

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2013 – 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, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino, Excused
Steve Douglas, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Excused
Timothy Kuhn
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Priscilla Marco, Excused
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Pearl Minsky
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso, Excused
Vincent Pompa, Med. Leave
Fran Reali, Excused
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
John Strandberg, Excused
Ken Tirado
George Turner
Curt Ward, Excused
George Wonica, Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Isabella Cardona, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg, CAU
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Michael Schnall, NYC Parks & Recreation
Robert Gibbs, NY Public Library
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Mr. & Mrs. Cusick, Manor Road
Adam Seminara, North Avenue
Silicia Jackson, Neighborhood Housing Services

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting on the following items.

1. Board of Standards & Appeals Application Nos. 268-12-A – 271-12-A – 8, 10, 16 and 18 Pavillion Hill Terrace- Proposed to develop 4 two-story one-family dwellings within the Special Hillside Preservation District. Pavillion Hill Terrace, west of Swan Street and North of Homer Street is not an official mapped street.

Many residents from Tompkins Circle spoke opposing the application due to the steep slope. Tompkins Circle is already a very narrow street with very limited parking. Emergency vehicles will not be able to turn from Tompkins Circle onto Pavillion Hill Terrace and, from Pavillion Hill Terrace onto Tompkins Circle. This will bring additional traffic onto Tompkins Circle as well.

2. Department of City Planning Authorizations for 47 & 49 Tompkins Circle for development, enlargement and site alteration on a zoning lot or portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer and modifications of certain bulk regulations to reduce the required 15 foot front yard along Tompkins Circle to a depth of 5' 5" inches on the southern side of home 47 and to 11'10" at home 49.

The residents of Tompkins Circle complained of the congestion on Tompkins Circle, insufficient parking, winding roadway and also about the steep slope. To allow building at this site which has a 90% steep slope will cause major drainage and flooding.

Representatives from Housing Preservation and Development showed maps and explained the following application:

3. The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation have submitted 3 applications seeking approval to de-map a portion of Northleigh Park. There are four occupied two-story single-family homes and one vacant two-story detached home which are city-owned. Under the Tenant Ownership Program, the occupied homes will be offered for sale to existing tenants. Purchasers are required to owner-occupy residence for 3 years and to maintain the residential use of the properties for 20 years. Homes cannot be resold for 5 years.

Mr. Adam Seminara, North Avenue had concerns of a piece of property he has been using for parking adjacent to his home. Mr. Seminara owns his home; the property adjacent to it is city-owned.

It was decided that the Board will write a letter to the Parks Department asking that they continue to allow Mr. Seminara to use the property adjacent to his home to park his cars.

The following motions were made, seconded and approved as follows: by the Land Use Committee:

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Motion to approve application with the condition that the developer cease at the end of the proposed development without prolongation to Tompkins Circle and provide appropriate emergency/public service vehicles and turn-around on development site.

Motion passed.

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Motion to object to the authorizations for development: The development reflects the unmapped and undeveloped prolongation of Pavillion Hill Terrace which has been opposed by Community Board #1 in a spate action, BSA Applications Nos. 268-12-A thru 271-12-A.

Motion passed to deny.

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Motion passed to approve.

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Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the Board Meeting to order at 8:17 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call attendance taken, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept December 2013 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Loretta Cauldwell invited everyone to attend the St. George/West Brighton Area Committee Meeting on January 15, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. City Planning will give a presentation on the West Brighton Brownfield's Opportunity Area Project Phase Two.

Mr. Tim Kuhn asked for letters of support to be sent to Senator Schumer and Congressman Grimm to save the ROTC color guard program at Petrides. Please speak to Mr. Kuhn for more details.

Ms. Silicia Jackson, Neighborhood Housing Services, Staten Island spoke of the many programs available at Neighborhood Housing Services, First-time homeownership, foreclosure assistance, loan programs, energy efficient programs etc. Please e-mail Ms. Jackson at sjackson@nhsofsi.org or call 718-442-8080 for more information.

Mr. Adam Seminara asked that Community Board #1 help him maintain the use of his driveway and garage due to the de-mapping application of Northleigh Park.

Mr. Michael Corbett from the Federal Occupation Safety and Health Administration spoke regarding Hurricane Sandy clean-up safety. Flyers and fact sheets were left. For more info you can log onto OSHA website at www.osha.gov or call 1-800-321-OSHA.

A presentation was made by representatives of Daytop Village Inc. regarding programs that are available for adults and teens that are drug and/or alcohol addicted. Please call 1-800-232-9867 or visit their website at www.daytop.org.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

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

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro thanked all of the volunteers that came out for the Fashion Industry event to distribute new clothes to the victims of Hurricane Sandy at the Vanderbilt. Chairwoman Remauro also spoke of the many businesses that have been affected by Hurricane Sandy which are still not in operation. There are many people without jobs. Many businesses lost business due to the storm. Ms. Remauro urged all to shop locally and support our fellow Staten Islanders.

Borough President Molinaro held a presentation in the offices of Community Board #2 last week regarding the widening of intersections in Staten Island. In our Board they included, Manor Road at Victory Blvd; Clove Road at Victory Blvd; South Avenue at Forest Avenue. Kudos were given to the Borough President, these are much needed improvements. Chairwoman asked the Board for their support to send a letter commending and approving the proposals.

Hand vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll spoke of a clean-up at Jefferson Avenue and Fr. Cappadona Blvd. this Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

Former Board Member, Natasha Spearman-Isip is going to be holding Tai-Chi at 357 Davis Avenue at 3:00 P.M.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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Motion to approve application with the condition that the developer cease at the end of the proposed development without prolongation to Tompkins Circle and provide appropriate emergency/public service vehicles and turn-around on development site.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 23-3-0.

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Motion to object to the authorizations for development: The development reflects the unmapped and undeveloped prolongation of Pavillion Hill Terrace which has been opposed by Community Board #1 in a separate action, BSA Applications Nos. 268-12-A thru 271-12-A.

Motion passed to deny application 24-0-1.

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Motion passed to approve 22-3-0.

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LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari is going to contact his committee members about a Labor Committee Meeting in February before the board meeting.

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

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – The committee did not meet last month.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – No report.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No report.

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

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – No report.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – No report.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Beslow thanked Ms. Marco for chairing the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ken Tirado a/k/a Santa Tirado thanked Linda Eskenas, Loretta Cauldwell and Chris Rooney for helping out distributing the toys to Richmond University Hospital. Mr. Tirado also thanked all the members that donated toys as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.