

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joseph Ahlstrom
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Ali Mir Masum
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird
Telee Brown, Absent
Sandy Carles
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen, Excused
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscila Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radhakrishna
Jeff Mohlenbrok, Excused
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen, Excused
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer
Fran Real, Absent
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan
James Samuels, Absent
Nicholas Siclari
Anthony Scutari
George Sona
George Turner
Kelly Villar
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams, Absent
Camille Zarrelli
Bob Zio
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Hon. Debi Rose, Councilwoman
Roland Stewart, Rep. BP James Oddo
Janet Dugo, SI Chamber of Commerce
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Matt Titone
Angela Olsen, Rep. MOA Nicole Malliotakis
Christina DiGiacomo, Rep. Senator Andrew Lanza
Ralph Porzio, Rep. Senator Andrew Lanza
Elani Brady, Rep. Councilman Steve Matteo
Patrick Lewis, Rep. Public Advocate Letitia James
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Joan Cusack, Director HRA
Jermaine Williams, HRA
Hanane Dbajat, Richmond County Republicans
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Sarah Cowell, Bay Street Landing
Antoinette Donegan, Central Family Life Center
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Edwin Velez, Delafield Avenue
Julie Velez, Delafield Avenue
Geraldine Swanson, Bay Street
Sanela Djenic, Spectrum
Colin Vautrinot, NY Public Library
Arslari Ratiman, HRA
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Diana Caughell, KW Realty
Barbara Sanchez, Friends of Mount Loretta
Jose Torres, NYC courts
Laura Cavaller, Society of Dyslexia

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made to accept October 2017 board minutes, motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Janet Dujo, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce announced The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce announced it has been awarded part of a \$1.54 million grant to help revitalize the Bay Street commercial corridor in St. George, Tompkinsville, and Stapleton. They have hired a someone to pick up garbage, revitalize store fronts etc.

Community Board #1, honored Mr. Delroy Lewis for his heroism. – The Board asked Councilwoman Rose to present all of the certificates and proclamations on behalf of all Elected Officials.

Ms. Debi Rose, Councilwoman remembers many nights sitting at meetings as a Board Member and thanked all members, civic associations and residents for attending the meetings.

Councilwoman Rose explained that Mr. Lewis saved two children and a woman from a burning home in January.

After a long day at work, Delroy Lewis was just a few feet from his Staten Island home Tuesday evening when a flicker caught his eye.

He says huge flames were shooting from the front window of his neighbors Lockman Loop apartment and he heard the faint cries of children inside.

With the dense smoke too thick to see through Lewis used his hands to guide him to the small boy and girl huddled near the middle of the studio apartment paralyzed with fear.

"They were crying but they were like frozen, maybe they were scared because of the fire to come out. So I went inside and when I went inside the smoke was so dense that I had to just like feel myself to them," Lewis said.

After pulling the children outside to safety, Lewis then banged on Wanda Armstrong's upstairs apartment.

Councilwoman Rose presented a Proclamation, on behalf of the City Council, Certificates and other Proclamations were also given by: Borough President James Oddo, Councilman Steve Matteo, and Senator Andrew Lanza Assemblyman Matt Titone

Mr. Anthony Catalano, SI Public Administrator spoke of the position of Public Administrator. The office handles estates etc. Mr. Catalano explained Staten Island is the only borough that if there is a Jane Doe homeless individual etc. the Public Administrator's Office works with many funeral directors on Staten Island and the cemeteries to give everyone a dignified burial. This is done solely by contributions through a non-for –profit. In other boroughs, those persons are buried in mass graves in Potter's field. If anyone would like to donate or would like more information please contact the Public Administrator's Office at 718-876-7228.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll reported that Sanitation will be invited to the next Public Services meeting prior to the December Board Meeting to discuss snow removal.

Key Food in Staten Island has been named in the top 100 in Crain's Fortune 500.

Mr. Carroll further reported that Lois and Richard Nicotra is going to open a Charter School mostly for kids with disabilities. Upon completion of the school, they will earn college credits for St. John's University.

