

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING APRIL 14, 2014 – 8:00 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Priscilla Marco, Chair

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird
Andrew Blancero
Christopher Greene
Telee Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Thomas Ferrie
Timothy Forsyth
Vickie Fossella
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo, Excused
Robert Honor, Excused
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth, Excised
Pearl Minsky
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
Friday Ogbewele
Olaf Olsen, Lave
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Geraldine Parker
Fran Reali
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
James Samuels
George Sona
Nicholas Siclari
George Turner
Kelly Villar
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Paul Duffy, Rep. Governor Cuomo
Charles Fall, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg
Roland Stewart, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Len Garcia-Duran, Director SI City Planning
Nicole Campo, SI City Planning
Maggie Sottel, SI City Planning
Alenna Farishta, SI City Planning
Joan Cusack, Executive Director Human Resources Admin.
Jenny Fischman, Rep. Comptroller Stringer
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Matteo
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Senator Savino
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Anthony Arcamone, NYC Parks & Recreation
Carol Hogan, NYC Compost Project
Tanisha Litrell, NY Public Library
Stefany Rojas, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence
Virginia Sherry, SI Advance
Deputy Inspector Robert Bocchino, Commander 120th Pct.
P.O. Quania Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
P.O. Michelle Mazza, 120th Community Affairs
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Julie Semente, NYS Nurses Assn.
Darlene Coccaro, NYS Nurses Assn.
Tariq Zaid, Richmond Hood Co.
Aaron Hernandez, St. Nick's Workforce Development
Bobby Digi, North Shore Merchants Association
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Josephine Bosco, Tobacco Free SI Coalition
Michael Cox, north shore resident

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Priscilla Marco called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Nicholas Siclari took roll call attendance, quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept March 2015 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Stefany Rogers, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence spoke of a program offered on Staten Island – the Staten Island DVRT which **seeks** to reduce the incidence of homicide by providing rapid response to high risk cases of intimate partner violence. DVRT facilitates interagency coordination and collaboration and creates individualized action plans to quickly and effectively meet the service and safety needs of clients.

Ms. Joseph Bosco, Tobacco Free SI Coalition spoke of decreasing tobacco use on Staten Island: TFSI is comprised of adults and youth dedicated to promoting a healthy, tobacco-free norm.

- There are 4 initiatives, Point of Sale, Tobacco-Free Outdoors, Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing and Smoke Free Media. TSFI and Reality Check, a teen-based anti-tobacco program, together will:
- mobilize community members and organizations to strengthen tobacco-related policies
- prevent and reduce tobacco use
- reduce youth exposure to harmful tobacco marketing in retail settings
- limit exposure to secondhand smoke
- reduce smoking imagery through the media

Mr. Tariq Zaid spoke of a street closure he requested to Castleton Avenue last year through DOT Weekend Walks.

Ms. Fran Reali spoke of **Frank J. Reali III** Foundation's sixth annual golf classic, "Protecting One Heart at a Time," will tee off on Friday, May 1, at the Grand Oaks Country Club (formerly the South Shore Country Club) in Huguenot.

Registration is 11:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Snacks on the turn, a buffet dinner, fun holes and great giveaways will be on hand to benefit a much-needed program for children.

The tab: \$200 per golfer; \$750 per foursome.

Grand Oaks County Club's Buffet, \$100 per person.

- Sadly, seven years ago, Frank J. Reali III died of sudden cardiac death. A CNN medical study showed that more than 400,000 young adults (including children) die each year in this country from SCD. The only symptom that usually gets noticed is sudden death. And the foundation's mission is to screen young people for heart issues that might end in tragedy.

A baseline heart testing for eighth-grade students or high school freshman is a protocol to follow. The gap is being filled free of charge by the Reali Foundation — where in their small foundation testing proved that more than 3 percent of the children tested were found to have a correctable heart issue — either through surgery, medicine or lifestyle change.

Even if you do not golf come to the dinner.

Ms. Carol Hooper, Snug Harbor residential organics collection program and local organics recovery program spoke of the expansion of the organics collection and upcoming events at Snug Harbor. Flyers were available.

Ms. Jenny Fischman, Comptroller Stringer gave updates on the happenings of Public Advocate Stringer.

Mr. Chris Rooney spoke of the Special Olympics for Soccer. If anyone knows a special needs youth that would like to participate or any students that need community service credits please contact Mr. Rooney at crooneycmr@aol.com. This is a wonderful opportunity for both spectrums, the students get a lot out of volunteering and the participants feel a sense of pride in their participation.

Mr. Rooney also spoke of the Claro Program: If you're being **sued by a creditor in Civil Court** we might be able to help. The legal process can be confusing, and it could make a huge difference to your case to get legal advice before you commit to important decisions. If you have encountered issues with consumer debt (**credit cards, cell phones, store cards, student loans, utilities, car loans, medical debt,** etc.) that might lead to a court case, you can come and get information and advice.

Sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 5th, 2pm-4pm; Thursday, May 21st, 6pm-8pm; Tuesday, June 2nd, 2pm-4pm; Thursday, June 18th, 6pm-8pm; Tuesday, July 7th, 2pm-4pm; Thursday, July 16th, 6pm-8pm

Location: Richmond County Civil Courthouse
927 Castleton Avenue, 2nd Floor

Ms. Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park supplied the calendar of events for Westerleigh Park. For the list of events go to WESTERLEIGHPARK.COM or e-mail Westerleighpark@aol.com

Mr. Michael Cox commended the appointment of Geraldine Parker to the Board.

