

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2009 – 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
 Anjail Ameen-Rice
 Marilyn Averett
 Larry Beslow
 Jeannine Borkowski
 Loretta Cauldwell
 Ajmal Chaudhry, Absent
 Anthony Cosentino
 Megan Delmar, Excused
 George Doyle, Excused
 Linda Eskenas
 Timothy Forsyth
 Grace Ferranti
 Rajiv Gowda, Absent
 John Guzzo
 Jeannine Hogan
 Sunny Jain
 Wilma Jones
 Dominick Lambert, Med. Leave
 Lisa Lattanzio, Absent
 Adena Long
 Jacob Massaquoi, III
 Sheila McGinn
 Mary Mitchell, Med. Leave
 Friday Ogbewe
 John Pabone
 Terry Player, Leave
 Leticia Remauro
 Christopher Rooney
 Debi Rose, Excused
 Nicolas Siclari
 John Strandberg
 Sean Sweeney
 Ken Tirado
 Harold Wagner
 Curt Ward
 Mark Washington
 George Wonica, Jr.
 Camille Zarrelli, Excused
 Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Andrew Yuen, Rep. B.P. Molinaro
 Julie Levine, Rep. Sen. Lanza
 Ann Clinton, Rep. MOA Hyer-Spencer
 Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
 AnnMarie Selzer, Rep. Councilman Mitchell
 Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo
 Frank Carcaterra, NYC Parks Manager
 Kamillah Hanks, Exec. Director SI Downtown Council
 Scott Lambdin, St. George Library
 Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
 Joseph Ficara, Westerleigh Improvement Society
 Phyllis Savarese, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
 Patt Schwimer, Clove Lake Civic Assn.
 Lawrence Nicastro, Westerleigh Resident
 Diane Jankowski, Rainbow Avenue
 Dominick Crispino, Rainbow Avenue
 Francisco Dorta
 Kiawana Rich, SI Advance
 Boy Scout Troop #56
 Rep. from St. John's Villa

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
 Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. John Guzzo made a motion to accept September 2009 Board Minutes, Mr. George Wonica, Jr. seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Diane Jankowski a Rainbow Avenue resident along with several neighbors asked for information on the proposed group home at 44 Rainbow Avenue. Chairwoman Remauro informed the residents of Rainbow Avenue to attend the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting on October 20, 2009 at 250 Park Avenue. Information will be given at the meeting on the group home.

Mr. Frank Carcaterra, New York City Parks & Recreation Manger gave an update of the Million Trees Program. The fall tree program will include planting in the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond area. If anyone would like a tree in front of their home or have questions they can contact Matthew Stephens at matthew.stephens@parks.nyc.gov or you can call him at 718-760-6882.

Ms. Kamillah Hanks Executive Director of the Staten Island Downtown SI Council. A grant was received for façade improvements for the target area of Victory Blvd. towards Corson Avenue, St. Paul's Avenue, little Bay Street. Ms. Hanks thanked the Board for their support in obtaining the grant. There will be work shops in November for persons interested in applying for the grants and applications will be accepted in December. There will be an advisory committee, Ms. Hanks will come back to speak about that at a later date.

The Staten Island Downtown Council is taking the initiative along with other stake holders to get the retail space developed in the St. George Ferry Terminal. Ms. Hanks looks forward to working with Community Board #1 in getting the appropriate businesses needed in the St. George Ferry Terminal.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Chairwoman Remauro asked for a moment of silence to remember board member, Lloyd Bacchus who served on Community Board #1 for many years who passed away last month. He was a magnificent, humble sensitive man. The only thing he expected of everyone was to be involved and work hard in the community. The best way to remember Mr. Bacchus is to all work hard and get things accomplished.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – Mr. Cosentino chaired the Budget Public Hearing for FY 2010-2011. The following was adopted by the Steering Committee unanimously.

