

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2012 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused
Marilyn Brown, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry, Leave
Anthony Cosentino
Steve Douglas
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Timothy Kuhn
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Priscilla Marco, Leave
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Vincent Pompa, Excused
Fran Reali
Leticia Remauro
Majorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney
Nicholas Siclari, Excused
George Sona
John Strandberg, Excused
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Curt Ward, Excused
Camille Zarrelli, Excused
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Nick Dmytryszyn, Environmental Engineer, BP
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Chief Michael Marrone, Borough Commander, FD
Lillie Farrell, Borough Coordinator DEP
Thomas Liogus, Parks, Asst. Fire Mgmt. Officer
Michael Schnall, Chief of Staff, Parks Dept.
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Tom Olsen, Rep. MOA Malliatokis
Frank Carcaterra, NYC Parks & Recreation Mgr. Dist. 1
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society
Ulysses Grosso, Work Force 1
Omar Guzman, Civic Leaders of Tomorrow
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
P.O. Rios. 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Lisa D'Ambroisio, Probation Dept.
Steve Margialla, Business Owner, Toll Hikes
Lauretta Calamito, Innis Street
Saleen Shah, Neighborhood Grants
Tammi Ramos, 977 Victory Blvd.
Liz Iasiello, Historic Richmondtown
Sarah Moddel, Historic Richmondtown

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken.

Quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept December 2012 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Steve Margialla, owner of Margialla Paving in SI utilizes many trucks and travels throughout the 5 Boroughs and New Jersey on a daily basis. Mr. Margialla received his e-z pass bill and noticed that on one single day the cost for tolls amounted to 5k. Many businesses are going to move off of the Island due to the increase in tolls. Many Staten Islanders are going to lose jobs. There must be relief for Staten Island businesses, many of whom are struggling to keep their heads above water without the toll increase. Mr. Margialla implored all to write to the MTA and Elected Officials to get some relief to businesses owners on Staten Island. Mr. Margialla handed out the addresses and phone numbers of the MTA and Elected Officials.

Ms. Laretta Calamito, complained of a home next door to her on Innis Street. This home has been in deplorable condition for the last 10 years and it is getting worse. It is a flop house. There is only one way in and out of the home. Many people are living in there with children. Garbage is all over the property, there is a rancid smell, and the alley way has raw sewage.

Mr. Omar Guzman, SI Immigrant Council and SI Clergy Leadership are two organizations that were originally started in Manhattan by Borough President Schumer. Project Hospitality sponsors the two organizations and community participation is encouraged. You can contact Mr. Guzman for more information at Omar@4techpros.com or 917-370-6111.

Mr. Saleen Shah, Citizens N YC spoke of Neighborhood Improvement Grants that are available to Civic and Block Associations and volunteer groups. The grants are \$500-\$3,000 for environmental, beautification projects in the community and any project an association or group would like to do in the community.

For more information contact sshah@citizensnyc.org or call 212-822-9566.

Ms. Tammi Ramos asked the Board's support for a new liquor store at 977 Victory Blvd, Silver Lake Wines & Spirits. Ms. Ramos has been working on the business for the past 4 months and has been contacting the community, to get feedback on the business. "We have support letters from many people we have invested a lot of time and money." Ms. Ramos and her husband were hoping to open for the holidays that did not occur since there are two liquor stores that are not in the immediate area that requested the State Liquor Authority not grant a liquor license for their business. Ms. Ramos mentioned the business would be an upscale establishment hosting wine and cheese tastings and catering to the community.

Mr. Ken Tirado, a business owner, wrote a personal letter to the State Liquor Authority asking them to grant the license of 977 Victory Blvd. The nearest liquor store is over a ¼ mile away. There is no other liquor store in the Silver Lake Area, where Mr. Tirado resides. The store is next to Maria's Gourmet who welcomes the new business since; the adjacent store has been unoccupied for 2 years.

Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1 Small Business Center mentioned there was meeting spaces available at their offices, to hold interviews etc. We also help people who may have been recently let go, entering the work force, advise on making career decisions.

Chairwoman Remauro read the lists of Elected Officials representatives, Civic Organizations and guests present and welcomed everyone.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – In the next month or two we will be holding a Public Hearing to respond to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report, have a happy New Year.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI - No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW - No report.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO - Chairwoman Remauro mentioned Councilwoman Debi Rose is home recovering from knee surgery and District Manager Joseph Carroll is also home recovering from heart surgery, we all wish them both a speedy recovery.

Mr. Tirado will bring up the issue of Silver Lakes Wines and Liquors, 977 Victory Blvd. under the Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh Area Committee Report.

We are waiting to get responses back from the Mayor on our Capital and Budget Requests.

Nick Dmytryszyn, Environmental Engineer, BP, Chief Michael Marrone, Borough Commander, FD, Thomas Liogus, Parks, Asst. Fire Mgmt. Officer and Michael Schnall, Chief of Staff, Parks Dept. gave a power point presentation on the Community Wildlife Protection Plan. Within the last 15 years, 103 serious Phragmites brush fires have occurred within the Eastern Shore of Staten Island. Phragmites Australis, is invasive grass Common Reed which reach in heights of excess of 12 feet, the standing dead stalks are highly ignitable and capable of rapid speed. Copies of the plan are at www.nyc.gov/parks/cwpp or you can review a at: 1150 Clove Road, 700 Rockland Avenue, 222 Poillon Avenue, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite #217, 460 Brielle Avenue, Lou Caravone Building and 655-218 Rossville Avenue. There will be a Public Presentation on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Greenbelt Recreation Center, 501 Brielle Avenue 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Liz Iasiello, Historic Richmondtown and Sarah Model, Historic Richmondtown spoke of the various programs and functions that are held the over 100 acres of land at Historic Richmondtown all year long.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – A Land Use Public Hearing will be held in January on the following. - Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2012-2013 – there are no items for Staten

Island; Department of City Planning Zone Green Text Amendment; variance for an existing auto body shop 41 Barker Street and seeking and appeal from BSA for 940 Richmond Avenue.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN – Chairwoman Remauro congratulated Sunny Jain and all of Community Board #1 won, we won the grand Prize in the Staten Island Paper Challenge with Boards 2 and 3.

Mr. Jain thanked everyone for their participation and urged everyone to continue to recycle. The prize money that was received is to go towards north shore parks. The Public Service Committee will discuss what the money should be used for whether it be trash cans, jungle gym etc.

YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE, MARILYN BROWN – Mr. Kuhn chaired the Youth Committee Meeting, discussion included bullying. Minutes will be included in next month's packet.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – Ms. Marco is taking a short leave from the Board. The Rules Committee meets as needed, if an issue arises, a meeting will be scheduled.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – The committee meets as needed, no report.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – There was no meeting in December.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – There was no meeting in December. Mr. Tirado asked that a letter be sent on behalf of Community Board #1 supporting Silver Lake Wines & Spirits at 977 Victory blvd.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Tirado, a/k/a Santa thanked everyone who brought gifts. The annual Santa visit to RUMC was a huge success. The interns were a great help.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO - There was no meeting in December.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – There was no meeting in December.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – There was no meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.