

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2011**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 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  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
John Guzzo  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones  
Timothy Kuhn  
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused  
Priscilla Marco  
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok  
Olef Olsen  
Friday Ogbewe, Excused  
John Pabone, Excused  
Ernest Paige, Excused  
Vincent Pompa, Excused  
Fran Reali  
Leticia Remauro  
Marjorie Ryan  
Chris Rooney  
Richard Salhaney  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Sona, Excused  
John Strandberg, Excused  
Ken Tirado  
Harold Wagner, Excused  
Curt Ward  
George Wonica, Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli  
Richard Zichettello, Excused

**GUESTS**

Hon. James Oddo  
Hon. Debi Rose  
Roland Steward, Rep. BP Molinaro  
Steve Matteo, Rep. Hon. Oddo  
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Hon. Oddo  
David Hernandez, Rep. Debi Rose  
Joyce Mulvaney, MTA/TBA Verrazano  
Daniel DeCrescenzo, MTA/TBA Verrazano Bridge  
David Riggs, MTA/TBA Verrazano Bridge  
Sgt. Ceparano, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.  
P.O. Rios, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.  
P.O. Plenkic, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.  
P.O. Ochon, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct.  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Frank Acerra, DO, SI Physicians Practice  
Danny Reyes, Against Da Game  
Tariq Zaid, Against Da Game  
Steve Lawton, Verizon Rally  
Robert Hayes, Public Cord Blood Collection  
Alex Zablocki, Homeless Services  
Kim Sharpton, 49 Strong  
Joe Valentin, Toll Increase  
Susan Fowler, City Harvest  
Rudy Molic, Car Service  
Halina McCormack, Save the Castle  
Peter Lisi, Paramount

**OFFICE STAFF**

Lisa Crosby, Community Associate  
Kayla Watler, Office Intern  
Mark Alon, Office Intern  
Andrew Bassier, Office Intern

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Danny Reyes, Tariq Zaid spoke about a shooting that occurred Thanksgiving night. The shooting did not occur inside the establishment, it was up the street and around the corner. A female was in the establishment prior to the incident by people who were not inside. It is an unfortunate incident. Mr. Reyes has lived in Stapleton all his life. He opened Against da Grain which is an established haircutting business. The businesses are here to work with the community, to give back; we hold a Family Day bbq every year. We give children school supplies to go back to school. We are here to help with problems that are in the area. Mr. Reyes will attend the January Stapleton Area Committee Meeting.

Ms. Marilyn Averett spoke highly of the business owners, went to Curtis High School with them. These gentleman are a part of the community, they want to improve the community.

Councilwoman Rose also spoke highly of the owners of ADG; they want to work with the community. We are working on a website for 49 Strong. We need to get the guns off of the street, stop the violence in our streets.

Mr. Frank Acera, D.O., Staten Island Physicians Practice spoke about Asthma Management that is offered at both the Clove Road and Amboy Road Centers.

Minority Leader Honorable James Oddo thanked the Board for inviting him to speak. Additionally Minority Leader Oddo acknowledged Councilwoman Rose's presence. Minority Leader Oddo, Councilwoman Rose and Councilman Ignizio have been working on the City's budget. July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 begins the new fiscal year for the City.

The City is paying high pensions; most retirees who are collecting pensions are in Tier 1, which pays the highest. As of November it showed that there is going to be a 5 billion dollar gap on July 1, 2012. July 1<sup>st</sup> is when the City begins its new fiscal year. City agencies were asked to cut 5% which would bring in 2 billion dollars. The agencies came back with 1.3 billion in cuts. Minority Leader Oddo explained through writing on a white board. Unfortunately cuts are going to have to be made, changes need to be made. Property taxes and values were explained. The Minority Leader thanked Councilwoman Rose for working so well with him and thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to speak and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Questions were asked and answered.

Ms. Roberta Hayes, Children's Cord Blood Bank, Staten Island is the only New York City Borough that does not have access to a Public Cord Blood Bank. Cord Blood saves lives. Physicians use stem cells to treat more than 70 chronic or life-threatening diseases. Everyday in December you can vote on <http://pep.si/sqpbBF> this is the Pepsi Charity Community Contest.

Mr. Steve Lawton invited everyone to rally December 15, 2011 – 5:00 in front of the Verizon Store on Richmond Avenue in support of CWA members who have been working without a contract. Verizon workers went on strike and went back to work on the belief that a contract would be worked out. Theworkers are still without a contract.

Ms. Kim Sharpton introduced 49 Strong initiative that was introduced by Councilwoman Rose to get the guns off of the streets on the North Shore and stop the violence. Ms. Sharpton spoke in favor of Against da Game and mentioned the shooting that occurred a block away from Against da Game should not reflect on them. They are a part of the community and want to enhance it.

Mr. Joe Valentin spoke of the toll increases, asking everyone to boycott the Port Authority and asked everyone to buy a lawn sign opposing the toll increases. The signs are \$5 and it is to cover the cost of making the sign.

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest stated there is going to be a food pantry and community garden conference on January 21, 2012. For further information you can contact [sfowler@cityharvest.org](mailto:sfowler@cityharvest.org)

Ms. Halina McCormack spoke asking that the old Staten Island Hospital not be demolished.

