

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2011 – 8:00 P.M.
ST. VINCENT’S MANOR, 250 PARK AVENUE

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski
Marilyn Brown, Excused
Arthur Cappabianca
Loretta Cauldwell, Excused
Ajmal Chaudhry, Leave
Anthony Cosentino, Bd. Business
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Grace Ferranti, Medical Leave
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo, Excused
Jeanne Hogan
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones
Dominick Lambert, Medical Leave
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Priscilla Marco, Excused
Vincent Mecca
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Vincent Pompa
Leticia Remauro
Christopher Rooney
Majorie Ryan
Richard Salhaney
George Sona
Nicholas Siclari
John Strandberg, Excused
Sean Sweeney, Excused
Ken Tirado
Curt Ward, Excused
Mark Washington, Excused
George Wonica, Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

William Smith, District Director for Congressman Grimm
Christine Johnson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Chris Bauer, Rep. MOA Titone
Thomas Olsen Rep. MOA Malliotakis
Gus MacLaglan, Natural Gas Pipeline
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Brandon Schmitt, NYC Parks & Recreation, Forestry
Vincent Polimeni, NYS Laborer’s Organizing Fund
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improvement Society
Liberty Teevbuwa, Caregivers Program at J.C.C.
Peter Lisi, Paramount Theatre

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Remauro explained this Board Meeting is rescheduled from the regular Board Meeting which was cancelled due to the snowstorm on January 11, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made and seconded to accept December 2010 Board Minutes. Minutes accepted.

Roll call attendance taken. A quorum was present.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced Mr. William Smith, District Legislative Director for Congressman Michael Grimm.

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for allowing him to address the Board. Congressman Grimm looks forward to working with all of the Community Boards and the people of Staten Island. The Congressman's Office is located at 265 New Dorp Lane. The Congressman and staff are there to answer any questions or help on any matters of all constituents. The phone number of the Congressman is 718-351-1062.

Mr. Thomas Olsen representing Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and invited all members to the Assemblywoman's swearing-in ceremony on January 20, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at New Dorp High School. Please call 718-667-5891 if you wish to attend. The Assemblywoman looks forward to working with the constituents and can be reached at the above number as well. The Office is located at 586B Midland Avenue.

Chairwoman Remauro read the lists of guest and thanked all for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Gus MacLaghlan from Spectra Energy spoke of the revised natural gas pipeline plan. Mr. MacLaghlan met with the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond/Graniteville Area Committee prior to the meeting this evening and gave an overview of the revised plans. The New Jersey-New York Expansion will eliminate existing bottlenecks in the region's interstate transmission pipeline grid and will offer multiple benefits to the region. The new 16-mile underground pipe would transport natural gas from Linden, across the northwest corner of Staten Island and then north to Bayonne and Manhattan and beyond. To minimize effects to landowners, local communities and the environment, the current proposed route does not cross any residential properties and a significant portion utilizes the existing rights-of-way.

Mr. Liberty Izebbuwa, Director of Caregiver Services of the Jewish Community Center explained the Jewish Community Center, South Shore has a grant from the Department of the Aging to give relief to caregivers. The Caregivers Program offers many different services, supplement pharmaceutical supplies, education workshops, special events, information and assistance (benefits and entitlement, outreach/community education, individual counseling, support groups caregiver training, case management stress management classes and computer classes. For more information on any of the programs you can contact 718-475-5287 or e-mail Mr. Izevbuwa at lizebuwa@sjcc.com.

Mr. Peter Lisi of the Staten Island Paramount, mentioned many ordinary normal people are supporting the National Lighthouse Museum. Mr. Lisi said “at the last meeting he might have said something out of context and many people were offended, I called some Elected Officials and board members stool pigeons, if you are a stool pigeon, you need to hit the road jack and don’t you come back no more.”

Mr. Charles Kitts is the head of the Port Richmond Improvement Society and Co-Chairman of the Anti-Violence Task Force. Another shooting which resulted in the killing of another man in Port Richmond happened 3 days after Christmas. Two days before Christmas a young man was held down on a Port Richmond Street and had both his knee caps broken. They took his cell phone. The CYO offers basketball and soccer on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M. Over 100 people utilize those two gyms at the CYO. There needs to be more activities to for teenagers and young adult to keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino is testifying at Petrides on behalf of Community Board #1 at the Blizzard Hearing.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney, Mr. Carroll and Chairwoman Remauro met with the new Director of Snug Harbor, Ms. Lynn Bodnar-Kelly. Discussion was held on how to keep the lines of communication open between Snug Harbor, the Community Board and the residents in the area. Mr. Rooney requested that the Public Services Committee meet with the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee with representation from Snug Harbor to attend.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The report is in the packet. Mr. Beslow announced the Board collected \$126 for the Youth Committee’s Buck a Book program. The money collected will be given to Ms. Brown at the February Meeting.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro thanked Mr. William Smith for attending the meeting on behalf of Congressman Grimm and looks forward to working with him. We have invited the Honorable Michael McMahon to attend the February Board Meeting, for his hard work and dedication to his constituents. The Congressman’s Office is always welcome to attend our full Board Meetings and any other meetings Community board #1 holds.

