

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 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
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry, Leave
Anthony Cosentino
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Steven Douglas
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo, Excused
Sunny Jain, Excused
Wilma Jones
Timothy Kuhn
Lisa Lattanzio
Priscilla Marco, Leave
Pearl Minsky
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused
Friday Ogbewe
Olef Olsen, Excused
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Vincent Pompa, Excused
Fran Real
Leticia Remauro
Christopher Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
Nicholas Siclari
Richard Salhaney
George Sona
John Strandberg
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Curt Ward
George Wonica, Jr.
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Mr. Michael Bryantsev, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
P.O. Michele Mazza, Community Affairs, 120th Pct.
Tom Olsen, Rep. MOA Malliatokis
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improv. Society
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
John Giobbie
Ciro Asperti, A.I.A.
Cindy Voorspay, NYC Parks Dept.
Barbara P. Sullivan, Smoke free Outdoor spaces
Gene Spatz, Executive Director On Your Mark

OFFICE STAFF

Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Mark Alon, Intern
Andrew Bassier, Intern

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Mr. Richard Zeh from Boy Scout Troop #19 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken. Quorum present.

Motion Made and seconded and approved to accept January 2012 Board Minutes.

Ms. Marilyn Brown introduced Mr. Zeh who attended the Youth Committee Meeting in order to earn his Community and citizen Badge His goal is to become an Eagle Scout.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Barbara Sullivan spoke of smoke free outdoor spaces and reduction of youth exposure to tobacco marketing.

Mr. John Giobbie asked for information regarding the home being proposed by On Your Mark for developmentally disabled persons. (Mr. Gee Spatz, Executive Director, On Your Mark provided information below)

Mr. Ciro Asperti, A.I.A., spoke of the proposed Green Zone Text Amendment. The American Society of Architects is working on a draft including more amenities to the text amendment and would like to work with Community Board #1, The Department of City Planning and City Planning Commission before a final decision is made.

Mr. Gene Spatz, Executive Director, On You Mark, is proposing to establish an Individual Residential Alternative for 6 persons with developmental disabilities at 86 Manor Road. All of the individuals are Staten Island residents, family members are at the meeting, attend On Your Mark training and programs such as sheltered workshops, day habilitation, day treatment programs and will continue the programs. There will be supervisory and home care staff on duty 24 hours a day at the residence and a neighborhood advisory committee would be established. We would like the residents to become a part of the community.

There is a 200 foot long driveway which is more than adequate for a minivan to pick up the residents on site, there will be no parking or picking up in front of the residence.

Mr. Spatz has already attended the Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh Area Committee Meeting.

Community Board #1 has no objection to homes for developmentally disabled persons and welcome them to the community.

Mr. Christopher Rooney spoke of a fundraiser at Jimmy Max at 280 Watchogue Road to benefit the Dragon's Track Team from CSI HSIS and Gaynor McCown High School on March 1, 2012 Noon until closing. A portion of the Dine-In, Take-Out and Deliver proceeds will go toward the purchase of new sports equipment when you mention CSI Track Team.

Mr. Richard Salhaney, Chief Executive Officer Richmond University Medical Center showed a power point presentation of the new ambulatory Services and G.I. Endoscopy Services at Richmond University Medical Center.

The newly opened suites at RUMC provide full service ambulatory G.I. services for children and adults. There are 6 new state of the art procedure rooms which contain the most up to date diagnostic and treatment equipment available including sophisticated monitoring equipment.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Ms. Remauro thanked Mr. Salhaney for the presentation and expressed gratitude to the hospital for saving District Manager, Joseph Carroll's life this past Christmas.

They were able to diagnose an aneurysm in his heart and get him the care he needed. RUMC is Community Board #1's local hospital and it is good to know we have a hospital that can care for our community.

Chairwoman Remauro mentioned for those who did not have a chance to see the Borough President's State of the Borough Address on CTV; the Borough President did a phenomenal job. He mentioned many items this Board worked on for many years. Triangular Equities will be getting to work on the Lighthouse Museum site, the Homeport is demolished and work will begin soon at the site. The Parks Department has started work on the Waterfront Park at the former Blissenbach site. Everyone should be very proud of the work that they and their committees have done.

