

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – JUNE 14, 2011 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Larry Beslow  
Jeannine Borkowski  
Marilyn Brown  
Arthur Cappabianca  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Ajmal Chaudhry, Leave  
Anthony Cosentino  
George Doyle  
Steve Douglas  
Linda Eskenas  
Grace Ferranti, Leave  
Timothy Forsyth  
John Guzzo  
Jeanne Hogan  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones, Excused  
Timothy Kuhn  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Priscilla Marco  
Vincent Mecca, Excused  
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Pabone  
Ernest Paige  
Vincent Pompa  
Fran Reali  
Leticia Remauro  
Marjorie Ryan  
Christopher Rooney  
Richard Salhaney  
Nicholas Siclari  
George Sona, Excused  
John Strandberg, Excused  
Sean Sweeney  
Ken Tirado  
Harold Wagner  
Curt Ward  
George Wonica Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli  
Richard Zichettello

**GUESTS**

Hon. Debi Rose, Councilwoman  
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro  
William Smith, Rep. Congressman Grimm  
Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman Oddo  
Tom Olsen , Rep. MOA Nicole Malliotakis  
P.O Quania Rios, 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Affairs  
Berry Pincus, Bd. of Elections  
Jose Polanco, Bd. of Elections  
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing Resident  
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing Resident  
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improv. Society  
Betty Price, MH Civic Assn.  
Susan Fowler, City Harvest  
Donald Laub, St. George NY Public Library  
Vincent Sapone, Rep. Mail Handlers Union  
Jerry Gerald, re: consolidation of services  
Paul Alexander, re: consolidation of services  
Rev. Tedor Steriff, St. George Rev.  
Rameshiwar Koirala, TimeBank NYC  
Grace Klepacva, TimeBank NYC, JCC, Manor Road  
Lillian McAllister, WB resident  
19 Port Richmond area resident on file opposed to  
variance for 439 Port Richmond Avenue

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate  
Tytianna Fonville, Intern

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. The following 2 items were on the agenda:

1. Board of Standards & Appeals Calendar No. 742-70-BZ – Application has been filed for an extension of a variance in a C1-1 district for an automotive repair/gasoline service with accessory uses at **830 Bay Street**, corner of Vanderbilt Avenue.

Members complained of constant parking on the sidewalks and at the bus stop disregarding all past requests from the Community Board to cease all parking on the sidewalks and the bus stop when applying for their prior variance requests.

2. Board of Standards Special Permit Application No. 59-11-BZ – Special permit to allow a reduction of parking spaces for a Community Health Center of Richmond at 439 **Port Richmond Avenue**.

Many Port Richmond residents were in attendance to speak against the variance request for 5 parking spaces at the site, which will cause cars to park on the already congested side streets. In addition, what the applicant is proposing will create a traffic hazard on Port Richmond Avenue since, the lot is very small and will not fit the 5 cars proposed, and cars will have to back out of the lot onto Port Richmond Avenue.

The above applications were discussed and voted on as follows:

**Motion made and seconded to deny Board of Standards & Appeals Calendar No. 742-70-BZ – Application has been filed for an extension of a variance in a C1-1 district for an automotive repair/gasoline service station with accessory uses at 830 Bay Street, corner of Vanderbilt Avenue, based upon no C of O and the demonstrated of non-compliance of conditions placed upon previous variances.**

Roll call of the Land Use Committee taken. Vote passed to deny unanimously.

**Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit Application No. 59-11-BZ – Special permit to allow a reduction of parking spaces for a Community Health Center of Richmond at 439 Port Richmond Avenue.**

**Whereas, the required on-site parking for a community facility is for 18.7 cars; and,**

**Whereas, this number is deem not only minimum but insufficient for the proposed staff and client populations; and,**

**Whereas, the proposed attended parking as submitted on the site plan is unrealistic and would prove dangerous if implemented; and,**

**Whereas, the curb cut for any on-site parking is on a narrow residential street,**

**Be it hereby resolved that: Community Board #1 moves to DENY this application for negative impact on the adjoining community; and,**

**Be it further resolved that the full parking requirement be mandated.**

Roll call vote taken of the Land Use Committee, vote passed to deny the application.

Mr. James Chin, former Chairman of the Board of Standards and Appeals mentioned an application is in the process of being submitted in regards to 1058 Forest Avenue the Eden II School. A Public Hearing will be held at the September Land Use Meeting and voted on at the September Full Board Meeting.

Chairwoman Leticia Remauro called the meeting to order at 8:08 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call attendance taken, quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept May 2011 Board Minutes.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Poppe, Mr. Tortora, Mr. Iasiyoli, and Mr. Realnuto all spoke against the variance request for 439 Port Richmond Avenue. There is not enough room on the site to park 5 cars safely, cars will have to back out onto Port Richmond Avenue, traffic back ups and additional cars will be parked on the side streets.