Mr. Rudy Molie, owner/operator Dejoy's Redtop car service spoke of a car service that is opening up at 8 St. Paul's Avenue. There is no parking; there are 3 car services in the immediate area. Mr. Molie will contact the Board Office with further information.

Secretary Nicholas Siclari took roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Motion made and seconded to accept November 2011 Board Minutes. Motion passed.

Chairwoman Remauro asked everyone to say a prayer for District Manager Joseph Carroll who is in Staten Island University Hospital. He is recovering from surgery.

Chairwoman Remauro invited everyone to stay after the meeting for food and drink.

Mr. Alex Zablocki, Director, Community relations, Department of Homeless Services spoke at the Human Services Meeting prior to the Board Meeting this evening regarding homeless services. Mr. Zablocki asked everyone to participate if they are able to "Hope 2012" On January 30, 2012. anyone 18 years or older who would like help the Department of Homeless Services collect vital information by canvassing parks, subways and other public spaces to count the people that that are living unsheltered. You can contact 311 or [www.gov/dbs](http://www.gov/dbs) to register or for further information.

Ms. Joyce Mulvaney, MTA/TBA Verrazano, Mr. Daniel DeCrescenzo, MTA/TBA Verrazano Bridge and David Riggs, MTA/TBA Verrazano Bridge showed a power point presentation on the next phase of work to be done at the Staten Island Expressway. The full presentation is on file at the Board Office.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Ms. Remauro acknowledged all of the people that came to support ADG. This Board wants to see businesses succeed. "We want the lines of communication to stay open." If there is a problem with an establishment, Chairwoman Remauro

urged anyone to contact her at [cb1chair@aol.com](mailto:cb1chair@aol.com) or call the Board Office. We can request to the Liquor Authority restrictions on licenses, hours of operation, music, and security. We will not tolerate any establishment that does not respect the community. If there is a problem we expect them to meet with us.”

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – Mr. Cosentino wished everyone a happy holiday.

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

**THIRD VICE-CHARMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – Mr. Rooney wished everyone a happy holiday.

**SECRETARTY, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Mr. Siclari also wished everyone a happy holiday.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – No report.

### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Department of City Planning Renewal and Modification Applications to facilitate the construction a total of three one-family houses on each of the following addresses: 131, 135 and 139 Highland Avenues.

Originally the applications requested two-family homes; Community Board #1 denied the applications and requested 1-family homes. The applications are now for 1-family homes.

Motion made to approve as submitted and is requesting the architect and builder use recycled shingled material, low e-glass and to utilize natural daylight in their plans to mitigate some of the impact that it would have on the environment.

Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

The Department of City Planning is proposing a citywide text amendment to update provisions related to the (E) Designation Program. In addition to clarifying the text and removing obsolete provisions from the Zoning Resolution (Environmental Requirements) originally established in 1983, proposed modifications would remove duplicate zoning provisions concerning the (E) Program in the Special Districts.

The proposed modifications would also streamline the administration of the (E) Program, resulting in increased transparency and easier tracking of hazardous materials, air quality and noise environmental requirements, and enhance existing enforcement mechanisms.

The Department has worked in cooperation with the City agencies that have a role in Remediation (OER), which administers the (E) Program as successor to DEP for this purpose, and the Department of Buildings, which enforces the Zoning Resolution. A more streamlined and predictable land use and environmental review will benefit land use practitioners, property owners, the public and city agencies.

Motion to approve as presented the Department of City Planning citywide text amendment to update provisions related to the (E) designation Program.

Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN, LISA LATTANZIO** –

Mr. Alex Zablocki, Director, Community Relations, Department of Homeless Services discussed with the committee the HOPE Project.

Ms. Roberta Hayes, PHD, Executive Director Children's Cord Blood Bank & Research Foundation Incorporated discussed with the committee that there is no Cord Blood Bank in Staten Island.

Lastly, we are on the last quarter for the Paper Challenge. We have a chance to win \$20K for our north shore parks. It is important that everyone recycles; Christmas is coming, make sure all the boxes, wrapping paper etc. is put into the proper paper receptacle.

**YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO** – A meeting will be scheduled for January. Ms. Marco will speak to committee members and choose a date.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSESNTINO** – No meeting, no report.

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

**TRANSPORATION** – Chairwoman Remauro announced Ms. Jeanne Hogan has resigned from the Board due to a conflict with her job. The Transportation Committee meets as needed prior to the Board Meeting. Chairwoman Remauro asked Ms. Jeannine Borkowski to chair the committee. Ms. Borkowski accepted.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** - The committee discussed the expired communication workers contract with Verizon; impending workforce cuts to the United States Postal Service and ongoing and upcoming construction projects on Staten Island. A Labor Committee Meeting will be held in the Board Office on January 17, 2011 – 7:30 P.M. to further discuss the above referenced items.

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be no meeting in December.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – The minutes of the meeting are combined with Steering Committee Minutes that are in the packet. There will be no meeting in December.

**ROSBENAK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – The minutes of the meeting will be in the packet next month. . There will be no meeting in December.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW**- A quorum was not present. There are no minutes. There will be no meeting in December.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be no meeting in December.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Tirado thanked everyone who brought gifts for the annual Santa visit to Richmond University Hospital. If you did not bring a gift and would like to bring one, you can drop it off at the Board Office. Everyone is invited to attend the visit on December 19, 2011; we will meet in the lobby of RUMC at 7:15.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

