

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero, Chairman
Joseph Ahlstrom
Anjail Ameen Rice
Ali Mir Masum, Excused
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown, Absent
Sandy Carles
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar, Excused
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie, Absent
Timothy Forsyth
Vickie Fossella, Absent
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo, Excused
Celeste Holmes
Sunny Jain, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radharkrishn
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Leave
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso, Excused
Geraldine Parker, Absent
Amy Poirer
Fran Reali, Absent
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
James Samuels
Anthony Scaturi
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
Hakan Tale, Absent
George Turner
Kelly Vilar
Kevin Washington, Excused
Daniel Williams, Absent
Camille Zarrelli
Bob Zion
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Amoy Barnes, Rep. Mayor deBlasio
Roland Steward, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Francine Capelli, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Ralph Porzio, Rep. Senator Lanza
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Senator Savino
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
Patrick Lewis, Rep. Public Advocate James
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA
Jermaine Williams, HRA
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney McMahon
Christina DiGiaromo, Rep. Senator Lanza
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation
Aileen Chumard Fuchs, Executive Director Snug Harbor
Janice Monger, Executive Director SI Museum
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount
Laura Cavalleri, Society of Dyslexia
Camilla Wilson, Alice Austen House
Steve Lawton, Santander Bank Campaign, CWA
Adriana Alba, Children's Aid Society
Barbara Sanchez, Friends of Mt. Manresa
Susan Fowler, City Harvest
Edwin Velez, Delafield Avenue
Ydarian Castillo, Civilian Complaint Review Board

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting – the following was on the agenda:

Board of Standards Application No. 2017-232-A – Application submitted to waive the General City Law allowing an alteration (horizontal and vertical enlargement) to an existing office building not fronting on a city mapped street. The alteration is fronting Richmond Terrace a “CCO” street at 1632 Richmond Terrace.

The building will be used for self-storage and have sprinklers – there will be a resident living at the facility the hours will be from 8:00 – 6:00 PM, one night a week will stay open until 8:00 P.M. and open weekends.

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted:

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Roll call vote taken of the Land Use Committee vote passed unanimously.

The Full Board Meeting at called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken quorum present.

Motion made seconded and voted on unanimously to accept September 2017 Full Board Minutes.

PUBIC SESSION

Ms. Laura Cavalleri spoke of the Society of Dyslexia and upcoming events. Flyers were left. For more information contact Ms. Cavalleri at laura.cavalleri@societyofdyslexia.org

Steve Lawton from local 7094 Communication Workers spoke about the practices of the Bank and how they have the workers offering very high interest rates to low income and students. Mangers at Santander Bank insist their workers push customers hard to get these loans and push them to collect their fees. For more information contact Mr. Lawton at slawton74@gmail.com

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest spoke of their recognition program for delis, bodegas and restaurants, nominations are taken place. Flyers were left. For more information on City Harvest or any of their programs, contact Ms. Fowler at sfowler@cityharvest.org

Mr. Patrick Lewis representing Public Advocate Letita James spoke of investigative report detailing the Department of Education’s (DOE) failure to serve children with disabilities, specifically through their reliance on Related Service Authorization (RSA) vouchers. RSAs are given to parents of children with disabilities when the school cannot fulfill the requirements of their specialized Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Public Advocate James revealed that in one district in the Bronx, one of the poorest in the City, RSA vouchers went unused 91 percent of the time, meaning students with disabilities were not receiving their mandated and necessary services.

Mr. Jermaine Williams, Human Resources Administration Program spoke of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as “food stamps”) provides food assistance for nearly 1.8 million low-income New Yorkers including families, the elderly and the disabled.

The program helps families and individuals supplement the cost of their diet with nutritious foods. The new criteria just came out, if anyone has any questions or needs further information contact the info line at 718-557-1399 or you can go to ACCESS HRA.

Adriana Alba, Children's Aid Society, 152 Broadway spoke of the child care program they provide, jobs that are available for teachers and also child care workers. Flyer was left. For more information contact 917-286-1529.

Ms. Anne Labora complained of strip mall on Forest Avenue by North Burgher. There is an alley behind the strip mall where all of the stores have their dumpsters which is the rear of the homes of Morrison Avenue. Ms. Labora stated she has seen rats and provided pictures of excessive garbage.

