



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**February 26, 2019**

The next monthly General Board Meeting of Staten Island Community Board #3 will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the **WOODROW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL**, 1075 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, N.Y. 10312 at 7:30 p.m. The full calendar of meetings and agendas can be viewed at [www.nyc.gov/sicb3](http://www.nyc.gov/sicb3).

The Agenda for the General Board Meeting will be as follows:

- 1. Attendance**
- 2. Community Contact Session**
- 3. Minutes**
- 4. Officer's Reports**

Chairman of the Board	Frank Morano
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman	Thomas Barlotta
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman	Jerome Goldman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman	Owen Reiter
Treasurer	Diane Peruggia
Secretary	Frank Contrera
- 5. District Manager's Report** Charlene Wagner
- 6. Committee Reports**

Budget	Danny Venuto
Ethics, Rules, Bylaws & Regulations	Frank Contrera
Land Use, Planning and Zoning	Thomas Barlotta
Parks & Environmental	Albert Klingele
Quality of Life	Harold Kozak
Traffic and Transportation	Frank Contrera
NYPD Precinct Council Meetings	Owen Reiter
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Adjournment**

**Please note:** All Committee Chairmen MUST submit written reports at least one week prior to the regular Board Meeting. If you are unable to attend a Committee meeting or General Board meeting, please notify the District Manager or Chairman at (718) 356-7900 or email [swertheim@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:swertheim@cb.nyc.gov)

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Ajello, Daniel  
Barlotta, Thomas  
Catania, Phyllis  
Contrera, Frank  
DeRosa, Frank  
DiGennaro, Robert  
DiPilato, Michael  
Donahue, Patrick  
Donohue, John  
Frag, Sherif  
Felicetti, John  
Geary, Jeffrey  
Klinge, Albert  
Kozak, Harold  
Kump, Robert  
Mattioli, Dianne  
McKeon, Dennis  
Molino, Vincent  
Morano, Frank  
Napoli, Helen  
Nigro, Nicole  
Peruggia, Diane  
Pistilli, James  
Poznanski, Andrew  
Riccardelli, Anthony  
Reiter, Owen  
Rosenfeld, Wayne  
Venuto, Danny

**Members Absent or Excused**

Bara, Louis  
Cassese, John  
Conway, Patricia  
Goldman, Jerome  
Iervasi, Celia  
Lauria, Verna  
Miele, John  
Shultz, John  
Valentino, Michael

**Community Board Staff Present:**

Charlene Wagner, District Manager  
Susan LaForgia, Community Coordinator  
Stacey Wertheim, Community Coordinator

**Guests:**

Andrew Crawford, Director of Community Partnerships Unit - District Attorney Richmond County  
John Hall, representing District Attorney Richmond County  
James Clinton representing Congressman Max Rose  
Angela Olsen, representing New York State Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis  
Denise Pacheco, representing New York State Assemblyman Michael Reilly  
Donald DeRosa, NYC Comptroller Office  
Justine Dmytrow, representing Senator Anthony J. Lanza  
Patrick Lewis, Office of the Mayor, Staten Island Borough Director, Community Affairs Unit  
James Shipp, representing Staten Island Borough Hall  
Tom Dantoni, representing Councilman Steven Matteo  
Frank Mascia, representing Councilman Joe Borelli  
Joseph Homsey, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

**Guests:** *cont'd*

Joan Cusack, Executive Director NYC Human Resources Administration  
Jermaine Williams, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Carol Donovan, President, Richmondtown & Clarke Avenue Civic Association  
Colin Vautrinot, New York Public Library, Tottenville Branch  
Jennifer Sanchez & Julianna Bartels, PSS Circle of Care  
Steven Clinton, PS 25 UFT

**PUBLIC CONTACT SESSION**

**PSS Circle of Care**

*Julianna Bartels, Mental Health Professional*

*Jennifer Sanchez, Social Worker*

- Founded in 1962 as Presbyterian Senior Services, is an innovative, multi-service nonprofit agency whose mission is to strengthen the capacity of older New Yorkers, their families, and communities to thrive. PSS operates numerous centers and residences for older adults and various support and educational programs throughout New York City.
- South Shore Staten Islanders over 65 years of age are the largest group to age in place in the entire city.
- Information sessions will be at the Tottenville Public Library on 2/26/19 at 10:30am.
  - ✓ All services are free as we are funded by the New York City Department of Health
  - ✓ Learn about free supportive and educational services we provide to caregivers of a person living with Alzheimer's /dementia

**Richmondtown & Clarke Avenue Civic Association**

*Carol Donovan, President*

The proposed draft scope of work for CEQR# 19DCP083Y would have enormous deleterious effects on the communities and environment in Staten Island and the Bronx.