Ms. Remauro read CB#1 requests which were previously funded for Fiscal Years 2009-2010

1. HHC - 20% additional funding for Staten Island Hospitals were delivered via loan program
2. Borough President - North Shore Rail Alternative Assessment Study
3. Borough President - Plan to widen Victory Blvd and Clove Rd approved
4. NYC Parks - Temporary restrooms at Lopez Park

5. NYC DOT – Enter into a sidewalk repair contract to improve pedestrian safety
6. FDNY - Engine 160 repairs
7. NYC DOS - Continue Department of Sanitation containerization collection program
8. FDNY - New Rescue 5
9. FDNY - New Marine 9
10. NYC HHC - Establish psychiatric units in all hospitals
11. DOITT - Develop a data center at the Teleport
12. Borough President/EDC – complete a plan to develop the Homeport
13. NYPD - Relocate Narcotics Unit
14. NYC Parks - Rehab Clove Lake Parks
15. NYC Parks – Upgrade bathrooms at Clove Lakes Park
16. NYC DEP – Increase staff to monitor air pollution
17. NYC Parks - Renovate McFarland Park
18. NYC DEP/DDC – Install Willow Ave sewer
19. NYC DCA/Parks - Create a Snug harbor Master plan timeline
20. FDNY - Donate the Firefighter
21. NYC DEP – Increase watershed protection

FY 2010-2011 Capital Budget Requests

- 1) TBTA - Verrazano Bridge – Create a residential discount for commercial vehicles whose business address is in Staten Island; remove toll booth arms; move EZ pass lanes to center; install high-speed E-Z Pass lanes at toll plaza; dedicate 10% of toll proceeds to a special account for the upgrade and maintenance of the Staten Island Expressway; add a fourth lane to both sides of the Staten Island Expressway to reduce traffic congestion.
- 2) NYC – DOT – Install smart lights, left turn, sequential arrows and bays at significant choke points such as Victory Blvd, Forest Ave, Castleton Ave and Clove Rd to reduce traffic congestion
- 3) NYC EDC/Parks/DOT and private – Develop a plan and secure funding for a North Shore Greenbelt that will include the construction of an esplanade from Fort Wadsworth to Mariners Harbor, the renovation of the Snug Harbor Dockside park, a temporary trolley and road system, the development of Blissenbach Marina, and the city owned property on Richmond Terrace at Port Richmond Avenue as waterfront parks, temporary permitting for the use of public space at the Lighthouse Museum site, and purchase the Manhattan Project site to be developed as a public park to increase quality of life.
- 4) NYC DOT - Widen Victory Blvd from Todt Hill to Manor Rd to reduce traffic congestion
- 5) NYC DCA - Fund the Snug Harbor Master Plan and reconfigure to include restaurants, retail and overnight accommodations to increase tourism
- 6) NYC SCA/DOE – Build a new High School within CB1 boundaries to reduce over crowding
- 7) NYC DOT - Repave all truck routes with concrete subsurface to reduce erosion

- 8) NYC DEP – Design and implement a West New Brighton drainage plan which will include sewer replacement at Jewett Ave. sewers from Forest to Victory Blvd., Morrison and North Burgher Avenues, and Sharon and Forest Avenues and Tompkins Court and Karen Court and Ravenhurst Avenue to reduce flooding
- 9) NYC DEP – Design and implement a Rosebank/Clifton drainage plan which will include sewer installation at St. Mary’s Ave and Osgood Avenue to reduce flooding
- 10) NYC Parks – Develop plans and fund Florence Semple Park to improve quality of life.
- 11) EPA/DEC/Parks – Remediate Mariners Marsh Park to increase active recreation along the waterfront and improve quality of life
- 12) BD of ED - Fund an expansion for Curtis HS to reduce over crowding
- 13) NYPL – Secure location, develop plans and build a public Library in Rosebank to enhance education
- 14) NYC DOE – Renovate and expand the McKee physical education department to enhance education
- 15) NYC Parks – Restore and upgrade Eibs Pond Park to improve quality of life
- 16) MTA – Purchase additional bus fleet with GPS systems installed to increase public transportation usage
- 17) DOS – lease space for the Staten Island 1 sanitation garage at the Teleport to relieve congestion at the Jersey Street garage
- 18) HHC - Fund and locate additional Urgent Care Centers throughout Staten Island to relieve hospital over crowding
- 19) NYC DOT – Provide additional street lighting in Mariners Harbor / Port Richmond to improve public safety
- 20) NYC Parks - Renovate Bedford Green Park, Targee Street & Waverly Place to improve quality of life.
- 21) NYC Parks – Secure location, develop plans and build a community center in Clifton to increase quality of life
- 22) EDC/MTA/NYC DOT – Create a bus terminal in Staten Island Corporate Park to increase public transportation usage
- 23) NYC DDC/NYPD – develop plans and build a new 120 Police Precinct at Hill Street to improve public safety
- 24) NYC DOT – Secure locations and develop park and ride lots along express bus routes to encourage the use of public transportation.