The natural Gas line is very important and the project needs to move forward. Chairwoman Remauro thanked Ms. Ameen-Rice for having Spectra Energy attend the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee this evening; Mr. Kitts, I thank you for addressing the Board, I urge you to attend the Board Meetings, get involved with the Youth Committee and Public Services Committee who may be able to negotiate more Park Programs. We are facing difficult times with budget cuts for the youth and it is very important to keep them safe and off of the streets. Lastly, Mr. Lisi while our Constitution allows us to say anything that we would like, general manners

usually stop you from insulting people, we as a Community Board appreciate that you step up and said whatever was in your heart, one takes offense when told they are not doing their jobs. This Board is one of the hardest working boards in the City with the help of the Elected Officials.

Condolences were given to Mr. Jeffrey Mohlenbrok who recently lost a parent this week.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll made note that former Board Member, Senser Billy Davis has passed away and a good friend. Mr. Carroll announced Mr. Tirado is directing the Pulitzer Prize winning play “Doubt”.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced Mr. Brandon Schmitt, NYC Parks & Recreation, Forestry who gave an update of street trees to be planted. Anyone can request a tree be planted on the sidewalk. All that is needed is the address to plant a tree. You may call the local community Board, 311 or 212-New York. A map was provided where trees were planted in October 2007-December 2010 and is on file at the Board Office.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The following resolutions were read, seconded, discussed and voted on as follows:

➤ Department of City Planning Application No. C 100118 ZMR – Application Submitted for an amendment of the Zoning Map, changing from M1-1 District to an R3A District property bounded by the southerly boundary line of a railroad Right-of-Way, Union Avenue, Leyden Avenue and Harbor Road to permit the development of 31 detached residential buildings that will yield 38 residential units on the lots of comprising the former lumber yard. The plan submitted with the application indicates that the R3A district regulations would permit development of 24 single-family and 7 two-family homes

Motion to approve rezoning with Green Building requirements.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 13-11-0.

➤ Department of City Planning Application No. N 090180 ZAR – 10 Fillmore Street – Proposed development of the construction of one detached two-family dwelling on a 517,125 square foot vacant zoning lot located within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 22-2-0.

Mr. Accornero announced a Public Hearing is being scheduled for the Statement of Needs and the response to the Mayor’s Preliminary Budget. Please look for then notice which will be e-mailed and included on the calendar.

Chairwoman Remauro urged all committee chairs to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting then you should send a committee representative.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – No report

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – In February a meeting is going to be scheduled to respond to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget to Community Board #1 Capital and Expense Items for 2012. All Steering committee members should attend, if not available, should send a representative from the committee.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – No meeting, no report.

HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES – Mr. Sunny Jain reported the minutes of the Public Services and the Human Services committees are in the packet. Mr. Jain attended a kick-off for recycling, the Staten Island Paper Challenge. Borough President James P. Molinaro and Anthony Pratt, Chair of Pratt Industries, have announced an Island-wide recycling contest to run through the year 2011. In coordination with the Department of Sanitation, Pratt will measure paper recycling tonnage each quarter of 2011, and compare it with levels recorded in 2010. For measuring purposes, the Island will be divided into thirds, using existing Community Board boundaries. Each quarter, the districts will be awarded prize money based on their results, with a grand prize to be awarded at the end of the year. Prize money will be utilized to fund park improvements within the district.

TRANSPORATION, JEANNE HOGAN – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari will hold a brief labor meeting after the board Meeting.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH – Mr. Tirado thanked everyone for their generosity donating toys for the children in Richmond University Hospital. The extra toys were given to Larry Beslow for the children of the Central Family Life Center.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – No report.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON – No report.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, SEAN SWEENEY – No report.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Rice asked to have a representative from

the 120th Pct. attend the next area committee meeting. A Community Affairs Officer has not attended an area committee meeting in many months. The Board Office will invite a community affairs officer to the meeting; Chairwoman Remauro suggested Ms. Rice call the 120th Pct. Community Affairs Officer to invite as well to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.