

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 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  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Ajmal Chaudhry, Excused  
Anthony Cosentino  
Steve Douglas  
George Doyle, Excused  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
John Guzzo  
Jeanne Hogan  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones  
Timothy Kuhn  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Priscilla Marco  
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Pabone, Excused  
Ernest Paige  
Vincent Pompa  
Fran Reali  
Leticia Remauro  
Christopher Rooney  
Majorie Ryan, Excused  
Richard Salhaney  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Sona, Excused  
John Strandberg, Excused  
Ken Tirado  
Harold Wagner  
Curt Ward  
George Wonica, Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli  
Richard Zichettello

**GUESTS**

Michael Bryantsev, Rep. B.P. Molinaro  
  
Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA Matthew Titone  
Gregory Liss, Rep. MOA Michael Cusick  
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
Michael O'Brien, Rep. Sen. Diane Savino  
P.O. Quania Rios, Community Affairs, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park  
Nicole Kay, Police Athletic League  
Gail Kelly, Alice Austen House  
Christian Hansen, WB Resident  
Liam Gillbride, WB Resident  
Josephine Hansen, WB Resident  
Elise Walker Tirado, SI Youth Justice Centers  
Robert Rothschild, Aetna Medicare

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken. Quorum present.

Motion made and seconded to approve September 2011 Board Minutes.

Chairwoman Remauro read the list of attended guests and Elected Officials representatives that were present.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Elise Walker Tirado, SI Youth Justice Center asked for members to take flyers which were left in the back of the room, spread the work and join the Staten Island Youth Justice Center in a walk to support the young people of the community as they take a stand against teen dating violence. The walk is on October 27, 2011 – 5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. starting in front of 120 Stuyvesant Place.

The Center for Court Innovation's Staten Island Youth Justice Center is seeking a volunteer Community Service Coordinator to provide community service oversight for respondents of the Staten Island Youth Court. Further information on the volunteer was left in the back of the room. You can visit the Center for Court Innovation's at [www.courtinnovation.org](http://www.courtinnovation.org) resumes, a letter of interest with two professional references can be sent to [mgelber@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:mgelber@courts.state.ny.us).

Mr. Robert Rothschild, Account Executive, Aetna Medical spoke of a change of enrollment dates: You can switch or enroll between October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7, 2011. Flyers were left with dates for more information on Aetna Medicare options for 2012. You may also reach Mr. Rothschild at [RothschildR@aetna.com](mailto:RothschildR@aetna.com) or 973-244-3527.

Mr. Michael Morrell, President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society invited everyone to attend the street dedication for the late Daniel Rieu, who was a 40-year member, Editor of the Newsletter and Vice-President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society. He was also a former long-time Board Member of Community Board #1. The event is on October 15, 2011, 1:00 P.M. at Lathrope and Bidwell Avenues. Councilwoman Debi Rose will be officiating the ceremony. Refreshments will be served. Mr. Morrell thanked Councilwoman Rose, Chris Johnson, Chief of Staff, Councilwoman Rose's Office, David Hernandez, Chairwoman Leticia Remauro, District Manager, Joseph Carroll and the Community Board for making the street dedication happen.

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The Budget Public Hearing minutes are in the packet with the excel spread sheet of Budget requests.

**Motion made and seconded to approve the FY 2013 budget requests as presented with the following changes and additions: Bollards at the end of Richmond Terrace and Alaska Street Moving of the Sanitation District 1 Garage should be changed to**

**65,000 and Fund Cultural Institutions with budgets under 249,999 should be 24,999.**

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

The adopted FY'2013 Capital and Expense Budget Requests are attached to the minutes.

Chairwoman Remauro commended Mr. Cosentino for the fine job he did on the budget.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY**- Mr. Rooney emphasized the importance of members going to their functional committee meetings. Many meetings were set up prior to the Board Meeting to make it easier for members to attend and the committees still do not have quorums. Transportation issues are for the most part being handled in the respective area; the Rules Committee meets on an as needed basis.