- 25) NYC DDC/DEP - Require all contracts to mandate the use of sound-reduction/abatement devices when performing night work
- 26) NYC DCP/EDC Swap the Right of Way for upland property at Atlantic Salt to improve public access to the waterfront
- 27) NYC DOT - Beautification of streetscape by installing unique sidewalks and lighting on Victory Blvd. from Todt Hill Road to Mann Avenue, Tompkins Avenue from Lynhurst Avenue to Hylan Blvd., Bay Street from Hannah Street to Stapleton and Broad Street.
- 28) NYC DOT - Milling & Paving of street and curb replacement on Colonial Place from Broadway to dead end to improve traffic flow.
- 29) NYC HPD/DCP - Purchase the former Staten Island Hospital site at 101 Castleton Avenue and develop as mixed use parcel
- 30) NYC Parks – Secure the remaining funding to complete Goodhue Park to preserve open space and improve quality of life
- 31) NYC DCP – Create a Special District along Richmond Terrace from Ferry Terminal to Snug Harbor that would allow for low-rise residential with commercial retail at base, extra wide sidewalks to accommodate cafes and distinctive facades to encourage foot traffic along the thoroughfare
- 32) NYC HPD – Develop grants for homeowners who renovate using sustainable and energy saving materials to reduce negative impact to the environment
- 33) DCP - Fund a 197-A plan for West Brighton to create residential, commercial and open space for the area from the shoreline to Broadway to Clove Road
- 34) NYC DOT - Place bollards on Targee Street between Osgood and Laurel Avenues to increase traffic safety
- 35) NYC DOS – Provide additional trucks for garbage collection.

FY 2010 2011 EXPESE REQUESTS

1. NYC DOA – Provide additional funds for Senior Centers
2. DYCD - Increase youth service funding including a Youth Coordinator for CB#1, SI
3. NYC OMB - 6-day funding for libraries
4. SBS – Increase funding for Local Development Corporations
5. NYC DOH – increase health and fitness services for teens
6. NYC DOE - Increase day care allocations to CB1 area
7. NYC DEP - Fund environmental education programs
8. NYC EDC - Fund maritime related programs such as educational & job training
9. NTC DEP - Increase air and water pollution enforcement
10. NYPD - Increase traffic control agents
11. NYPD - Increase traffic enforcement on residential streets

12. NYC DOS – Provide additional street baskets
13. NYC DOT - Increase Pot hole crews
14. NYC DEP – Provide additional water and sewer crews to clean and repair catch basins
15. NYC DCP – Provide a City Planner for CB#1, SI
16. NYPD – Increase budget and recruiting to hire additional Community Affairs officers
17. NYPD – Increase budget and recruiting to hire additional gang unit officers
18. NYPD – Increase budget and recruiting to hire additional narcotics officers
19. NYPD – Increase budget and recruiting to hire additional street crime officers
20. NYC DOT - Increase resurfacing crews
21. NYC DOT - Increase pruning and stump removal crews
22. NYC Parks - Increase park maintenance staff
23. NYC Parks - Increase park recreation staff
24. NYC Parks - Extend the hours at the Brielle facility

Service requests

Repave Van Duzer Street adding bike lanes

Repave the Terrace

Repave Davis Ave

Repave Front Street

Repave Decker Ave.

PD patrols around Central Ave.