Many other things are happening in this Board, the Rail is almost complete on Bay Street, which offers affordable apartments for the working class like Policeman, Fireman etc. The Pointe is also going to offer the same affordable rentals for the working class. This means occupied buildings and a better economy to local businesses.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – A budget Public Hearing will be held on March 5, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office on the Mayor's response the Preliminary Budget. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you would like a copy of the responses to our Budget Requests, feel free to contact list at lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov or e-mail the Chairwoman Leticia Remauro at cb1chair@aol.com.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

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

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The following applications were discussed the motions were seconded and voted on as follows:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 820-67-BZ – 41 Barker Street - Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 820-67-BZ – for a request for a 10-year renewal of a previously approved variance at 41 Barker Street for use as an existing auto body shop.

Motion made and seconded to approve the application as submitted.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 16-7-0.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 194-11-A – 940 Richmond Avenue - Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 194-11-A – Seeking a determination that the Department of Buildings improperly denied an application for a permit for a new building on a proposed zoning lot, based on an erroneous decision that separate adjacent zoning lots under separate ownership should be considered under "single control" and treated as a single zoning lot. Treatment as a single zoning lot resulted in the proposed building failing to provide sufficient parking spaces at 940 Richmond Avenue.

Motion made and seconded as follows:

Whereas, alternative zoning avenues should be explored such as rezoning, and;

Whereas, the minimization of parking space availability does not meet the requirements of the proposed buildings and would have a negative impact on the community;

Be it hereby resolved that Community Board #1 denies the application.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed to deny unanimously.

Department of City Planning Zone Green Text Amendment N – 120132 ZRY - Green Text Amendment is not subject to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure – The Department of City Planning is proposing a city-wide Zone Green Text Amendment to remove barriers to construction of green building features in the City of New York. The amendments would facilitate retrofitting of existing buildings and construction of new buildings with features that help; reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, generate clean and renewable energy, manage storm-water run-off on site, reduce urban heat island effect through vegetation on roofs, and otherwise promote a healthy green city.

Motion made and seconded to approve application as submitted.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2012-2013

The City is going to lease St. Peter's Girls High School as a new K-8 school

There were some facilities that were not included in the Citywide Statement of Needs that we will inquire about:

The relocation of the Sanitation District 1 Garage

The Rosebank Library

The 120th Pct.

We will inquire from the New York Public Library about the completion of the Dominick Lambert Memorial Library (Mariners Harbor Library)

There were a few items that were City-Wide from the Human Resources Administration and the Department of Homeless Services:

Replace/Upgrade Transitional and Assessment Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families - DHS;

Relocation of Adult Intake Center from Bellevue Shelter – DHS;

Permanent Supportive Congregate Housing – HRA; and

Transitional Supportive Congregate Housing – HRA

Community Board #1 only supports the activity of Project Hospitality in providing adult intake, transitional housing, congregate housing, assessment and shelter for Staten Island people in need of social service support.

In addition the committee also discussed the astronomical fee for the sighting study for Cromwell Center the money should be allocated towards the design and construction and CB #1 recommends sitting at the existing Lyons Pool or consider the former Bayley Seton Campus in conjunction with the Kroc Center.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI-The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO AND SUNNY JAIN – The Human Services met prior to the Board Meeting.

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

RUELS & LEGISLATIVE AFFIARS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTONY COSENTINO – Previously discussed under the First Vice-Chairman's report.

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

TRANSPORATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No meeting. West Brighton/St. George Chairwoman, Loretta Cauldwell mentioned St. George residents came to the meeting with many transportation issues. They have already contacted DOT but it was suggested the Transportation Committee look into the issues.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, Anjail Ameen-Rice – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERELGIH/WILLOWBROOK, KEN TIRADO – Mr. Steven Douglas chaired the meeting, minutes are in the packet.

ROSBEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – Minutes of the meeting will be included in the packet next month.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