Ms. Jasmine Esclara, Ph.D. Project Manager Child Mind Institute – The Child Brain Network will provide 10,000 children and adolescents in the New York metropolitan area with a free diagnostic consultation focused on mental and physical health—and it's all starting on Staten Island. Each participant and family will receive free individualized feedback, treatment recommendations, and local referrals provided by license clinicians.

Mr. Len Garcia Duran, Director SI City Planning and Nicole Campo gave a presentation regarding a Staten Island Special District Text Amendment. A power point presentation was given. Meetings have been held regarding the text amendment where Mr. Accornero has attended. More meetings will be scheduled.

Current rules do not provide clear expectations to owners and neighbors of what is possible to develop, nor is the process clear for gaining the necessary approvals.

Current rules often inhibit better site planning to preserve natural features; a review of the rules illustrate where the current zoning is counterintuitive to the goals of preservation.

The Special Districts zoning text often requires discretionary actions from the City Planning Commission, which adds burdensome financial costs and time delays to applicants, most of which are individual homeowners.

DCP resources are heavily consumed with reviewing small applications with the cost being fewer staff resources available for borough-wide/neighborhood planning studies and proposals.

The Special Districts Text Amendment outline, background history and goals can be obtained from the Board Office. You can e-mail lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov for a copy to be sent to you.

The new Commander of the 120th Pct., Deputy Inspector Robert Bocchino was introduced. DI Bocchino thanked everyone for welcoming him and looks forward to working with the community.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRWOMAN, PRISCILLA MARCO – The Chairwoman's report is in the packet. Ms. Marco introduced the 3 new Board Members, Victoria Fossella, Joseph Bird and Geraldine Parker. Chairwoman Marco mentioned she has chaired the Waterfront Committee and has attended nearly all Area Committee Meetings and has reached out to every board member. A new Committee has been formed, the Parks Committee chaired by Megan Delmar. The first meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office. Nicholas Zvegintzov is the new Transportation Chairman and will be meeting jointly with the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee on April 21, 2015 – 7:30 at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue, and a presentation will be given by DOT on changes made to the proposed bike lane on Clove Road.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO - A Steering Committee Meeting will be arranged for May or June.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney thanked all the functional committee chairs and members for their active participation.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – Mr. Ogbewele thanked all of the area committee chairs and members for their active participation.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW - The Treasurer's report is in the packet. Mr. Beslow thanked everyone that attended the party for Leticia Remauro. There was \$12 left over which was handed over to Anthony Cosentino to be placed in the Sunshine Club. Mr. Cosentino explained that the Sunshine Club was money that is collected from the members in case a member is taken ill etc. to send flowers etc. to them.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari stated that Elections will be held at the June Board Meeting. Call for Candidate forms were sent to all Board Members. The following members have submitted their names to run for a position:

Priscilla Marco, Chairwoman,
Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairman
Friday Ogbewele, Third Vice-Chairman
Larry Beslow, Treasurer.

You may submit a Call for Candidate form to run for a position on the Executive Committee up until the call of the May Meeting. Nominations will now be taken from the floor for each of the Executive Committee positions. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the May Meeting.

Secretary Nicholas Siclari asked for nominations for each of the positions, Chair, First vice Chair, Second Vice –Chair, Third Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer three times each. Being none the nominations were closed until the May 12, 2015 Board Meeting.

DISTRICT MANGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll urged everyone to go Snug Harbor on May 2, 2015 and on May 3, 2015 there will be live entertainment , Zumba, heart health program. All of that is free. There will also be a plant sale and an orchid sale.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no Land Use Applications for the month of April. There will be a Land Use Public Hearing on May 4, 2015 – 7:30 at the Board Office, 1 application has been received thus far for 139 Bay Street which is the old Fish & Eddy's Building next to The Pointe for an enlargement of a mixed use building.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO – There are minutes in the packet. The committee will attend the May 11, 2015 Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting to discuss further the medical marijuana factory that was presented at their last meeting.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

WATFRONT, PRISCILLA MARCO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – The Committee has been revamped and will address any City Agency items that need to be addressed, this will include Mr. Jain covering the 120th and 121 Pct. Council Meetings.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR - The Department of Parks & Recreation Capital Division will present the Community Parks Initiative designs for the following playgrounds-McDonald-De matti-Levy at the first Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

YOUTH, KELLY VILLAR – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. We have launched a new CB#1 Youth Website, everyone should check it out. We have also established a Youth flyer which is attached to the minutes which give all the info on 1 page. Summer Youth Employment Program Applications are available.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE – In the packet was legislation details for making urban planning professionals available to community boards. The legislation reads at least one professional planner for every four community board and would assist the borough president in planning and growth. The legislation was introduced by Council members Kallos, Cabrera, Eugene, Lancman, Mendez and Rose. Further research will be done to see how this would work on Staten Island before a letter is drafted to support the legislation.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – As previously mentioned, the Transportation Committee will be meeting jointly with the West Brighton/St. George Area Committee on April 21, 2015 – 7:30 at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue, a presentation will be given by DOT on changes made to the proposed.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – The minutes are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS