

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2011 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman**

**MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS**

Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. Molinaro  
Christine Johnson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
David Hernandez, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
Thomas Olsen Rep. MOA Malliotakis  
P.O. Quania Rios. 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Affairs  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Michael Rieser, SI Paper Challenge  
Vincent Polimeni, NYS Laborer's Organizing Fund  
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improvement Society  
Virginia Sherry, SI Advance  
Ulysses Grosso, Work Force 1  
Hamim Syed, Business owner  
John Tidona, Port Richmond CERT  
Ronit Lapit, Opposed to SIE Access Improvement Project  
Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic  
Bill Kisewetter, Clove Lake Civic  
Scott Lambdin, NYPL  
Bruce Lauria  
Ed Addaman, Greenway Committee  
Doreen Denice, Proposed Fushion Charter School  
Tim Kuhn  
Fran Curiazza, Greenway Committee  
Larisa Orlovsky, St. John's Avenue  
David Orlovsky  
Beth Malone  
Dolores Muller  
Deacon Arline Edward, First Central Baptist Church  
Peter Lisi, Paramount

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken.

Motion made and seconded to accept January 2011 Board Minutes. Motion Passed.

A moment of silence was given for Board Member Dominick Lambert. For those who did not know Mr. Lambert he wore many hats as a community board member throughout the years, he was an officer of many positions, Co-Chaired the Mariners Harbor Area Committee Meeting. He will be greatly missed. And, as Dominick would say enough already let's get the show on the road.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Michael Reiser spoke regarding 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. 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. Community Board #1 is the worst board on Staten Island for recycling, so, there is a good chance for improvement.

Mr. Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improvement Society requested the entire length of Port Richmond Avenue be repaved. It is in desperate need of repaving. People need to be able to drive down Port Richmond Avenue safely, get out of their cars and visit the many variety of stores the Avenue has to offer.

Mr. Hamim Syed, a Staten Island business owner asked Community Board #1's help to persuade the State DOT not to close exit 13 on the Staten Island Expressway. It will hurt businesses in the area. Approximately 100 people attended the Transportation Committee earlier this evening complaining of additional traffic on the service with the closing of the first entrance heading toward Jersey to the Expressway and the closing of Exit 13.

Mr. John Tidona introduced members of the Port Richmond CERT Team; they get deployed through the Office of Emergency Management to assist first responders. Cert is Island wide not just Port Richmond and invited people to join CERT. For more information [Portrichcert@yahoo.com](mailto:Portrichcert@yahoo.com).

Ronit Lapid spoke against the closing of Exit 13, additional traffic on Narrows Road, the Lincoln Road Closing and the need for sound barriers.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** - Chairwoman Remauro read the guest list and asked if anyone was present at the Board Meeting that did not leave their e-mail

address on the sign-in sheet to please do so. Community Board #1 has gone paperless and therefore likes to notify or get in contact with community residents via e-mail.

Chairwoman Remauro responded to the speakers of the Public Session:

As per the SI Paper Challenge Chairwoman Remauro stated we are going to win the Paper Challenge and urged everyone on the north shore to recycle.

The Board will request DOT pave Port Richmond Avenue. Additional lighting and cameras are in the budget as well for 2012, anyone who has pot holes or street paving requests should call 311 or e-mail the Board Office.

In regards to Exit 13, a meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting tonight; a resolution will be made under the Transportation Committee report.

“When I first joined the Board, Dominick greeted me; he was at the podium singing. He taught me a lot about public service throughout the years and will be greatly missed.”

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The Steering Committee was cancelled, we are waiting for the Mayor’s Preliminary Budget. When it is received, a meeting will be scheduled.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – Mr. Rooney reported that on behalf of CB#1 he attended a meeting of the Board Of Directors of Snug Harbor. A meeting was held in January with Leticia Remauro, Joseph Carroll, the new Chief Executive Office, Lynn Bodnar-Kelly and they are looking to work with the community and the residents in letting everyone know what is going on, by using big signage and meeting with the Community Board prior to the start of work. Under the Public Services Committee report there will be a motion regarding work that they will be doing to Building F.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The Treasurer’s report is in the packet. Mr. Beslow gave recognition to Richard Zichettello who donated \$50 to Buck a Book on behalf of the Youth Services Committee.

**SECRETATRY, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – No report.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – If you own a home, City Council Members James Oddo, Vincent Ignizio and Debi Rose are holding a Town Hall Meeting to discuss property tax assessments. Tuesday, February 15, 2011 - 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. – at the Michael J. Petrides School.

Mr. Carroll mentioned Dominick Lambert who was the guy that kept this board focused on the issue of the North Shore Railroad for 22 years. Because of that everyone is now

focused on the north shore railroad and the North Shore Greenway trail. Mr. Lambert had a stroke a few years ago and was confined to a nursing home, he became the greeter of Clove Lakes, whenever you would walk in the door, Dominick was there to greet you with a smile, he did not give up on life, he created a new life for himself, and he had his own entourage. Mr. Carroll thanked Mr. Lambert for all he gave to Staten Island and this Board.

