

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 17, 2008 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Anthony Marra, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Marilyn Averett  
Lloyd Bacchus, Excused  
Larry Beslow  
Jeannine Borkowski  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Ajmal Chaudhry, Absent  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
Grace Ferranti, Medical Leave  
Rajiv Gowda, Absent  
John Guzzo  
Jeanne Hogan  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones  
Dominick Lambert, Medical Leave  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Adena Long  
Anthony Marra  
Jacob Massaquoi, III  
Sheila McGinn, Excused  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Pabone  
Joseph Pancila  
Joanne Pentangelo  
Terry Player, Medical Leave  
Leticia Remauro  
Christine Reese  
Christopher Rooney, Excused  
Debi Rose  
Nicholas Siclari  
John Strandberg  
Sean Sweeney  
Ken Tirado  
Ken Tirado  
Harold Wagner, Excused  
Curt Ward  
Mark Washington  
George Wonica, Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli, Excused  
Richard Zichettello, Excused

**GUESTS**

Julie Firestone-Levine-Rep. Senator Lanza  
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer  
Mark Zink, Rep. Rep. MOA Titone  
David Ceder, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
Frank Carcaterra, Rep. NYC Parks Department  
Tara McGuire, NY Public Library  
Ronald Meisels, National Lighthouse Museum  
Beryl Thurman, NS Waterfront Conservancy  
Theo Dorian, Pres. St. George Civic Assn.  
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Patricia E. Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.  
Frizzi Link, St. Mark's Place  
Doron Roth, Reality Check  
John Malizia, Marine Education Center, National  
Lighthouse Museum  
Robert Renaud, Owner Dugout Pub  
Peter Yourke, Owner 112 Carroll Place  
Rosi Hertlein, Carroll Place  
Dan McOlvin, Raymond Avenue  
Mary Bullvile, Carroll Place  
Nancy Yourke, Owner Carroll Place  
Michael Harwood. St. Mark's Place

Chairman Anthony Marra called the meeting to order at 8:11 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance was taken and announced that a quorum was present.

Linda Eskenas made a motion to accept the October 2008 Board Minutes. Sean Sweeney seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Chairman Marra introduced three new Board Members to Community Board #1 and welcomed them:

Ms. Jeannine Borkowski is a retired Port Richmond High School schoolteacher; she teaches GED at night and is President of the Decker Avenue Civic Association.

Mr. John Strandberg is from Castleton Corners, is a New York State Court Officer, father of 3 and is happy to be a new member of Community Board #1.

Ms. Christine Reese is a member of the New York City Department of Education as a guidance counselor. She has worked in a number of schools on Staten Island and looks forward to working with the members of Community Board #1.

Chairman Marra asked for a moment of silence for Joseph Marotta, former Chairman.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – The minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting are in the packet.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Ms. Remauro reminded the members to check the dates of the meetings because of the holidays.

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

**SECRETARY, DEBI ROSE** – No report.

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

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – Mr. Carroll attended the Tompkinsville Park Dedication on the day of Mr. Marotta's funeral. For anyone that did not know Joe, he was a fighter. When he put his mind to something, there was no stopping him. One of the things he worked on for countless years was the antique clock in Tompkinsville Park. On that day, the clock was played for the first time, Autumn Leaves. Another thing Mr. Marotta worked tirelessly on was the bridge in Silver Lake Park. It had been unwalkable for a long time and then closed for years. The day of Mr. Marotta's funeral was also the day the bridge was dedicated and reopened. Mr. Marotta will always be a part of Community Board #1 and he proved that persistence and perseverance make things happen.

Congratulations were given to George Wonica, Jr. who the 2-man fall classics, by 6 strokes.

Mr. Carroll thanked the Clove Lake Civic Assn. for hosting the meeting regarding the Clove Road Sewer Job. The work must continue, the agency did learn that they must pay more attention to how they work.

Lastly, Mr. Carroll mentioned Mr. Michael Morrell, President of the Westerleigh Improvement Society and many members of the Society attended the hearing. Both of these civic groups need to be commended. Every month there meetings are standing room only.

Mr. George Wonica, Jr., asked that a letter be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation asking them to name the bridge in Silver Lake Park, the Joseph Marotta Bridge.

Chairman Marra introduced Ms. Adena Long, a member of Community Board # 1 and the Executive Director of Vision for Staten Island.

Ms. Long explained Vision is a community-driven effort to bring together a diverse cross section of residents to development an agreed-upon, preferred future, and to recommend how that future can be realized.

Anyone and everyone is invited to join Vision. Public Idea Gathering Session meetings are as follows:

Monday, December 1, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., 320 St. Mark's Place  
 Tuesday, December 2, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., P.S. 58, 77 Marsh Avenue  
 Wednesday, December 3, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., I.S. 34, 528 Academy Avenue  
 Thursday, December 4, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Port Richmond High School  
 Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M., Staten Island Academy  
 Monday, December 8, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., New Dorp High School

A Youth Idea Gathering Session for Youth ages 16 – 18 years old will be held on December 4, 2008 – 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. at Cromwell Center.

