

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2011 -8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

LETICIA REMAURO, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Jeannine Borkowski
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry
Anthony Cosentino
Steve Douglas
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo
Jeanne Hogan
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Excused
Timothy Kuhn
Lisa Lattanzio
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Ole Olsen, Excused
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Vincent Pompa
Fran Reali
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Christopher Rooney
Richard Salhaney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari, Excused
George Sona
John Strandberg, Excused
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Curt Ward
George Wonica, Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Michael Bryantsev, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
Julie Levine, Rep. Senator Lanza
Christine Johnson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
P.O. Quania Rios, Community Affairs 120th Pct.
Donald Ranshte, Director Community Affairs
Department of Buildings
Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1 Career Center
Susan Fowler, City Harvest
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
John Kilcullen, Preservation League of SI
Laura Barlament, Ped. & Safety Howard Ave.
Peter Lisi, 560 Bay Street
Marie Wausnock, Port Authority Toll Hikes
Claudia Toback, Demo of Smith's Infirmary
Barnett Sheperd, Demo of Smith's Infirmary
Cindy Voorspay, Demo of Smith's Infirmary
Melinda Woolk, Volunteers of America
Halina McCormack, Demo of Smith's Infirmary
Angela D' Aiuto, WBLDC, Demo of Smith's Infirmary
Victor Tucker, Class Assignment
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Kayla Watler, Office Intern
Mark Alon, Office Intern

Land Use Public Hearing called to order 7:05 P.M. The following item was on the agenda: Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 122-11-A – Appeal from a decision of Borough Commissioner denying permission for proposed construction of a one-family dwelling partially within the bed of a mapped street which triggers a waiver for front yard requirements at 5 Bement Avenue.

The premises are located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Bement Avenue and Richmond Terrace. The site is 32.70' frontage on Bement Avenue and approximately 102' frontage on Richmond Terrace with a total lot area of 4,164 square feet. The subject lot is one of six lots to be apportioned from the existing lot 1.

The following motion was made:

Motion to approve application with the condition that the developer construct a dedicated right-turn lane north-bound on Bement Avenue frontage feeding into an access lane along Richmond Terrace if the Department of Transportation concurs it is needed and, a review and comment by the Department of City Planning that the Development will not interfere with the North Shore Waterfront Plan.

Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 9-1-0.

Board Meeting called to order at 8:06 P.M.

Roll call attendance taken. Quorum present.

Motion made and seconded to accept October 2011 board minutes, minutes accepted.

PUBLIC SESSION

Laura Barlament a faculty member of Wagner College, pedestrian and bicyclist on Grymes Hill specifically along Howard Avenue spoke of the dangerous condition specifically on Howard Avenue and Stratford Avenue where Ms. Barlament was struck by a vehicle while riding her bicycle. Letters, accident report etc. have been sent to the Department of Transportation some type of traffic controls on Howard Avenue, Arlo Road and Stratford Avenue to insure the safety of the students, foot traffic and bicycle traffic. Correspondence are dated back to May of 2009. The Department of Transportation response is always unwarranted. Ms. Barlament is imploring Community Board #1 to ask the Department of Transportation.

Mr. John Kilcullen, Preservation League of Staten Island, Ms. Claudia Toback, Mr. Barnett Shepherd, Ms. Cindy Voorspay, Ms. Halina McCormack and Ms. Angela D'Aiuto, Executive Director West Brighton Local Development Corporation all spoke either opposing the demolition of the old Staten Island Hospital – Smith Infirmary on Castleton Avenue, future plans for the site, why the building can not be stabilized for future use of the site, requesting a copy of the engineering report, how the building will be taken down, where materials will be stored and security on the site after the building is demolished.

Ms. Linda Wolfe, Volunteers of America spoke about services their agency provides such as but not limited to: case management and homeless services for developmentally disabled and special needs persons, case management services for people who are

homebound, help people access services that they are entitled to such as food stamps, home care etc. Funding is through the Department of the aging and is very limited. If the board has any ideas to increase funding please let Volunteers of America know. Flyers were left in the back of the room.

Donald Ranshte, Director of Community Affairs, Department of Buildings spoke about the demolition of the old Staten Island Hospital, (Smith Infirmary) on Castleton Avenue. An emergency declaration was issued in June. There are at least 30 private owners of the property. Notifications were made to all of the owners trying to come up with a solution. Owners were unresponsive. The first emergency condition was in 1999, parts of the building have been slowly collapsing ever since. Every time a portion of the building collapses the building is less stable. There is just so much stabilization that can be done. Tree roots, vegetation is encroaching inside of the building. An engineers report determined there is no alternative to demolition. Housing Preservation and Development, the Fire Department and Buildings have all been working a viable solution. Asbestos testing was done and one small portion tested positive for asbestos and will be taken care of by the Department of Environmental Protection. Prep work has started for the demolition. Demolition should start in about a month. The agencies are going to try to salvage any material and it will be stored on the site. The demolition will take approximately 3 to 5 months.

Chairwoman Remauro mentioned that a lot of the material is historic and valuable, and should be stored in a secured site where it will not be further damaged or stolen. A special meeting regarding the demolition, the salvageable materials and security of the site on Wednesday November 18, 2011, 7:00 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House. The Board will work with Councilwoman Rose during demolition and what can be done with the property after the building is demolished.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll thanked Youth Chairwoman Marilyn Averett for the three office interns who are seniors in the Law Program at Curtis H.S. They are working in the Community Board Office. Mark Alon and Kayla Watler were present and were introduced; Andrew Bassier was unable to attend the meeting tonight. They are very efficient and helpful in the office.

The Parks Department is collecting non-perishable food for the needy. You can leave non-perishable food; you can bring items to the Stonehenge, 1150 Clove Road, Faber Recreational Facility, 2175 Richmond Terrace, Greenbelt Recreation Center, 50 1 Brielle Avenue and the Greenbelt Nature Center at 700 Rockland Avenue.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney who is the Board's representative of Snug Harbor attended the Italian Festival, and reported it was a good event, many attended.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – All of the Capital and Expense budget items from the October Board Meeting were submitted. Mr. Cosentino did a great job as did the members.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting this evening. The following item was discussed and voted on.

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

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – We need to step up the paper recycling. The final prize is \$20k. If any civic association would like to have a presentation, please speak to Mr. Jain.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting will be included in the packet next month.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNE HOGAN – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – The report will be in the packet next month.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW - The report is in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Tirado asked everyone to bring an unwrapped gift to the Board Meeting in December. The annual Santa visit to the Pediatric and Pediatric Psychiatric Wards has been scheduled for December 19, 2011. We will meet in the lobby at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

