

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA. Hyer-Spencer
Christine Johnson, Rep. Councilmember Debi Rose
Jeanette Beck, Rep. Councilwoman
P.O. Elizabeth Santinello, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Detective Rivera, 1 Police Plaza, Community Affairs
Frank Carcaterra, NYC Parks & Recreation Manager
Scott Lambdin, NY Public Library, St. George
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh
Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Art Cappabianca, Decker Avenue Civic Association

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion made and seconded to accept January 2010 Board Minutes.
Secretary Nicholas Siclari took roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Chairwoman Remauro read the guest list of Elected Official representatives present.

Third Vice-Chairman Friday Ogbewele opened the public session.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Will Sawyers, Workshop Coordinator spoke of Redcap, Career Design School a vocational training school in NYC for disconnected and at risk youths located at 119 19th Street. The training programs and support services give individuals the skills and confidence they need to succeed at work. Graduates obtain jobs at private companies or with Fedcap. For further info call 212-727-4343.

Ms. Susan Chew spoke of the risks and dangers to our drinking water hydraulic fracturing might cause.

Ken Tirado spoke of a new proposal by the Department of Health whereby every restaurant would have to post a letter grade on the window of the restaurant. Mr. Tirado explained fines are given to restaurants which would lower their grade for very minor infractions which have nothing to do with food such as not having a non-smoking sign posted in the bathroom or broken glass where staff sorts the recycling in the basement. Mr. Tirado asked for the board's assistance and everyone in attendance to write to the Mayor, the Council and the DOH to not impose this new system.

Ms. Jeanne Raleigh spoke against the proposal to split P.S. 16 into two separate schools. She claims the plan is to lump together the special education and poor performing students into one school and higher achievers into another school; and, by implementing this it will impose a low report card for the one school with the special education and poor performing students and will ultimately be shut down by the Board of Education and possibly made into a Charter School. Charter schools are funded by public money and are privately run and, only a small number of teachers need to be certified.

Mr. Art Cappabianca, Decker Avenue Civic Association and Waterfront non-Board Member spoke of the Obama Administration's plan for removal of the Coast Guard Maritime Security Team Unit from New York Harbor. This is essential to the safety of our harbor. They have been here since 9/11 to buffer between us and those who are dedicated to our destruction. It is not a matter of if we were going to be attacked it is a matter of when. Mr. Cappabianca is going to bring this information to the Waterfront Committee on February 18, 2010.

Mr. Brandon Mahon F.D.N.Y., EMT spoke of proposed cuts to the F.D.N.Y. with the elimination of the Fifth Man to Fire Engines which is imperative.

Although there are proposed cuts, the F.D.N.Y. will be hiring, a test is scheduled. You can go to www.nyc.gov/dcas for Firefighter Tests and F.D.N.Y. Paramedic or call 718-999-FDNY between 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Val Balezze gave a presentation on temporary U.S. Census positions available and the importance of filling out the new 10 questions for the Census. Mr. Balezze also asked if anyone had space for training to contact see if after the meeting. For more information on Census positions go to www.2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-8660861-2010. Practice tests are available on line.

A brief film regarding hydraulic fracturing and the effects it has on our drinking water was shown.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The discussion which was held at the meeting is included in the packet.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report. Mr. Rooney urged everyone to pay attention to the Transportation report of a public meeting being held by Councilmember Debi Rose and Members of Community Board #1 regarding proposed MTA bus cuts and consolidation cuts.

Chairwoman Remauro reported The MTA will be holding their hearing on March 2, 2010, 6:00 P.M. at CSI, building 1P, Spring Concert Hall. In addition, Minority Leader Oddo and MOA Janelle Hyer-Spencer have on-line petitions to sign on the proposed cuts.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – Mr. Carroll reported on a meeting he attended arranged by District Attorney Daniel Donovan regarding the safety of Hylan Blvd. in lieu of the traffic accident that took the life of the teacher a few weeks ago. The Meeting was attended by the Councilmembers and City Agencies. The only portion of Hylan Blvd. that was discussed for improvement in the Community Board #1 area is on Hylan Blvd. and Reynolds Street, at the instance of Councilmember Rose.

PARLIAMENTARIAN, JEANNE HOGAN – No report.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The minutes of the Land Use Public Hearing are in the packet.

1. Department of City Planning Application No. N 100103 ZAR for authorization to facilitate enlargement of a single-family home within the Special Hillside Preservation District at 37 Holsman Road, Grymes Hill.

Motion to approve application requesting the architect and the builder use recycled shingle material, low e-glass and utilize natural daylight in their plans to mitigate some of the impact the building would have on the environment. Motion seconded. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 32-0-0.

2. Department of City Planning Application Nos. N 070418 ZAR and N 070419 ZCR – Block 622, Lot 41 (Tentative Lots 41, 140 & 141) 79, 83 and 87 Wandel Avenue, Grymes Hill. Applications submitted by LaRubio Properties pursuant to Section 119-04 for certification of future subdivision and Section 119-316 for authorization to modify grading controls to facilitate the development of 2 two-family buildings within the Special Hillside Preservation District.

The owner of 87 Wandel Avenue, who is not the applicant, attended the Land Use Public Hearing. The Department of City Planning is looking into the application. The application will not be scheduled for a hearing by the Department of City Planning or Community Board #1 until the Department of City Planning clarifies the application.

Chairwoman Remauro asked Mr. Accornero to work with Ms. Long regarding City Planning requiring proof of ownership when submitting Land Use Applications.

The Sunnyside/Grymes Hill rezoning will be voted on by the City Planning Commission at the end of February.

GREENWAY, LINDA ESKENAS – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The next meeting will be on February 18th 7:00 P.M. followed by the Greenway Committee at the Board Office.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO/PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Ms. Majorie Ryan is filling in as co-chair for Ms. Ferranti who is undergoing rehabilitation at Clove Lakes. The minutes of the previous Public Services Committee Meeting are in the packet.

Chairwoman Remauro asked The Rules Committee to work with the Public Services Committee regarding hydraulic fracturing.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. A flyer is included in everyone’s packet for a public meeting being held by Councilmember Debi Rose and Community Board #1 regarding the MTA bus cuts. The meeting is being held on February 24, 2010, 7:00 P.M. at 126 Stuyvesant Place in the Jury Room. Written testimony can be submitted to cb1chair@aol.com or faxed to 718-720-1342. The MTA will be holding their hearing on March 2, 2010 – 6:00 P.M. at the College Staten Island, Building 1P. All testimony, petitions collected at the meeting on February 24, 2010 will be forwarded for the MTA hearing on March 2, 2010. Everyone is urged to attend both hearings.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – The minutes of last month’s meeting are in the packet.

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

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be a follow up discussion regarding Staten Island’s exclusion from the Automated City Register Automated System (ACRIS) at the next Rules Committee Meeting on February 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office. Mr. Razefsky, representative to the Borough President stated he would look into this.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No meeting, no report.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO - No minutes.

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

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

CLIFTON/CONCORD, LARRY BESLOW – There was no quorum at the meeting. There is no meeting scheduled for the month of February. A meeting will be held in March.

Old Business
New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