Ms. Long urged everyone to pick one session to attend. Inform your neighbors and friends. Anyone who knows youth, your children etc. ages 16-18 tell them of the December 4, 2008 Meeting.

Chairman Marra read the guest list of representatives of Elected Officials and city agency representatives.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. John Malizia is President of the Staten Island Tuna Club and would like the support of CB#1 in creating a National Lighthouse Museum with the possibility of combining it with a Marine Education Center.

Ms. Beryl Thurman, North Shore Waterfront Conservancy, spoke against housing the access-a-ride buses at 1956 Richmond Terrace. The area already is burdened with heavy traffic congestion. There is already a bus garage in the area. It is time the city and developers spread everything out evenly instead of putting all unwanted uses on the north shore waterfront.

Mr. Robert Renaud owner of the Dugout Pub spoke about posted signs that were put in the bar, letters that went out to everyone on their mailing lists asking patrons to respect the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Renaud has and will continue to have his staff go around the neighborhood to pick up garbage, beer bottles, cans even if it is not from the bar. Mr. Renaud will be attending the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Ronald Meisels asked for Community Board #1 to write an additional letter of support for the National Lighthouse Museum and asked everyone to sign a petition, which has over 800 signatures on it in support of the National Lighthouse Museum.

Mr. Doron Roth is the Youth Coordinator for Reality Check based out of the south shore Jewish Community Center. Mr. Roth brought two students with him who are part of Reality Check, which is a youth led/adult supported movement that exposes the deceptive marketing practices of tobacco companies and empowers young people to stand up against them in order to make a change.

Mr. Peter Yourke owner of 112 Carroll Place asked Community Board #1 to vote down the resolution that is being presented for the Certificate of Appropriateness for 112 Carroll place. Mr. Yourke would like the motion to reflect both sides of the committee and would like the following words included in the third paragraph of the motion:

Whereas, some members of the community have expressed objections to or concerns about the size and scale of the proposal **while other members of the community have supported this plan as an appropriate proposal** which **may or may not be** appropriate for the Historic District;

A few lines from a couple of letters supporting the expansion of 112 Carroll Place were read.

Ms. Rosi Hertlein a resident of Nicholas Avenue, which is around the corner of Carroll Place, spoke in favor of the Certificate of Appropriateness for 112 Carroll Place.

Mr. Daniel McOlvin a former Board Member came to pay tribute to Joseph Marotta, a close friend who Mr. McOlvin had the pleasure of working with for a number of years on Community Board #1.

Ms. Mary Bullvile spoke opposing the plan for 112 Carroll Place. The reason behind the historic district was to keep the character of the neighborhood.

Ms. Nancy Yourke, owner of 112 Carroll Place explained her husband's grandmother owned the home at 112 Carroll Place. When she passed away, she left the house to her husband. Ms. Yourke said the house is 800 square feet. It is not livable for her, her husband and two teenage boys. On Carroll Place, there are mostly deteriorated garages, many with graffiti. The zoning allows for the expansion. Ms. Yourke asked the members of Community Board #1 to support the changes in the motion which her husband read earlier under the Public Session and forward the recommendation to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for their determination.

Mr. Theo Dorian, President of the St. George Civic Association said he was speaking as a resident of the historic district. Many people bought homes in the historic district and paid a lot of money for their homes so restrictions on development and expansions would be limited and also to retain their waterfront views. Everyone in the historic district needs to live with restrictions. The expansion is out of scale. It is not a modest expansion.

Mr. Michael Harwood lives at 130 St. Mark's Place. The house was built in 1890, the house at 112 Carroll Place was built 30 years later as a carriage house and servants

quarters. Most of the homes on Carroll Place were built as carriage houses and servants quarters for the St. Mark's Place homes. The scale of the project is out of character of the historic district.

Mr. Jacob Massaquoi, III complained of UPS not delivering packages to the Park Hill Apartments. Mr. Massaquoi runs the African American Refuge in the Park Hill Apartments and does not receive his office supplies. He met the UPS driver outside one day when he was expecting a package the driver said he did not have the package on the truck. He followed the truck to Richmond Terrace to the UPS office, asked the clerk inside who said it was on the truck and had to wait until the UPS driver unloaded the undelivered packages to receive his office supplies.

Ms. Frizzi Link lives on St. Mark's Place. She bought her home in the historic district so there would not be any major change in her community. Ms. Link also owns the lot adjacent to 112 Carroll Place. Ms. Link does not think the expansion is appropriate in the historic district.

### **PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED**

### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **Certificate of Appropriateness for 112 Carroll Place**

Mr. William Forsyth made amendments to the original motion which was included in the packet. The amendments were seconded. The motion was voted on as follows with the amendments in bold:

Whereas, the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness for 112 Carroll Place has been reviewed by Community Board #1; and,

Whereas, the comments of both the applicant and the community members present have made it clear that the community understands and supports the applicants' needs for an enlargement of the existing structure to accommodate their family; and,

Whereas, some members of the community have expressed objections to or concerns about the size and scale of the proposal **while other members of the community have supported this plan as an appropriate proposal** which **may or may not** be appropriate for the Historic District; therefore,

Be it resolved that: Community Board #1 forward this proposal back to the Landmarks Preservation Commission requesting parameters for what constitutes appropriate architecture within a Landmark District.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 30-2-1.

