

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Ali Mir Masum, Excused
Anjail Ameen Rice
Joseph Alhstrom
Joseph Bird
Larry Beslow
Telee Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie, Excused
Timothy Forsyth
Vickie Fossella, Excused
Victoria Gillen
Christopher Greene, Excused
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes, Excused
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco, Excused
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Jeff Mohlenbrok, Excused
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen, Excused
Ernest Paige
Cathy Paradiso
Geraldine Parker, Excused
Fran Reali, Excused
Chris Rooney, Excused
Marjorie Ryan
James Samuels, Excused
George Sona, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
George Turner, Excused
Kelly Vilar
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli, Excused
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Amoy Barnes, Rep. CAU, Mayor DeBlasio
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Daniel Casterina, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA
Jermaine Williams, HRA
Peter Hegel, St. George Library
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation
Sharon Mitchell, Jobs Plus
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improv. Society
Sgt. Peter Ievoli, 120th Pct.
P.O. Matthew Panik, 120th Pct.
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Association
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Bill Franzab, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Denise Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Douglas Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Wulf Gillen, Resident Port Richmond
Peter Lisi, NYC Youth Office
Virginia Sherry

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 6:45 P.M.

There was one application – an application has been submitted to the Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 60-90-BZ – 525 Forest Avenue for the reestablishment and extension of a variance for an existing gasoline and service station and repair facility which has been in continuous operation since 1937. The variance expired February 2016.

The owner was in attendance and stated that there have been no changes to the station. There were no complaints about the shop, kept very clean.

Motion made and seconded to approve the term of a variance for 15 years.

Motion passed.

Mr. Chris Hadwin spoke briefly about the progression of the Bay Street Corridor, Public Meetings that have been held and future meetings. The application should be certified next year.

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Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Motion made and seconded to accept September 2016 full board minutes with no objection.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Regina Farace was dissatisfied with the removal of trees, failure to properly install sound barrier walls, the walls should be even on both sides of the expressway and, improper placement of the guard rails.

Virginia Sherry spoke about becoming a member of the Preservation League and the events that they hold.

Mr. Jermaine Williams spoke of programs offered by HRA; emergency rent assistance, establishing of paternity, cash assistance and child support etc. For more information on any program contact willimasje@hra.nyc.gov

Victoria Gillen announced the Department of City Planning meeting for the Environmental Assessment for BJ's of South Avenue on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. at the 121 Pct. in the muster room.

Ms. Barbara Sanchez, the Committee to Save Mount Manresa announced a fundraiser on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 2-5 at Labette Post. John Guzzo and Mike Decataldo will be honored amongst others. Ms. Sanchez also asked the Board to push to have the same required school seat mandate that the south shore has for new building.

Mr. Peter Lisi spoke on behalf of the NYC Department of Youth Services and asked everyone to fill out a questionnaire regarding services.

Ms. Kelly Vilar reported that: The Let's Rebuild Cromwell Community Coalition is hosting a Visioning Symposium on Cromwell and the Maritime Education and Recreation Corridor on Friday, October 21 from 6pm to 10pm at Brighton Heights Church on St Marks Place. There is also a Youth Orchestra at Brighton Heights Church, Ms. Vilar asked if anyone knew any youth that were interested to please speak to her.

Ms. Giselle Slavigny spoke about NYSTART which is a community-based program that provides crisis prevention and response services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who present with complex behavioral and mental health needs and to their families and others in the community who provide support. NYSTART is not a separate system and does not replace existing services.

Ms. Karen Thomas, Office of Emergency Management had pamphlets Ready New York for hurricanes and New York City to be prepared in case of a hurricane. Ms. Thomas noted that you can contact 311 for evacuation routes etc. You can register for emergency alerts by contacting 311 or by logging onto www.nyc.gov/notifynyc. To know what zone you are in go to www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone

Public Session Closed

OFFICERS' REPORTS

First Vice-Chairman, Antony Cosentino - A Budget Public Hearing will be scheduled for the first week in October.

Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney – No report.

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Anjail Ameen-Rice - No report.

Treasurer, Larry Beslow – The report is in the packet.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Chairman Siclari welcomed everyone back after the summer break. Last year we took recommendations from members and groups for people to be recognized at the Board. If anyone would like to have someone recognized please call Lisa at the Board Office. Chairman Siclari introduced Joseph Alhstrom our new Board Member.

District Manager, Joseph Carroll - Mr. Carroll reminded all area chairs to ask their committees for capital and expense items for the Budget Public Hearing in October.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use, Vincent Accornero - an application has been submitted to the Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 60-90-BZ – 525 Forest Avenue for the reestablishment and extension of a variance for an existing gasoline and service station and repair facility which has been in continuous operation since 1937. The variance expired February 2016.

Motion made and seconded to approve the application for a term of 15 years. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 22-1-1.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – Previously reported under First Vice-Chairman and District Manager Reports.

Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov – No meeting, no report.

Health/Human Services, Catherine Paradiso – No meeting, no report.

Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell – No meeting, no report.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – No meeting. The Department of Sanitation is going to be invited to a future meeting to discuss snow removal.

Youth Services, Kelly Vilar – No meeting, no report.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Bradford Greene – No meeting. Mr. Cosentino said he read a motion into the record for a By-law change in June, in order for the by-laws to be changed needs to be read at 3 meetings and voted on third meeting. Mr. Cosentino will start again with the motion at the October Board Meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Labor, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok – No meeting, no report.

Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar – No meeting, no report.

Civic, Victoria Gillen – No meeting, no report.

Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clifton/Concord, Larry Beslow – No meeting, no report.

West Brighton/St. George, Vickie Fossella/Jeffrey Mohlenbrok – No meeting, no report.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Camille Zarrelli/Timothy Forsyth – No meeting, no report.

Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo – No meeting, no report.

Old Business

New Business – Vincent Accornero mentioned about the accident that occurred on Victory Blvd. and by the War Memorial Ice Skating Rink how many residents did not have power for 2 days, the street was partially closed for 2 days – each agency stated it was another agency that needed to take care of it. There needs to be a system in place that links the agencies together to insure if something happens it is rectified in a timely manner. OEM had no idea this occurred.

New Business.