Ms. Janice Monger, President of the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor invited all to come visit the museum and looks forward to working with the Board.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez, Committee to Save Mt. Manresa spoke of the rezoning application for Rosebank – City Planning has asked that an EAS be done for the application. The EAS is very expensive and they do not have the resources. If anybody knows anyone that may want to donate their services to get this done please let her know. In addition, support from the Board and Councilwoman Rose has been given to Landmark St. Mary's Church, they have been pressuring the Archdiocese to support the plan.

Ms. Aileen Chumard Fuchs, Executive Director Snug Harbor thanked the Board for inviting her. She looks forward to working with the Board, invited all to come visit. She is very excited to be living and working in the north shore of Staten Island. There will be a Halloween event at Snug Harbor which includes the Museum, Snug Harbor and others. There will be things for all ages.

Public Session Closed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

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

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Chairman Siclari thanked everyone for coming urged everyone to go to Snug Harbor and check out all their amenities.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO - A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting – the following was on the agenda:

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The Land Use Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Motion made seconded to approve Board of Standards Application No. 2017-232-A – Application submitted to waive the General City Law allowing an alteration (horizontal and vertical enlargement) to an existing office building not fronting on a city mapped street. The alteration is fronting Richmond Terrace a “CCO” street at 1632 Richmond Terrace.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 27-3-0.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The committee joined the MTA for their Express Bus Service Open House.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO -No report.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – There will be a meeting on October 24, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office, representatives from the Department of City Planning will be in attendance to discuss the Flood Resiliency Text Amendment they are working on.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN - No report.

YOUTH, KELLY VILAR – The meeting is being moved to the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Brighton Heights Church, 320 St. Mark’s Place.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Included in the packet where the list of the FY 2018 Budget Requests with responses and what was funded. All items will be kept with the following additions:

These requests were agreed upon to send to the Department of Transportation for studies:

Request traffic light on Targee and Laurel.

Requests bollards (medium) on Forest to continue from Richmond Avenue Service Road of MLK - on Richmond Avenue from Forest to Sanders Avenue - on Richmond from Forest to past driveway of McDonalds.

Request was made for holiday lighting on Forest Avenue in Mariners Harbor – it was explained to the business districts put up the holiday lighting and suggestion was made that they look into holiday banners with the merchants in the area.

The following items to be added to our FY “2019 submission of capital and expense requests: All FY 2018 requests that were not funded will be re-submitted.

Increased park staff to keep buildings open where there are bathrooms, Silver Lake Tennis House, Faber Park, and DeMatti Park etc.

Fencing and plaque to tell what rocks are at the Graniteville Quarry.

P.S. 21 – padding needed to wrap poles to in the auditorium with is being used as an auxiliary gym; repaving and painting school yard to make safe and level and drain grassy area for soccer field.

Security for P.S. 21

Put composting bathrooms in all north shore parks that do not have bathrooms.

Midnight basketball/sports program at the Port Richmond CYO or Port Richmond High School.

Staten Island Children's Museum - \$ 1 million to upgrade HVAC system.

\$ 100, 000 additional funding for their Workforce Retention Program

Sewer on Theresa Place

Creative Photographers Guild – \$3,000 for professional public relation firm to boost program.

Staten Island Museum - \$ 50,000 for school program.

Fund a training program for food handler's license to be held at the Central Family Life Center.

DOE & DYCD need to fund afterschool academic enrichment (reading and math) in elementary schools in the district particularly in PS 31, 10, 16, 59, 13, 74, 18 and 4.

The FY 2018 Budget requests with responses is available at the Board Office

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN/ANTHON SCUTARI – No report.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – No report.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN – A meeting was held regarding private streets.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Locations are being looked at to hold auditions for a talent show. Ms. Minsky asked that we send a letter or Borough President James Oddo asking that the Staten Island Philharmonic Orchestra be officially named as such and promoted. They are professional, union musicians that should be showcased.

VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WEST BRIGHTON, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSYTH – Minutes were e-mailed to all members this evening, if anybody would like a copy please contact the Board Office.

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

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Parks will be holding a community input meeting on the Mariners Harbor Playground for input and feedback on Monday, October 23, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at the Faber Park Field House, 2175 Richmond Terrace.

Parks will also be holding a community input workshop on Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. at the Faber Park Field House, 2175 Richmond Terrace. The purpose of the meeting is to see get input from the community for the master plan for Mariners/Arlington Marsh.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Accornero asked that a meeting be arranged with DOT to discuss traffic patterns etc. at the NY Wheel, Empire Outlets. Ms. Marco asked that we invite NYC DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.