**Department of City Planning Application Nos. N 080225 ZAR and N 080225 ZCR – 30 day authorization for property on Brighton Avenue.**

Whereas, the application was reviewed by the Land Use Committee and the community; and,

Whereas, the incursion into the steep slope is substantially greater than allowed; therefore,

Be it resolved that: Community Board #1 recommends reducing the development to two two-family units; and,

be it further resolved that: Community Board #1 requests the Department of Environmental Protection inspect the combined sewer system at the site to insure it is adequate for the new homes.

Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 27-5-0.

**HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA LATTANZIO** – Ms. Lattanzio made a motion and Anthony Cosentino seconded the motion that a request be made to the Borough Board to form a Staten Island Health & Hospital Corporation Task Force that would include all of the members of the Borough Board.

The reasoning behind the Staten Island Health & Hospital Task Force is to have all the Elected Officials and the three Community Boards to have more Staten Islanders at the Health & Hospital Hearings. When the other Boroughs hold HHC Hearings, there are hundreds and hundreds of people. They all have HHC hospitals in their boroughs. When Staten Island has a HHC hearing there is not a large number of people because they are being held separately in each Community Board.

Hand vote taken. Vote passed unanimously to request the Borough Board form a Staten Island Health & Hospital Corporation Task Force.

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – A quorum was not present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, LLOYD BACCHUS** – A joint meeting was held with the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee Meeting. The minutes are in the packet.

Ms. Leticia made an amendment to the original motion which was included in the packet. Amendments accepted to the motion, Motion read and voted on as follows with the amendment in bold:

Whereas, The Snug Harbor site must have a Strategic Master Site Plan; and,

Whereas, all trees and foliage would have a buffer during the process and any trees removed must be replaced; and,

Whereas, the North Shore Railway must be acknowledged on the plans as it has the right of way.

**Be it hereby resolved that: representatives must come back to Community Board #1 at least 12 months from this date, with the status of the plan; and,**

**be it further resolved that each of the phases must be brought before Community Board #1 before any tree removal or construction.**

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Delmar reported the Downtown Staten Island Council is requesting a letter of support for a grant application, which they have submitted which would include improvements for businesses on Victory Blvd. approximately to Cebra Avenue and on Bay Street approximately to Tappen Park. This would help give the businesses some money toward façade, trees shrubbery etc.

A long discussion was held. A motion was made and seconded to table the letter of support for the Downtown Staten Island Council to the next Board Meeting with a request that the Downtown Staten Island Council provide further information on the grant application.

Hand vote taken to table. Hand vote passed.

**YOUTH SERVICES, JOANNE PENTANGELO** – Last month's minutes are in the packet. The meeting that was held prior to the Board Meeting tonight will be included in the packet next month.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, LETICIA REMAURO** – The Rules Committee Meeting was held prior to the Board Meeting tonight.

Ms. Remauro responded to the Steering Committee Minutes: When Liquor License applications are received; they will be invited to attend the appropriate area committee meeting. If an applicant does not appear, the committee cannot vote down the application because of non-appearance. If at any time there is a problem at any establishment with underage drinking, rowdiness, public nuisance etc. the person making the complaint will put the complaint in writing with the information. The State Liquor Authority will then be asked to investigate.

Ms. Remauro spoke of Land Use Applications: the applicants will be invited to the area committee meetings to give a presentation, if they so desire. If the applicant does not appear, the committee chair will be responsible for advising the committee of the application. In either instance, any member wishing to speak on the application will be directed to do so at the monthly Land Use hearing at which the application will be considered. No resolutions on any Land Use matter will be offered during Area Committee meetings because Area Committee chairs are not required to have expertise in Land Use matters. A memo will be sent to all area committee chairs advising of this.

**TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY** – Mr. Sweeney thanked Mr. Richard Zichettello for chairing the October Transportation Committee Meeting. The minutes are included in the packet.

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Tirado thanked the Clove Lake Civic Assn. for the meeting they held regarding the Clove Road Sewer Job.

Mr. Tirado put on his Santa hat and thanked the two people who brought presents to the Board Meeting tonight. (Every year Mr. Tirado dresses as Santa Claus and brings gifts to the Pediatric Ward and the Pediatric Psych Ward at Richmond University Medical Center. The date has been scheduled for December 15, 2008, 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend. Please remember to bring your gifts to the December 9, 2008 Board Meeting.

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

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, MEGAN DELMAR** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The report was previously given under the Public Services Committee because a joint meeting was held.

**MARINERS HARBOR, /PT. RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Rose is trying to schedule the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting to the third Tuesday. Please look on the December Calendar if the meeting is going to be changed.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Doyle asked about the Stapleton Municipal Parking Lot proposal by BFC Partners, since Habitat for Humanity has pulled out of building 5-units, does it and how will it affect their building?

### **Old Business**

**New Business** – Chairman Marra announced we will be having a shortened Board Meeting next month. Refreshments will be served. Chairman Marra asked for all members' cooperation to insure the meeting is not prolonged.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.



