as we told to us in spring of 2010.

Mr. Dorta stated there has only been one day of school at P.S. 22 and already cars are blocking private driveways, blocking traffic and rude comments being made by drivers who are picking up students.

Helen Settles spoke of Port Richmond Anti-Violence Task Force & Eye Openers Youth Against Violence who are presenting the Friendship Games for Youth Ages 10-18 on September 11, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. at the P.S. 20 Schoolyard at 161 Park Avenue.

Ms. Settles asked members come join the New Brighton Coalition of Concerned Citizens for a Rally at the Jersey Street Garage on September 19th at 2:00 P.M.

P.O. Quoins Rios introduced herself as the new Community Affairs Officer from the 120 Pct. who is working with P.O. Salvatore Gianino. Officer Rios left her business cards and announced she will be here for the remainder of the meeting if anyone had any questions or issues in their community.

Mr. John Guzzo, Chairman of the Rosebank Area Committee stated the residents are still having trouble with Locale at 1221 Bay Street. Patrons of the club are coming out causing disturbances, especially Friday and Saturday nights. During the evening mostly after between 1:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M. patrons are coming out of the club, sitting on steps of homeowners, urinating on public property and a car is pulling up with a full bar in the trunk of their car serving alcohol to underage and patrons of the bar. It is total chaos around 3:30 A.M. -4:00 A.M. when the patrons are leaving.

Ms. Cynthia Lane, Barker Street Block Association spoke of a home on Barker Street that is selling drugs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSETINO – Mr. Cosentino welcomed everyone back from the summer break.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney welcomed everyone back and looks forward to working with the functional committee chairs to have another productive year.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGEWELE – Mr. Ogbewele welcomed everyone back and looks forward to working with the area committee chairs and thanked them for their cooperation last year.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Wishes we were still on summer break.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro gave an update of all of the work that was done over the summer break. Anthony Cosentino, Anjail Ameen-Rice and Vincent Accornero had attended meetings regarding Port Richmond Avenue, working with the community, merchants and Police Department. Councilmember Debi Rose and SI Elected Officials, Ajmal Chaudhry, Sean Sweeney and Joseph Carroll were able to have the sanitation maintenance facility portion moved from Jersey Street to trailers at the Fresh Kill site. This will free up space in the garage to have all the truck inside of the garage. Linda Eskenas and the Greenway Committee worked diligently to have the Greenway trail recognized and incorporated by many City Agencies into the Waterfront Plan.

Chairwoman Remauro thanked the Staten Island Downtown Council, Ken Tirado, Resident of Bay Street Landing, and everyone who helped, visited and enjoyed the former Coast Guard site over the summer. Permits were secured hold many events every weekend. We are working on extending the permits and to use the building for events in the cooler weather.

Chairwoman Remauro urged everyone to attend the MTA Public Hearing on Fare Hikes on September 16, 2010 at the St. George Theatre.

The Borough President has developed a proposal that could spare SI not only higher tools and fares but also restore much needed service reductions.

By charging \$1 to all cash payers and not increasing E-Z Pass rates to all MTA facilities. This board has supported our commercial retailers here on Staten Island that does not get discounts.

Due to other obligations Mr. Sean Sweeney has stepped down as Transportation Chairman. Ms. Jeanne Hogan will be taking over the Chairmanship.

Lastly, Chairwoman congratulated Joseph Carroll on the recent marriage of his step daughter and our own Youth Chairwoman Marilyn Brown.

PARLIMENTAIRAN, JEANNE HOGAN – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll announced Ms. Camille Zarrelli did the flower arrangements and they were beautiful. Mr. Carroll invited everyone on Saturday, September 11, 2010 to the Postcards Memorial for a ceremony at 6:00 P.M.

It is important that area chairpersons at their September area meeting ask members what are the critically important needs in their neighborhoods. Functional committees should focus on items such as schools, bulk heads, transportation issues, etc. The Steering Committee/Budget will hold a Public Hearing the committee will formulate the items in October and the board will vote at the October board meeting.

Chairwoman Remauro asked everyone to research their request as far as what agency it should go to and get a recent estimate of cost of a recently funded similar request and have it available for the Budget Public Hearing. It is important for us to submit our request with as much detail as possible.

Dr. M. Khalid a Board Member Civilian Complaint Review Board and Ms. Merro Joshi of the CCRB board made a presentation on the function of the Civilian Complaint Board. The Civilian Complaint Review Board is located at 40 Rector Street and can be reached by calling 311. All information is on the website nyc.gov/ccrb.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The following resolutions were presented on behalf of the Land Use Committee, seconded, discussed and voted on as follows:

1. 15 Irving Place – Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 855-87-BZ – request to permanently remove the term of a variance.

Community Board #1 recommends an extension for a term of 20 years from the date the current variance expires in November 2013.

Roll call vote taken - Motion passed 23-4-0.

2. 252 Victory Blvd. – City Planning Authorization No. N 100324 ZAR - to develop a multi-family building with 15 units and 23 parking spaces within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Community Board #1 approves authorization with the condition that there are planted green roofs.

Roll call vote taken- Motion passed 15-14-0.

3. Victory Blvd. residential Development e/s north of Cebra Avenue – City Planning Authorization No. 020670 ZAR – to facilitate the development of a 3-story, 2 family detached residential buildings (two side-by-side one family dwellings).

Community Board #1 approves authorization with the condition that there are planted garage roofs (which is the terrace and entrance to the home).

Roll call vote taken, Motion passed 16-13-0.

4. 25 Sunrise Terrace – City Planning Authorization No. N 090398 ZAR – to authorize development in steep slope and modification of lot coverage controls in order to construct a new detached single-family home within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Community Board #1 **denies** authorization because the existing structure substantially exceeds lot coverage.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed to deny authorization 28-1-0.

Mr. Accornero explained the Hillside Preservation District was put in place not to stop all building in the district but to put restrictions such as lot coverage, height, and tree replacement and trigger reviews by the community board and city planning.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino announced the Budget Public Hearing which District Manager, Joseph Carroll previously spoke about is on October 7, 2010 – 8:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – There was no meeting. The next is on September 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office. Mr. Ward thanked Linda Eskenas and the Greenway Committee for their hard work on the resolution passed in June on the Greenway Trail.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – No meeting, the committee will meet prior to the Board Meeting in October at 7:00 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNE HOGAN – The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be on September 30, 2010, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The Labor Committee will meet next month prior to the board Meeting 7:00 P.M. We are awaiting the engineer report on Cromwell Center, if it is sustainable to be repaired and cost effective or if it is going to be demolished.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – No meeting. The committee will meet prior to the Board Meeting in October.

YOUTH SERVICES, MAIRLYN MARIA-BROWN – The Youth Committee will be working on an initiative for kids to read.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON/LARRY BELSOW – The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, AJMAL CHAUDHRY – No meeting, the next meeting will be on September 21, 2010, 7:30 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The next meeting will be on September 21, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the 250 Park Avenue.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, KEN TIRADO – No meeting. The next meeting will be on September 15, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis Hose.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The problem with the bar located at 1221 Bay Street, corner of Maryland Avenue is still ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.