- The "No Action Condition" should be selected among the options in this study
- City Planning's proposals, which would involve creation of a new Special District, would potentially create very crowded housing by allowing houses as small as 600 square feet; it would further exacerbate commuting nightmares, overcrowding issues in schools, and other infrastructure issues
- Further weaken the already very weak protection by government agencies over wetlands areas
- (including the Bluebelt properties) which are vital for storm water retention and maintaining environmentally sensitive areas' ecological balance, weaken hillside preservation, and preservation of open space and parkland
- Remove opportunities for public comment and review if fewer properties would be reviewed by City Planning
- Place more responsibility in the hands of the NYC Buildings Department, which, in many individuals' experiences, does not provide rigorous review or investigation of construction projects

**IS25 South Richmond High School, 4210 Arthur Kill Road**

*Steve Clinton, United Federation of Teachers (UFT)*

- Expressed his concerns for a first responder that has been erected on the adjacent property to the school.

**New York City Public Library - Tottenville Branch**

*Colin Vautrinot, Acting Manager*

- Library card sign up
- Explore New York City's museums and attractions with Culture Pass. If you have a library card, you can get free admission to dozens of cultural institutions
- Learn Italian, Spanish or Chinese at the Huguenot Branch

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Vincent Molino *“to accept the General Board Minutes of January 22, 2019”*

**SECOND:** Frank Contrera

**VOTE:** 28-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

**Chairman's Report – Frank Morano**

February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Community residents attended a Public Meeting on the proposed homeless shelters for Staten Island. The proposed south shore shelter will be run by Catholic Charities and will be located on the grounds of Mt. Loretto. It will house 22 women age 50 and over.

**MOTION:** by Anthony Riccardelli *“To oppose the site location of a homeless shelter at Mount Loretto for the following reasons:*

1. Community Board 3 held a Public Meeting on February 19, 2019 with more than 200 attendees, and based upon public comments during this meeting community residents were 100% opposed to this shelter.
2. The proposed building's occupancy level can hold *more than* 22 people. There is concern that the shelter will be expanded.
3. The campus is mainly populated by children who attend a pre-school, an elementary school annex, a High School, a special needs program, sports venues and summer day camp programs. There is also a Senior Citizen Friendship Club on the campus.
4. We are concerned for the safety of area residents.
  - ✓ Who will provide the security?
  - ✓ The Mount Loretto site contains no features or conveniences shelter residents.
  - ✓ Extremely meager transportation opportunities.
  - ✓ Shelter residents will be in the community for hours a day unoccupied unless transported elsewhere for services.
5. We do not know what the makeup is of the proposed residents. We dispute DHS's title designation for homeless, because it includes temporary shelter for people with mental illness, addiction, and criminal backgrounds.
6. In two years from now, what will be there next? There is no guarantee that this use will remain the way it is presented now, and in the future.
7. We dispute DHS's homeless count, and therefore the qualified need.
8. We currently have a homeless shelter at the West Shore Motor Inn.
9. We are opposed to the documented predictable increase in 911 services.

**SECOND:** Danny Venuto

**VOTE:** 28-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – Thomas Barlotta**

No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Jerome Goldman**

No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Jerome Goldman**

No Report

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Owen Reiter**

No Report

**Secretary – Frank Contrera**

No Report

**Treasurer – Diane Peruggia**

No Report

**District Manager's Report – Charlene Wagner**

No Report

**BUDGET – Danny Venuto**

No Report

**ETHICS, RULES & BY-LAWS – Frank Contrera**

No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE – Thomas Barlotta**

Self-Explanatory

**BSA 2018-198-A 85 Trenton Court**

Michael Nacmias from Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector presented this Application for an appeal pursuant to GCL36 to permit construction of a two family residential building that does not front on a legally mapped street. The proposed residence is less than 3,000 sq. ft.; lot area is 5,000 sq. ft. It provides 3 parking spaces (garage and 2 tandem spaces.) Trenton Ct. is paved and improved but does not have a CCO. BPP, DEC permit, DCP application and storm and sanitary sewer plans are approved.