Catch basins on Forest from Sharon to Clove

Catch basins on Morrison and North Burgher

Catch basin on Karen Court and Ravenhurst Avenue

Catch basin in front of the Mariners Harbor Library on South Avenue

Request P.D. enforcement of speeding on Clove Road at the intersection of Tyler Avenue & Broadway to Slosson Avenue, on Van Duzer Street from Broad Street to Criminal Court Facility and College Avenue from Jewett Avenue to Willowbrook Road

Request funding for a no kill animal shelter on the north shore.

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – Mr. Rooney explained to the public attending the meeting, The Budget Public which was held on October 1, 2009 which resulted in the above requests.

Mr. Rooney asked for the functional chairs and area chairs to send their agendas to the Steering Committee and the Board Office by Thursday morning the prior week of their meeting.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – Mr. Ogbewele, no report.

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

SECRETARY, NICOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari reminded everyone if they are unable to make a meeting to e-mail or call the chair of the committee and the board office.

CHAIRMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – On Saturday, 10:00 A.M. at St. Peters Church a Mass will be held in honor of the immigrants, men woman and children who were buried at the now St. George Municipal Parking lot and the site of the new Court House, followed by a celebration at Tappan Park in Stapleton.

DISTRICT MANAGER – Mr. Tirado will be at Tappan Park on Saturday for the celebration dishing out kielbasa red cabbage etc. Several years ago the City went through severe budget cuts. The Mayor has set up a task force to redefine the roles of the Community Board and has chosen one Chair and one District Manager from each Borough. In Staten Island the Mayor has chosen our Chairwoman, Leticia Remauro and Debbie Derrico, District Manager of Board 2. The new 121 Pct. is going forward, \$56 million dollars is allocated for the State of the Art Pct.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY – The New York City Economic Development Corporation will be attending the Transportation Committee Meeting on October 29, 2009, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office to give an update on the retail space at the St. George Ferry Terminal.

The November Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 7:30 at the Board Office where the NYS DOT will be in attendance to discuss the SI Expressway.

HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO – No meeting.

LABOR, NICOLAS SICLARI - Mr. Siclari thanked the members of Local 79, Laborers who came to the meeting tonight. A sheet is being passed around in the back of the room. Please put your contact info on the sheet and you will be informed of the Labor Committee meeting. The meeting will be held as needed in conjunction with the Human Services Committee.

PUBLIC SERVICES – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There is a proposal to put an electrical plant in Bayonne we are hoping to have a presentation at the next meetings. Chairwoman Remauro asked Mr. Jain to work in conjunction with Mr. Ward and the Waterfront Committee.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN AVERETT – Ms. Averett thanked Boy Scout Troop #56 for attending the meeting tonight. Letters went out to every High School on Staten Island to recruit youth as members of Community Board #1 Youth Committee. Two of the boy scouts are now members of the Youth Committee. We have also recruited a few members from the community.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, ADENA LONG – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2009. The committee has been looking at quite a few resolutions. One of them is the legislation of the placement of cell phone antennas.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The Capital and Expense requests for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 is reported under the First Vice-Chairman's report.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The meeting has been moved to the third Thursday of each month to coincide with the Greenway Committee. The Greenway Committee has taken the lead in the Greenway trail and park and get the Waterfront open to the public. The Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009 and will be discussing the Bayonne Bridge, Homeport Proposal, 1 Bay Street Property, SI Cement on Richmond Terrace, Scara Mix relocation, Howland Hook Expansion, Island-wide Fast Ferry System, the replacement of two siphons that are SI's back-up water supply and Atlantic Salt.

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

AREA COMMITTEE REPROTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, AJMAL CHAUDHRY – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. A letter was requested to be sent for 272 Richmond Terrace for a violation that was received for a fence which is not violating any landmark laws.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE – Co-Chair Anjail Ameen-Rice chaired the meeting. The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. at 250 Park Avenue.

CLIFTON/CONCORD, LARRY BESLOW – Mr. Beslow deferred to Harold Wagner who reported there was no quorum, no meeting.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, KEN TIRADO – the Committee met with the Clove Lake Civic Association regarding the rezoning application which is waiting certification from the Department of City Planning. DDC will be in attendance to discuss the Clove Road sewer job at the October 21, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House.

Old Business
New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

