

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, APRIL 16, 2010 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen
Marilyn Averett
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Grace Ferranti, Med. Leave
Timothy Forsyth
Rajiv Gowda, Absent
John Guzzo
Jeanne Hogan
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones
Dominick Lambert, Med. Leave
Lisa Lattanzio, Absent
Adena Long
Priscilla Marco
Jacob Massaquoi, II
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Sheila McGinn, Absent
Friday Ogbewe
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
John Pabone, Excused
Vincent Pompa
Chris Rooney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari
John Strandberg, Excused
Sean Sweeney
Ken Tirado
Harold Wagner
Mark Washington
George Wonica, Jr., Absent
Camille Zarrelli, In 8:53 P.M.
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Nick Dmytryszyn, Environmental Engineer to B.P.
Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
Patrick Hyland, Rep. Congressman Fossella
Phil Maravolo, Rep. MOA Cusick
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Hyer-Spencer
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Adam Levin, State DOT/Zetlin
Michael Barbagallo, NYS DOT/Parsons Brinkerhoff
Peter Sucher, NYS DOT/ Parsons Brinkerhoff
Patrick B. Jordan, NYS DOT/Parsons Brinkerhoff
Michael Begerman, NYS DOT
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Sarah Gowell, 10 Bay Street Landing
Marsha Russell, 20 Bay Street Landing
Phil Leny, 31 Sanders Street

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate
Tiana Morman, CB#1 Intern
Lydice Ravelo, CB#1 Intern

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Nicholas Siclari took roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro announced the guest list of Elected Official representatives and Civic Association members present at the Board Meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Melissa Gleba explained the services provided to prevent and help juvenile delinquency at the Staten Island Youth Justice Center.

Ms. Denise Lakeman, spoke regarding the deplorable conditions of the roads and parks on Staten Island.

Mr. Nunzio Sisto a Julliard graduate wrote the original score and orchestration for “Why Can’t the Trains Run on Time” which will be played on April 30, 2010 at the St. George Theatre.

All of the proceeds will be given to the St. George Theatre for repairs.

Mr. Sisto further asked for Community Board #1’s assistance, he would like to give free music classes to youth on Staten Island.

Mr. Peter Lisi asked for Community Board #1’s assistance. Mr. Lisi has been renovating the Paramount Theatre and has been having trouble obtaining permits from the Fire Department and other agencies to open.

Chairwoman Remauro to call the Board Office for the phone number for the Downtown Staten Island Council for assistance.

Mr. Philippe Levy and Mr. Francisco spoke of the constant traffic problems on Sanders and Wilcox Streets mainly due to the teachers constantly blocking driveways, parents double parking to drop off and pick up students. Both residents expressed concern of further parking problems with the new 121 Pct. that is being built.

Chairwoman Remauro urged both residents and others that were in attendance to take pictures or videos of the traffic infractions and e-mail them to her at cb1chair@aol.com. Chairwoman Remauro assured the residents that the new Pct. has ample parking for both Police Officers, staff and visitors.

Mr. Michael DeCataldo spoke of his dissatisfaction of the parade route for the Veteran’s Day Parade. Mr. DeCataldo implored Community Board #1 to advocate for the Veteran’s to have the parade route changed from Hart Blvd. to Clove Road instead starting on Martlings Avenue.

Dr. Kim of the Beacon Christian Community Health Center located at 2079 Forest Avenue showed a power point presentation of the services offered at the Health Center. Everyone is welcome for health services at Beacon Christian Community Health Center with or without insurance.

Mr. Peter Sucher, NYS DOT/ Parsons Brinkerhoff showed a power point presentation of new bus lanes on the Staten Island Expressway; double on and off ramps on Clove Road, sound

barrier walls to be installed and many other improvements to the SIE which will improve the flow of traffic.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO - No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – All Board Members were sent “Call for Candidate” forms via e-mail. Every Board Member has a “Call for Candidate” form in their packet. The current Executive Committee members have all submitted their “Call for Candidate” forms to run for re-election in June. **Leticia Remauro, Chairperson, Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairperson, Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairperson, Friday Ogbewele, Third Vice-Chairperson, Larry Beslow, Treasurer and Nicholas Siclari, Secretary.** Mr. Siclari asked if anyone would like to submit a “Call for Candidate” form. There we no call for candidate forms submitted.

Mr. Siclari took nominations from the floor for each Executive Committee position. There were none.

Mr. Siclari explained “Call for Candidate” forms can be submitted up until start of the May Board Meeting. Final nominations will be taken from the floor I at the May Board Meeting. No nominations will be accepted at the June Board Meeting when the election will take place.

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – In the packet are minutes of a meeting which were held regarding temporary permits for the former Coast Guard site to hold events from May to September.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll reminded everyone to keep on top of Fresh Kills Park. They have provided lots of recreational outlets. If you look at the plans you will see soccer fields. Everyone can thank Christopher Rooney; he is a big part of the Staten Island Soccer League and helped in planning those fields at Fresh Kills.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO - No meeting, no report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD - Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

GREENWAY, LINDA ESKENAS – A power point presentation will be given by the Greenway Committee at the next Waterfront Meeting and Full Board Meeting of the proposed Greenway Trail.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – A quorum was not present at the meeting. A presentation was given by Stated DOT on the removal of the Brooklyn Bound Toll booths and the proposed improvements to the Staten Island Expressway. They are going to start removing the toll booths, two at a time.

Under the Public Session, Ms. Denise Lakeman, spoke of pot holes that are not being repaired, anyone who sees a pothole should call 311 with the specific location of the pothole.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The committee met prior to the Board Meeting tonight. The Labor Committee with lots of help from Mr. Vincent Polimeni with the New York State Laborers' organizing fund and a member of the Labor Committee have been overseeing the work that is being done on the toll booths and the Expressway project to insure union workers are hired at prevailing wages. Minutes last month's meeting are in the packet.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – The committee met prior to the Board Meeting, minutes will be included in the packet next month.

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

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – The Public Advocate's Office has asked the Board to pass a resolution on proposed Charter revisions. The resolution is in the packet, the Rules Committee will review it at the April Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting.

Chairwoman Remauro urged everyone who would like to comment personally on the charter revisions to send a letter.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – The Clifton/Concord/Stapleton Area Committee will meet this Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street, 7:30 P.M.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – The Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh Area Committee will meet on April 21, 2010 at the Silver Lake Tennis House at 7:30 P.M.

ROSBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – There are minutes in the packet regarding a meeting which was held with the commissioners of DOT and Buildings regarding Walgreen's on Tompkins Avenue and Hylan Blvd.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Accornero asked if we could send a letter requesting expanding the recycling program to include all types of plastics. Ms. Remauro asked Mr. Accornero to draft the letter and send it to the Board Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.