

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Nicholas Siclari, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

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

**GUESTS**

Roland Steward, Rep. BP James Oddo  
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose  
Lorraine Scanni, Rep. Councilman Matteo  
Angela Olsen, Rep. MOA Malliotakis  
Lt. Kinsella, PBSI, Community Affairs  
P.O. Gianine, PBSI Community Affairs  
P.O. Weinberg, 120 Pct. NCO  
P.O. Napolitano, 120 Pct., NCO  
Joan Cusack, Director NYC HRA  
Jermaine Williams, NYC HRA  
Len Garcia-Duran, Executive Director SI City Planning  
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improvement Society  
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Association  
Diana Caughell, "Clean up SI project"  
Barbara Sanchez, Committee to Save Mount Manresa  
Dan Dunn, Parks Department Ocean Breeze Track & Field  
Frank Russo, AMVETS Post 917  
George Cusick, AMVETS 917  
Dana Cusick, Manor Road  
Detective Quania Rios

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Ms. Jessica Rubenstein represented Mr. Eric Palatnik presented: 428 St. Mark's Place - Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 218-15-A - Application to permit development of a four story, five dwelling unit, mixed use (office and residential) on a lot that is located partially within the bed of a mapped but unbuilt portion of Victory Blvd.

There building would have a non-compliant front, side and rear yard. There is no reasonable possibility that any agency of the City of New York would have interest in acquisition and development of the unimproved portion.

There was a concern of where the garbage would be kept. It was requested that the garbage be kept inside until pick up.

### **MOTION**

Motion made and seconded to approve the application with the condition that the refuse be stored internally until pick up. Roll call vote taken of the Land Use Committee, vote passed 7-0-0.

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

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

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

Mr. Dan Dunn gave a brief presentation on the new Ocean Breeze Track & Field Arena on Father Capodanno Blvd. To get a full schedule and fees go to [www.nycgovparks](http://www.nycgovparks)

A Certificate of Recognition was given to the AMVETS Post 917, Mr. Frank Russo and Mr. George Cusick. Since its establishment the post has maintained a theme of "Supporting Self Sacrifice" and applying its mission statement by assisting veterans through programs such as job seeking assistance, visitation of the wounded at Walter Reed National Medical Center delivering care packages and comfort items to them and their families, giving respite to groups of wounded warriors through the annual Staten Island Welcomes Our Heroes event.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy members of the Post volunteered to distribute comfort items to those affected by the storm.

For the past eight years a group of its members visit, at intervals of six to eight weeks, the wounded at Walter Reed National Medical Center now in Bethesda Maryland. Each trip brings post customized T-shirts, comfort items, blankets, gift cards not only for the wounded but also for their families. In addition to the tangible items, and more importantly, the members bring with them the smiles, gratitude, and support that they so deserve on their road to recovery.

For the past seven years the post organizes and sponsors the Staten Island Welcomes Our Heroes (SIWOH) event. The three day event brings a group of wounded soldiers from the Walter Reed National Medical Center to Staten Island for a VIP weekend. The warriors are escorted by police and approximately 200 bikers from various motorcycle organizations starting in Bethesda Md. to Staten Island. Flag waving crowds greet the

honorees all along the way. Huge crowds including school children line up all along Richmond Ave. to greet the heroes.

Post 917 is a Career Center for Veterans and was recognized by AMVETS National as a Career Center finalist for the placement of 30 veterans in new jobs.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Len Garcia-Duran spoke of upcoming Bay Street Corridor Fall Public Workshops on Thursday, November 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 PM. At 354 Front Street and on Saturday, November 14, 2015- 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at 98 Grant Street. You can view the proposal at [www.nyc.gov/baystreetcorridor](http://www.nyc.gov/baystreetcorridor)

Ms. Diana Caughell asked for volunteers to clean up Staten Island. She is working with the support of Borough President Oddo. For further information or to volunteer contact [diana@nyrealestate-expert.com](mailto:diana@nyrealestate-expert.com).

Ms. Barbara Sanchez spoke gave an update on Mount Manresa and mentioned Borough President Oddo has refrained from issuing house numbers to the Savo brothers for homes at the Mount Manresa site.

Ms. Victoria Gillen spoke of problems in the elm park community.

Mr. Jermaine Williams, Human Resources Administration spoke of assistance programs available through HRA such as rent assistance, heating and utility, food benefits etc. You may be eligible even if you think you are not, Mr. Williams recommended people apply.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN , ANTHONY COSENTINO** – No report.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** – No report.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – No report.

**SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE** – No report.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – No report.

**CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – At the Borough Board Meeting in November the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene was in attendance and spoke and gave handouts of the Community Health Profiles of the north shore. A few copies were available and were handed out. If anyone would like a copy contact the Board Office and copies will be e-mailed.

Chairman Siclari reminded everyone that we are recognizing a group/organization/person/s each month for the work that they do. Please let the office or myself know if there is anyone that you would like to see recognized.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** - Mr. Carroll further mentioned that the Department of Health will be at the Mariners Harbor Library on November 30, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M for Take Care New York.

The Citizens Committee of New York has a \$3,000 grant available to Civic Organizations and Community Groups.

Mr. Carroll was informed that the Chairman of the Board of Standards & Appeals made a comment at a hearing that denounced Staten Island about downzoning and not know what Staten Island wants.

Lastly, Mr. Carroll thanked Beryl Thurman for supplying the photographic book "Shore Up – Community Resilience Adaptation Project for the North Shore of Staten Island."

#### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** – A Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting this evening for: 428 St. Mark's Place - Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 218-15-A - Application to permit development of a four story, five dwelling unit, mixed use (office and residential) on a lot that is located partially within the bed of a mapped but unbuilt portion of Victory Blvd.

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#### **MOTION**

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**The application passed the Land Use Committee, vote passed 7-0-0.**

**Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 31-0-0.**

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

**TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO** – No meeting, no report.

**LABOR, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK** – The committee met prior to the meeting this evening.

**WATERFRONT, LORETTA CAULDWELL** - Mr. Forsyth was to chair the Waterfront Meeting due to a slight mix up with the office, the committee had a brief meeting in the lobby at Edgewater. Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – The committee did not meet. If anyone has any issues for the committee please let Mr. Jain know.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, MEGAN DELMAR** – No meeting, no report.

**YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER GREENE** – No meeting, no report.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN** – There will be meeting this Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Board Office. All civic and community groups are welcome to attend.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY**, there has not been a meeting scheduled at this time.

### **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, JEFFREY MOHLENBROK & VICKIE FOSSELLA** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

Chairman Siclari mentioned if there are problems with liquor license applications or an establishment the area chairs should notify him. Mr. John Guzzo and Mr. Cosentino will meet before the Board Meeting to discuss it with the area chairperson/s. If needed the applicant will be invited. Mr. Siclari noted to deny or not renew a license there must be documented summonses, violations issued from the PD. The office is in contact with Detective Rios and Sgt. Farrell from the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. and P.O. Jose Becerril and the Special Operations officer from the 121 Pct. and receives lists of problematic licenses and forwards them to the State Liquor Authority.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, TIMOTHY FORSYTH & CAMILLE ZARRELLI** - The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

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

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned.

