

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING APRIL 10, 2012 – 8:00 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 229 VICTOR BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Hon. Matthew Titone
Mark Zink, Constituent liaison MOA Titone
A.J. Basile, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Rich Pallarino, Rep. Sen. Lanza
P.O. Rios, Community Affairs, 120t Pct.
Jeanise LaBren, NY Public Library
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Bill Kresewetter, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
Susan Fowler, City Harvest
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount
Mark Hogan, Public Service Committee
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond
James Grosso, Mid Island Car Service
Nancy Wareham-Gordon, Dine Out Against Hunger
Cindy Voorsprey
Michael Alberti, Baruch College
Ran Gibbs
Ciro Asperti, American Institute of Architects, SI Chapter
Joseph Morace, Architect, Rep. Woodside Avenue

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Andrew Bassier, Office Intern, Curtis H.S.
Mark Alon, Office Intern, Curtis H.S.

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A presentation was made by the architect, Mr. Joseph Morace, regarding Department of City Planning Application Nos. 11393 ZCR and N 110394 ZAR – Proposal to subdivide a 16,281 square foot zoning lot in the Special Hillside Preservation into 2 zoning lots and construct 2 one-family homes on Woodside Avenue and Ramsey Place.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the application with the request to plant 6 additional trees. Roll call attendance taken of the Land Use Committee. Vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Accornero introduced Mr. Ciro Asperti, American Institute of Architects, Staten Island Chapter who is joining the Land Use Committee as a non-board member.

Chairman, Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made and seconded to accept February 2012 Board Minutes, minutes accepted unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Ken Tirado spoke of a Benefit for Mr. Victor Rao, who was involved in a car accident. Mr. & Mrs. Rao are very active community people, volunteering their time to the community they are also business owners on the north shore of Staten Island. They were in route to pick-up their daughter when their vehicle was struck by a drunk driver. Both were injured, Mr. Rao sustained massive head trauma and is in rehab. The medical bills are astronomical and have exhausted all of their savings. There is a website and a benefit concert is being held. For further information please speak to Mr. Tirado.

Mr. Mark Hogan, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services. Mr. Hogan spoke of many different programs that are offered through Neighborhood housing. One of the programs that are being offered by the State is an Energy Upgrade to homeowners. Everyone has paid for this; you see a charge on your bill every month. You can receive a free assessment, Mr. Hogan also spoke of Green Jobs – a demonstration is being held at St. Mary's Church on April 26 2012. You can reach Mr. Hogan at Mhogan@nhsosfi.org or call 718-732-8091 for information on any of the programs and services Neighborhood Housing Services offers.

Mr. Mike Morrell, President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society has spoken to the Department of Environmental Protection and has received support from Council members Oddo and Rose about extending the FY 2015 Capital Project for the Jewett Avenue sewer job and surrounding streets, south up to Markham Place which is prone to flooding. The Department of Environmental Protection will be holding a hearing on April 23, 2012 on water bill increases at New Dorp High School.

Mr. Charles Kitts would like to have the new Cromwell Center placed in Port Richmond.

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest provided information on the Green Market which will be opening in St. George, next to the St. George Theatre on May 12, 2012 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. every Saturday.

James Grosso Jr., Mid Island Car Service spoke of the New Taxi & Limousine Commission Street Hail Rules and the negative impact it will have on Staten Island if it is approved.

Ms. Nancy Wareham-Gordon, Project Hospitality urged everyone to go to a participating Restaurant on April 26, 2012 for "Dine out against Hunger".