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

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

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The report is in the packet.

**CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Chairwoman Remauro thanked Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney and Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewele and all of the Chairpersons for gathering information for the Budget Public Hearing. One of the main budget requests that has been a budget request for many years, is to request HHC to allocate 5% of their budget to the two Staten Island Hospitals. Staten Island is the only borough that does not have a City Hospital. Chairwoman Remauro urged everyone to write a letter to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Mark Page, requesting the above. The letters can be e-mailed directly to Chairwoman Remauro at [cb1chair@aol.com](mailto:cb1chair@aol.com) and will be sent in together. We are asking all of the Staten Island Community Boards to join us in this request and will be presenting the request To Borough Board.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** - Mr. Carroll informed everyone that the Citizens Committee has beautification grants available for Civic and Block Associations. The Applications will be available on our website or you can go to [dot.nyc.org](http://dot.nyc.org) and click grants.

Mr. Carroll spoke of the street dedication for Mr. Daniel Rieu on Saturday, October 15, 2011, 1:00 P.M. at Lathrope and Bidwell Avenues. Mr. Rieu was a long time Board Member, he was one of the original “Green” Islanders, he used to work at the Empire State Building, rode his bike to work everyday from Westerleigh to the Ferry and over to the Empire State Building. He was a remarkable man, told amazing stories.

Ms. Fran Reali, Safari Reality, gave a presentation on Real Estate Short Sale which is a process which a lender agrees to receive a lower amount of an owed debt in exchange for the sale of the property to a third party. Borrowers need to prove that they are experiencing a substantial financial hardship. The lender must be willing to accept the Short Sale proceeds as full settlement of debt. Short Sale will possibly help avoid foreclosure and

eviction, help minimize credit damage, counsel through the process, act as a liaison between the seller and the lender to ensure all parties work together toward a successful solution, provide relief during a difficult time and, market the property and find a buyer.

A folder was handed out to all in attendance with more information on short sales and, other information. The website for Safari Realty is [safariREALTYonline.com](http://safariREALTYonline.com).

Ms. Marco asked questions of homes that are in foreclosure that are in disrepair and/or left abandoned, doors, windows open/broken etc. Ms. Marco has a home in her area, 881 Van Duzer Avenue, buildings keeps coming to seal the door and in a day or two vagrants must be going in because the door is wide open.

Mr. George Wonica Jr. responded, it is a frustrating process with these homes. Often times the real estates or banks are not in Staten Island, they have services to go out and cut the grass, and when they get to it they get to it. It is illegal to go into the home.

Ms. Gail Kelly, Alice Austen House showed a power point presentation about the life of Alice Austen, events that the Alice Austen House holds and, holding events at the Alice Austen House. For further information, you can contact: [eeausten@aol.com](mailto:eeausten@aol.com)  
The Friends of Alice Austen House, Inc.  
2 Hylan Boulevard  
Staten Island, NY 10305  
(718) 816-4506

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – There were no applications submitted. The West Brighton/St. George Area Committee will review an application for 5 Bement Avenue – proposed construction of a one-family dwelling partially within the bed of a mapped street. The Land Use Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the Application on November 9, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. at All Saints.

**PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO** There was not a quorum at the meeting tonight. Last month's minutes will be included in the packet next month.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO** – No report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The FY 2012-2013 Budget was previously reported and voted on under the First Vice-Chairman's Report.

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – The next Greenway and Waterfront Committee Meeting will be held on October 25, 2011 – 7:00 Greenway, 7:30 Waterfront, at Bay Street Landing, in the community room.

**TRANSPORTATION, JEANNE HOGAN** – Transportation issues are being handled in their respective area committees. A report will be in the packet next month by Ms. Jeannine Borkowski on the Transportation Improvement Study Meeting she attended.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Minutes will be included in next month's packet.

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERELEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Hall.

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

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

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.