**MOTION:** by Thomas Barlotta *“to deny the application as presented”*

**SECOND:** Michael DiPilato

**DISCUSSION:** Tandem parking and the negative impact it presents on the immediate and neighboring streets.

**VOTE:** 27-1-0 (Jeff Geary)

**MOTION:** PASSED

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**BSA 2019-19-A 107 Manee Avenue**

Michael Nacmias from Rothkrug, Rothkrug & Spector presented this Application for an appeal pursuant to GCL36 to permit construction of a three story, two-family residential building that does not front on a legally mapped street. As the CCO does not cover the entire Manee Avenue, there will be

deed restrictions filed for Lots 260 and 262. Although there are 4 homes in this project, this application is required for the home closest to the dead end. There are 3 parking spaces (2 car garage and one spot on the side of the home.) There are dry wells. Sewers will be connected to Bayview Avenue. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> homes will share an easement. There is an apparatus access road (Lot 324) from Bayview Avenue as there isn't sufficient room for turn-around on Manee.

**MOTION:** by Thomas Barlotta *"to deny the application as presented"*

**SECOND:** Helen Napoli

**VOTE:** 28-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

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**PARKS & RECREATION & ENVIRONMENTAL – Albert Klingele**

Self-Explanatory - Because we did not have a quorum at the Parks & Recreation & Environmental Committee Meeting, I ask for motions for the De-Chlorination Facility at Oakwood Beach and the Owl Hollow Park Fieldhouse.

The Oakwood de-chlorination project was first presented in November 2018. We did not give approval because the committee had concerns regarding emissions and chemical hazards. DEP re-presented at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Parks meetings. However, they still did not properly address our concerns. CB3 reached out to the Department of Environmental Conservation "DEC" and we were given the following response:

The DEC Air Unit reviewed the presentation and found that the facility raised no concerns. The Sodium Bisulfite is well below regulations.

**MOTION:** by Albert Klingele *"to send a letter of approval"*

**SECOND:** Phyllis Catania

**VOTE:** 28-0-0

**MOTION:** PASSED

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DPR presented plans for a Field House which will include Men's and Women's toilets (6 fixtures and 4 lavatories each), staff office, garage and storage, and add 36 parking spaces. The building will be located in the present gravel parking lot between the paved lot and the soccer fields.

**MOTION:** by Albert Klingele *"To send a letter of approval for the construction of the new Field House, restrooms, garage and storage and 36 parking spaces at Owl Hollow"*

**SECOND:** John Donohue

**VOTE:** 27-0-1 (Frank DeRosa)

**MOTION:** PASSED

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**QUALITY OF LIFE – Harold Kozak**

Self-Explanatory

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – Frank Contrera**

Self-Explanatory

**POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORTS - Owen Reiter**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

District Attorney Richmond County

*Andrew Crawford, Director of Community Partnerships Unit*

- The Richmond County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce the Third-Annual "Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying" Poster Contest for elementary school kids. It is designed to encourage Staten Island students to express their views on respect and tolerance for all people, as well as their opposition to bullying and violence.
- The District Attorney's Office needs high school students to volunteer over the summer to hand out the remaining 1000 "Staten Island Against Drugs" signs. It will be two days a week, one day out in the field spreading the word about addiction and one day in court observing what Assistant District Attorneys and judges do in court. 70 hours of community service will be given to each volunteer.

Where to Turn

*Dennis McKeon, Executive Director*

- In Phase Fashions clothing store has donated over 300 dresses to be used for the prom season. For more information go to [www.where-to-turn.org](http://www.where-to-turn.org)
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 - Community Cleanup in Tottenville, 10am to 1pm. Everyone should meet at DeLuca's Restaurant, 7324 Amboy Road

Senator Anthony J. Lanza

*Justine Dmytrow, representative*

- April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Vietnam Veterans' Day at Tottenville High School at 2:00pm
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Homeowners property tax exemptions and rent freeze enrollment event, 10am to 12pm at the CYO Mt. Loretto
- Free mammogram screenings, various locations. Appointments are necessary, please call 1-800-564-686

Respectfully submitted,

***Frank Contrera***

Frank Contrera, Secretary