Ms. Doreen Denice spoke of “The Fusion Charter School” which would be tuition free. The mission of the Fusion Charter School is to make a significant contribution to the social and educational improvement of an under-resourced community, particularly in the areas of math, science and technology. The Fusion Charter School would like to locate on the north shore and serve students grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated opening date is September 2011. For more information go to [www.fusioncharter.org](http://www.fusioncharter.org)

**YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN, MARIA BROWN** – There was no meeting, no report. Special thanks were given to Richard Zichettello for donating \$50 for “Buck a Book” We will be going to the Community Board Office to order the books during the winter recess.

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – There were no applications submitted. The Board did receive the Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013; there were no items for Staten Island. A motion was made and seconded as follows:

**Community Board #1 in response to the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 feels that the following items should have been included:**

**The relocation of Sanitation District 1 Garage;  
The renovation or relocation of Cromwell Center;  
A north Shore K-8 school;  
The Dominick Lambert Memorial Mariners Harbor Library;  
The Rosebank Library; and  
The relocation of the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.**

**Roll call vote taken. Vote Passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Accornero made the following motion, motion seconded:**

**Whereas, Dominick Lambert served as a tireless advocate for the North Shore of Staten Island as a member of Community Board #1 for 28 years, and;**

**Whereas, while holding various leadership positions his constant focus was on revitalization of the North Shore Rail and the protection and development of the Mariners Harbor area,**

**Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 will refer to the Mariners Harbor Library as the Dominick Lambert Memorial Mariners Harbor Library and request**

**this designation be officially recognized and adopted by the New York Public Library and,**

**Be it further resolved that: the New York Public Library coordinate with Community Board #1 for the dedication and appropriate signage for this designation.**

**Hand vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.**

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The Mayor has not submitted the preliminary budget. When it is available, a meeting will be held.

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN** – The minutes from January 18, 2011 are in the packet. A letter of support is requested by the Department of Design and Construction for Snug Harbor, Building F. Snug Harbor is moving the catering hall to the main hall, building F. Work needs to be done to facilitate the move such as 4 chimneys; there will be 3-intake and 1 outtake and also where and how the trash will be contained outside of the building. . Drawings were shown of all the work that will be done.

**Hand vote taken to approve letter of support. Vote passed 25-0-0 (1 ineligible).**

**TRANSPORTATION, JEANNE HOGAN** – A meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting this evening. In light of the 100 people that attended and reviewing the Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement Plan, Chairwoman Remauro made the following motion:

**Whereas, Community Board #1 of Staten Island has reviewed New York State DOT's Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement project and,**

**Whereas Community Board #1 of Staten Island believes that the Staten Island Expressway needs improvement to insure the proper flow of traffic on the expressway and the service roads on a continual basis, and,**

**Whereas, Community Board #1 of Staten Island desires to achieve this goal without negatively impacting the surrounding residential and business community,**

**Be it hereby resolved that Community Board #1 of Staten Island would like to suggest the following changes to the Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement project:**

**1: Convert the proposed Narrows Road North off Ramp to an on ramp, at or around Kansas Avenue which can be accessed by the local Rosebank community from Hylan Boulevard and can possibly reduce the negative impact caused by the loss of the Lily Pond Avenue entrance; 2: Remove the proposed Hylan Bouelvard/Stueben Street on ramp from the design and instead retain the current Exit 13 off ramp which provides immediate access to fuel, food and service;**

**3: Delay demolition of - but take out of use- the Lily Pond Avenue on ramp until such time that it proves certain that the removal of the ramp and the entire Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement project will not adversely affect the residents of Narrows Road North and the greater Rosebank community, at which time, if the projected traffic patterns hold true, the ramp can then be demolished.**

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

Ms. Hogan announced State DOT is holding an open house on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011 at Community Board #2, 460 Brielle Avenue from 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M regarding the Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement Plan.

At the next Transportation Meeting we will be discussing Bayonne Bridge Alternatives. Ms. Remauro suggested the Port Authority be invited to the meeting.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Mr. Siclari announced the investigation into the December 26, 2011 lack of snow removal in our board was determined that the Sanitation Department was not organized in removing the snow. There was not a slow down.

Chairwoman Remauro suggested a representative from the Department of Sanitation come to the next Labor Committee Meeting and discuss how the streets are plowed in our Board in regards to emergency streets, ancillary streets etc.

#### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Chairwoman Remauro urged all to see the play Doubt, Mr. Tirado is the Executive Producer and Director of the Play.

**ROSBEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO** – Mr. Guzzo thanked Chairwoman Remauro for the Staten Island Expressway Exit 13 motion which was previously made. The lines on the Staten Island Expressway need to be repainted. Chairwoman Remauro reported as of today they are painted.

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

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, SEAN SWEEENY** – No meeting, no report.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED



