

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING- NOVEMBER 13, 2012 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski, Excused
Marilyn Brown, Excused
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry, Leave
Anthony Cosentino
Steve Douglas, Excused
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Lisa Lattanzio
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Pearl Minsky
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewele
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Catherine Paradiso
Vincent Pompa, Med. Leave
Fran Reali
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney
Richard Salhaney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari, Bd. Business
George Sona
John Strandberg, Excused
Ken Tirado
George Turner
Curt Ward
George Wonica Jr.
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Michael Bryantsev, Rep. Borough President Molinaro
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Michael O'Brien, Rep. Senator Savino
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
Sara Reisman, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs
Mary Miss, Architect for Sculpture SI Court House
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improv. Society
Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1
Cindy Voorspuy, NYC Parks & Recreation
Patty Kettles, NY Public Library
Robert Gibbs, NYPL
P.O. QUANIA Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
George Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Bob Zion, St. George Civic
Nicole Kay, Police Athletic League
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount Theater
Emi Wang, Citizens Committee, Hurricane Grants
Francis Portelos, DOE
Michelle Bascome, World Cares Center

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M. A moment of silence was given to all who lost their lives in hurricane Sandy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken, Quorum present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Emi Wang, Citizens Committee, NY spoke of 3 grants. A Hurricane relief grant which will provide relief to areas hit especially hard by Hurricane Sandy, Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and decisions are rendered immediately, grants are available up to \$5,000; Love Your Block Grant, deadline is November 30, 2012 awards up to \$1000 to volunteer-led community groups seeking to beautify their neighborhoods. Selected groups also benefit from receiving special services from the Departments of Transportation, Sanitation and Parks & Recreation; and Community Grants, deadline is January 21, 2013 awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to resident-led community groups in primarily low-income neighborhoods to work on a wide variety of community projects.

Mr. Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society asked if it was possible to request annual surveying and pruning of trees. A lot of the loss of electricity and damage could have been avoided if the trees were surveyed annually and pruned.

Ulysses Grosso, Workforce 1 thanked the St. George Library for letting Workforce 1 use their computers and space after the hurricane when they had no electric. The Parks Department is hiring workers to clean-up materials, tree limbs, debris caused by hurricane Sandy. There are also many seasonal jobs available in local department stores. Workforce 1 sends out weekly notices of jobs that are available. Please visit the website at: nyc.gov/workforce1.

Ken Tirado spoke of a Cabaret Benefit for Hurricane Sandy victims on November 18, 2012 – 4:00 P.M. at Killmeyer's 4254 Arthur Kill Road. There will be an assortment of Staten Island talent.

Ms. Cindy Voorspuy, NYC Parks & Recreation gave an update on which parks are open and which parks are still closed due to the hurricane.

Mr. Francesco Portelos is a teacher with the Board of Education and spoke of educational neglect and financial misconduct.

Ms. Michelle Bascome from World Care's Center's Project Warmth, Staten Island which is an organization that has been collaborating with SI grassroots organizations and officials. They have given out heavy duty sleeping bags to victims of the hurricane who have been staying in their homes with no heat or electric. If you know of any family that is in need of assistance or

would like to donate or volunteer please go to their website at worldcares.org and click get involved.

Ms. Mary Miss, artist who has been commissioned to create permanent artwork for the new Staten Island Courthouse that is being built by the Dormitory Authority of New York State and Ms. Sara Reisman, from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs showed a power point presentation of the artwork.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO -

All of the Elected Officials have been out working together helping at Miller Field, SI Container Terminal, clean ups etc. The amount of volunteers that have come out are remarkable, past board members, current Board Members, Civic and Block Associations hundreds of Staten Islanders and people have come from other cities.

A NYC Restoration has opened at 1976 Hylan Blvd. These are disaster-related services under one roof – from assistance obtaining Medicaid to applications for small business loans and information about home repairs. Representatives from FEMA, SBA, EDC, HRA, DOB, DOMH, Con Ed and National Grid and others are there from 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. 7 days a week. Some of the same services will be available at Mr. Loretta.

Many residents lost power for extended amounts of time and lost food. If you paid by check or debit card or still have your receipt and lost food, you will be reimbursed up to \$450.00.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney announced that anyone who needs assistance in filing insurance claims, FEMA claims should contact the Richmond County Bar Association they have volunteered their services.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE - No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

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

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll congratulated Ms. Loretta Cauldwell on the nuptials of her daughter.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no Land Use Applications. Mr. Accornero attended the scoping meeting for the Wheel and the Retail Stores proposed for the waterfront, adjacent to the Ferry Terminal this evening. A link will be sent to all of the Board Members to view the proposal. The projects are expected to be ULURP'd around April of 2013 which at that time, a formal Land Use Public Hearing will be scheduled.

Chairwoman Remauro announced that she has been hired as a Public Relations Consultant for Cassandra Properties and therefore will be abstaining from any vote related to Cassandra Properties who working with BFC on the Retail aspect of the proposal.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari also attended the scoping meeting for the Wheel this evening.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN, LISA LATTANZIO – The Committee did not have a quorum, no meeting.

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

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Chairwoman made a motion to amend the Budget Requests to include annual tree inspections and pruning of trees and additional street lighting on Jersey Street. Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Mr. Ward also attended the scoping meeting for the Wheel and Retail proposals this evening.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – A ferry from Great Kills is being reviewed to help move people to and from Manhattan due to hurricane Sandy.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Caudwell thanked Tony Cosentino for chairing the meeting last month.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Ameen-Rice thanked everyone that assisted Hurricane Sandy victims and gave special thanks to the Beacon Christian Health Center who gave out free medical care for

anyone that needed it and to Beryl Thurman who was very active and continues to keep everyone updated.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – There was no quorum last month; there were conflicts in meeting dates of the civic association meetings. There will be no area committee meeting in November.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The minutes are not in the packet.

Representatives were in attendance from St. Vincent's Services to discuss a proposed home at 12 Steuben Street. New York Foundling used to run a home for girls at this location, they no longer do. The close to home residence will house up to 10 children. The ACS will provide over-site for the program. The home would provide children with a wide range of services, devoted to helping them with social, emotional and behavioral difficulties and the transition back in to the community.

A Request was made to have BFC come to the next area committee meeting to discuss parking, broken sidewalks at the Rail on Bay Street and a request to have someone from NYPL come with an update of the Stapleton Library. Lastly an update on the Kroc Center is requested.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Ken Tirado announced that we will be making our annual Santa visit to RUMC in December, please remember to bring unwrapped gifts to the December Board Meeting, a date will be announced at that time.

Meeting adjourned.