Ms. Fran Reali spoke of the Frank J. Reali II Family Foundation which will be holding the 5th annual evening of remembrance and celebration of life on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 LiGreci's Staten at 7:00 P.M., all monies received for the foundation are tax detectable and will go directly to "Protecting One Young Heart at a Time.: (free heart screenings for 8th graders and incoming high school freshman.) On April 29, 2007 Ms. Reali's son died in his sleep of a massive heart attack. This tragedy occurs more often that we would like to think, young people die at an enormous rate. While the pilot program will reach approximately 5,000 high school age children in Staten Island it will serve as a model program for the establishment of similar programs throughout the hospitals on Staten Island and beyond. For more information contact 718-420-2331 or Realifoundation@aol.com.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Ms. Remauro suggested members attend the events that were mentioned by Mr. Tirado and Ms. Reali and if not able to attend, donate a little something to each. Everyone should go grab a bite to eat on August 26, to support Dine Out Against Hunger.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO - Mr. Cosentino announced Deputy Inspector Denesopolis, Commanding Officer of the 120th has been reassigned. A dinner is being held on April 19, 2012 at the Staaten for him. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Mr. Cosentino, a Community Board table is being arranged.

SECOND VICE-CHARIMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Call for candidates were e-mailed to all board members to run for an Executive Committee position. They are also in all of the board members packets. If you would like to run for a position on the Executive Committee you may submit the form up until the May 2012 Board Meeting. At the May Board Meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – On April 26, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. Council Members Oddo, Ignizio, and Rose and former Borough President Guy Molinari will be holding a meeting against the Waste to Energy Plant at the former Fresh Kills Landfill. An RFP is out to put a Waste to Energy Plant at fresh kills. This is the only site listed on the RFP. Staten Island should not be the first borough to have an RFP.

There have been wild fires out at the Landfill; the Fire Department is doing a fantastic job extinguishing the fires and keeping them from reigniting.

One last item on a sad note, Board Member, Steven Douglas grandfather has passed away.

Hon. Matthew Titone, Assemblyman thanked Chairwoman Remauro for inviting him. Hon. Titone spoke on a number of issues. It is illegal to have trucks bring garbage, do any type of processing at the Fresh Kills Landfill. There will not be a Waste to Energy Plant at the site.

Hon. Titone asked Mr. Tirado to have Ms. Rao, whose husband was involved in the car crash with a drunken driver to give him a call. Fundraisers do not need to be done for a person who was involved in an accident. There are laws protecting the family and Hon. Titone offered his services to the family.

Relief for the tolls are being addressed by all of the Elected Officials on Staten Island. We have a long road ahead of us.

Mr. Mark Zink represents Hon. Titone at the Board Meetings every month. Feel free to speak to him on any issue, his office is located at 853 Forest Avenue feel free to drop in.

Ms. Francesca Hays, BikeNYC, Education Volunteer Manager spoke of the different things that they provide, from learning how to ride a bike, safety the 5 Borough Bike Race etc. Volunteers are always needed. You can contact Ms. Hays at 212-870-2094 or e-mail her at fhays@bikenyc.org.

Ms. Kendall Jackson, Picture the Homeless spoke about an assessment they did in all 5 Boroughs on vacant buildings and property that could house the homeless. Staten Island has 362 vacant buildings, 250 vacant lots, 82 existing shelter units. Thousands of homeless can be housed at these locations. (The full report is on file at the Board Office) Legislation is being proposed to amend the New York City Charter in relation to an annual census of vacant property - Intro 48. (Full legislation on file at the Board Office)

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting tonight.

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LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO, SUNNY JAIN – A meeting was held with the Parks Department regarding the \$29,000 that was won through the Visy Paper Challenge by Community Board #1. We have suggested that the monies be used to fund summer internship programs in the parks for kids which will mean more programs and activities for the kids to utilize in the playgrounds.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The report is in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, JENANNINE BORKOWSKI – A request is to be made to Commissioner Thomas Cocola to come to either the May Board Meeting or the May Silver Lake/Sunnyside Area Committee Meeting to discuss what improvements are going to be made on Howard Avenue. Ole Olsen attended a meeting to discuss the Hylan Blvd. Corridor. There were some concerns raised about the elimination of bus lines S78 and S79. Public safety was also discussed on Richmond Avenue.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Pryhme will be attending the area committee meeting on April 17, 2012 to discuss concerns residents had about music and an outside bar the day of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:00 P.M.