Lastly, Happy Thanksgiving, "take minute and make sure everyone has something to eat, drop something off to a local food pantry, Church, Temple or Post Office.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - Chairman Siclari mentioned he has been dealing with Sanitation with leaf pick up. Leaves were supposed to be picked up on a certain day, were not picked up. The Board Office straightened it out and the leaves were picked up the following day. In addition, Chairman Siclari has been speaking with Staten Island Ferries regarding a morning cancelled ferry and having the following boat one of the smallest in the fleet leading to a very overcrowded ferry.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Sanela Djenic spoke of Spectrum, formerly Time Warner Cable Service, has been on strike for 8 month's for health care and pensions. Ms. Djenic urged residents to cancel service and write letters in support of the workers. There will be a meeting on November 29, 2017 – 3940 Amboy Road at 7:00 P.M. to support the Spectrum workers.

Patrick Lewis representing Public Advocate Letita James spoke about the Public Advocate Hotline to report 1-212-669-7250 for government related complaints.

Colin Vautrinot New York Public Library left many flyers of activities for the Stapleton Library. There are many events in all of the branches of the Staten Island libraries.

Arslari Ratiman, Human Resources Administration spoke of Thrive NYC to help fight drug abuse. For more info you can log onto their website at: <https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us>

Kelly Vilar spoke of a meeting to be held on November 27, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. at Brighton Heights Church, 320 St. Mark's Place – Post election discussion on the Bay Street Rezoning.

Mr. Jermaine Williams spoke of services offered by the Human Resources Administration. To contact HRA community affairs contact cis.customerservices@hra.nyc.gov

Ms. Sanchez spoke about the rezoning that the committee to Save Mount Manresa has been working on is at a standstill due to the Department of City Planning wanting an Environmental Impact Statement. The committee does not have the funds to complete this process. If anyone knows of any volunteers that could help with the process please let her know. In addition, they are trying to get the Archdiocese to agree to the Landmarking of St. Mary's Church on Bay Street.

Mr. Jose Torres, Center for Court Innovation stated that there is a job posting for the position of engagement coordinator, whose role is to facilitate the forming of stake-holder groups in the community of Stapleton Houses. Mr. Torres will be attending the Stapleton Area Committee Meeting November 16, 2017 – 7:30 at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street to discuss the program they will be doing at the Stapleton Houses.

Ms. Jenny Fischman, representing District Attorney Michael McMahon, introduced Assistant District Attorney Cohen of the domestic violence unit. Ms. Fishman explained she has been attending the community board meetings to explain all the different areas the District Attorney's Office works on to help Staten Islanders, prosecute criminals, fight drug addiction and make Staten Island a better place to live.

Ms. Laura Cavilari spoke of a resolution to the Community Education Council to collaborate ICT classes for children with dyslexia.

Mr. George Sona has been fighting to make turning lanes in and out of Bank of America on Forest Avenue.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no Land Use Meeting. There is an application in for Popeye's at 754 Targee Street. There is no scheduled Land Use Public Hearing scheduled at this time.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – No meeting, no report.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO - There is a new representative for HHC for the new health facility on Vanderbilt and Tompkins Avenues and we are trying to find out who took over.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No meeting. Mr. Chris Lee of the Port Authority will be attending the December 18, 2017 Waterfront meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – The Department of Sanitation will be invited to the next Public Services Committee Meeting to discuss snow removal. The meeting is held at 7:00 P.M. prior to the Board Meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR – The meetings have been moved back to the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Brighton Heights Church, 320 St. Mark's Place.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY - No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - No meeting, no report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting. The board previously sent a letter to the Chairman of Spectrum and also a letter to elected officials for support of the spectrum workers and an agreement to end the strike.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting. Ms. Delmar announced the ribbon cutting ceremony of Christopher Igneri Playground on December 1, 2017 – 3:30 P.M.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON/WEST BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will not be a November meeting.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSTYH – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will not be a November meeting.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO - The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will not be a November meeting.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be a meeting Tuesday November 21, 2017 – 7:00 PM at 250 Park Avenue.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – There will be no meeting for the month of November.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – John McBeth asked if anyone would like to bring a cooked dish to St. Philips Baptist Church, the parish will feed the community for Thanksgiving.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned – 9:17 P.M.