Mr. Vincent Sapone, Jerry Gerald and Paul Alexanda from the Mail Handlers Union and Letter Carriers Union spoke about the proposed closing of many Post Offices, possibly, Port Richmond, Mariners Harbor, West Brighton and St. George and, consolidation of services at the Manor Road Post Office, which would include processing the Staten Island mail in Brooklyn and Manhattan. A rally is being organized against the proposed consolidation of services and closings.

Rev. Tedor Jiobo Sheriff is a pastor currently operating out of Curtis High School. The Church needs to vacate Curtis High School and is looking for suggestions on other locations in the St. George Area to meet and hold services.

Boris Pinus, Board of Elections spoke of poll workers needed for the upcoming elections. Registration forms to become a poll worker were available and can also be filled out at 1 Edgewater Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Mr. Rameshwar Koirala spoke of TimeBanks NYC Program operating out of the J.C.C. on Manor Road.

Ms. Lillian McAllister spoke against construction of 2 two-family homes between Barker and Taylor Street. A new road would also be constructed to provide access to these homes.

Ms. Susan Fowler, City Harvest spoke of the Youth Market in Tappen Park that will be held this summer. For more information you can contact Ms. Fowler at [sfowler@cityharvest.org](mailto:sfowler@cityharvest.org)

Ms. Priscilla Marco spoke of the problem of foreclosures in the community, abandoned houses in the community that are not being looked after, squatters and fires occurring in the buildings.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

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

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY** - Mr. Rooney thanked all the functional committee chairpersons for their hard work and time they have spent this year addressing and handling the various issues that have arisen. Have a happy summer!

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE** – Mr. Ogbewele thanked all the area committee chairpersons for their time and commitment they have put in this year. “Enjoy the summer, you deserve it.”

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – The report is in the packet. Have a happy and same summer.

**SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – Mr. Siclari announced the current Executive Committee Members are running unopposed ballots were cast for each member. Leticia Remauro, Chairman, Anthony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney, Second Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewele, Third vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Larry Beslow and Nicholas Siclari, Secretary. Congratulations to all of the Executive Committee Members.

**CHAIRMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Thanked everyone for their commitment to this Board. Chairwoman Remauro has heard from many agencies around the City that Community Board #1 in Staten Island is number 1.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – The Borough President is holding a meeting for Board Members and Civic Association members on June 20, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. at the J.C.C. on Manor Road. If you have not submitted your name to attend to the Office, please let Lisa or I know if you will be attending.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced DOT Borough Commissioner Thomas Cocola.

Commissioner Cocola gave a power point presentation of proposed traffic improvements to be made on Windsor Road and Slosson Avenue. The presentation is available on Community Board #1’s website.

**FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE COMMITTEE, VINCENT ACCORNERO** - A Public Hearing was held tonight prior to the Board Meeting. The following motions were read, discussed and voted on as follows:

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**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.**

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**Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 30-1-1.**

**PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN** – all of the community boards on Staten Island have fallen below in paper recycling. If anyone is interested in have the recycling coordinator attend a meeting to discuss ways to step up paper recycling, please speak to Mr. Jain.

**YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN MARIA BROWN** – Ms. Brown thanked Tytianna Fonville and Annemarie Alyone. Ms. Fonville and Ms. Alyone both Curtis Seniors were interns in the Community Board Office this year and did a terrific job. Both of these young women will be attending College in the fall.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO** – No report.

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

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – Waterfront Committee meetings will be held this summer at Bay Street Landing Community Room, the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. for updates on the Siphon Project.

**HUMAN SERVICES, LISA LATTANZIO** – Minutes of last month's meeting are in the packet.

**TRANSPORTATION, JEANNE HOGAN** – There will be no meeting in June of the Transportation Committee.

**LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI** – There will be a protest rally on June 19, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Manor Road Post Office regarding the proposed consolidation of services.

**AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, ANJIAL AMEEN-RICE** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The committee will meet on June 21, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. at 250 Park Avenue.

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The committee will not be meeting until September unless there is a time sensitive issue.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** - The Committee will be meeting on June 21, 2011 – 7:30 at Mt. Carmel Hall.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. There will be no meeting until September unless there is a time sensitive issue.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL** – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. The committee will be meeting on June 21, 2011 – 7:30 P.M. at the Walker Park Tennis House, 50 Bard Avenue.

Old Business

New Business.

Chairwoman Remauro invited everyone to stay and enjoy refreshments. Have a happy and safe summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.