

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.

RICHMOND REHABILITATION, 91 TOMPKINS AVENUE

Leticia Remauro, Chairwoman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Jeannine Borkowski
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Steve Douglas, Excused
George Doyle
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth, Excused
Victoria Gillen
Sunny Jain
Wilma Jones, Leave
Timothy Kuhn, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio
Priscilla Marco
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Excused
Pearl Minsky
Olef Olsen
Friday Ogbewe
John Pabone, Excused
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Vincent Pompa, Excused
Fran Reali, Excused
Leticia Remauro
Marjorie Ryan
Chris Rooney, Excused
Richard Salhaney
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
Ken Tirado
George Turner, Excused
Curt Ward
George Wonica, Jr., Excused
Camille Zarrelli
Richard Zichettello

GUESTS

Isabella Cardona, Rep. Mayor Bloomberg, CAU
Laura LoBianco Sword, Rep. Comptroller Liu
Michael Bryantsev, Rep. Borough President Molinaro
Pat Ryan, Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
AJ Basile, Rep. Councilman Oddo
Paul Marrone, Rep. MOA Malliotakis
P.O. Rios, 120th Pct. Community Affairs
Michael Morrell, Pres. Westerleigh Improvement Society
Nicole Kay, Police Athletic League
Andrew Blancero, Snug Harbor
Cindy Voorspuy, NYC Parks & Recreation
Bob Zion, St. George Civic Assn.
Georgette Lakeman, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Neil Berry, New Brighton Coalition
Mike Gee, New Brighton Coalition
Idella Gee, New Brighton
Faboyla Dawkins, Lutheran Family Health Center Project HOPE
Peter Lisi, SI Paramount Theater
Eric Patterson, Friends of Westerleigh Park
Phil Rampulla, Rep. Harbor Lights Court
Joseph LiBassi, Harbor Lights Court
Barry Stykes, St. George
George Bramwell, Serpentine Art & Nature Common
Daniel Remne, Serpentine Art & Nature Common
Neil Pisane, Serpentine Art & Nature Common
Ciro Asperti, LU, Non-Board Member
Helen Bolton

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

A Land Use Public Hearing was held prior to the Board Meeting.

Land Use Chairman, Vincent Accornero called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application Nos. 143-11-A to 146-11-A – Appeal the August 18, 2011 decision of the NYC Fire Department to construct 4 single-family homes to be located on a newly created private street (Harbor Lights Court) off of Howard Avenue.

The Fire Department objects to any new building that exceeds the 10% grade. Many roads in that area and all over Staten Island exceed the 10% grade Howard Avenue and Clove Road, Longview Road at Richmond Road, Hillside Avenue, Howard Circle at Howard and Signal Hill Road etc.

Mr. Phil Rampulla stated that all homes would have sprinklers installed. The Angle of Approach and the Angle of Departure of Harbor Lights Court has been changed to 10% and all other grading is at 12%.

Many residents stated that building these homes are going to create a further danger to the existing homes due to the difficulty the Fire Department has accessing the street. The residents also stated that building these homes are going to cause erosion to the hillside and water runoff.

It was decided by the Land Use Committee that: Community Board #1 waives the recommendation, in the Board's opinion this is an issue that is best reviewed by experts in their respective fields.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept January 2013 Board Minutes.

Roll call attendance taken. Quorum present.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Neil Berry, Open Arms of Hope, Mt. Sinai Community Center – Initiative on Domestic Violence – stated they are planning an event to spread the word and educate Staten Islanders on Domestic Violence. For more info: openarms3@yahoo.com.

Mr. Ken Tirado spoke of the food carts and trucks that have been appearing in many places on Staten Island. There are very few rules and restrictions on these carts. They are not allowed to park in a metered spot or fire hydrant. They must be 30 feet away from the doorway of an establishment selling food. They are not supposed to throw their garbage in city trash cans or in private trash cans. Lastly they are supposed to be cleaned, therefore not permitted to be out 24 hrs. 7 days a week. Many of these food carts and trucks are using dumpsters of other businesses. One appeared on Clove Road and Victory Blvd. where the Borough President's Office reconfigured the intersection made a wonderful turn-lane from Victory to Clove and, cars are parking there to get food at the cart. Residents should watch the food carts/trucks take date and time pictures of any violations they may see.

Chairwoman Remauro asked Mr. Tirado, Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh Chairman and Tony Cosentino, First Vice-Chairman take the lead on the food carts and trucks. Chairwoman Remauro said that there may need to be some legislation added on where the trucks can be placed etc.

Mr. Andrew Blancero, Snug Harbor spoke of events coming up at Snug Harbor. There will be a teacher open house, providing support for environmental education and a black history month event with Staten Island musicians. For more information e-mail Mr. Blancero at Ablancero@snug-harbor.org

Mrs. Helen Bolton spoke of an abandoned home in her neighborhood for 19 years that is not being taken care of on Nixon Avenue. There is garbage and weeds around the home, squatters go into the home as well. Complaints have been given to the Health Department and also to the Building Department. Mr. Guzzo is going to look into complaints.

Ms. Faboyla Dawkins, Lutheran Family Health Center, spoke about Project Hope who are free and confidential crisis counselors that are helping people recover from Hurricane Sandy. They also help with much-needed resources. You can call 7 days a week, 24 hrs. a day at 1-800-543-3638.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

Chairwoman Remauro introduced Mr. Pat Ryan, Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery. Mr. Ryan explained the Office of Housing Recovery was put in place to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. If you are displaced our office is looking to put families/individuals into permanent stable housing, if you are having any problems with rapid repair or anything else please contact Mr. Ryan at Pryan@recovery.nyc.gov. There is going to be a mold remediation forum at Richmond University Hospital on February 27, 2013 from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced Laura LoBianco Sword who is representing Comptroller John Liu.

OFFICERS REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, NICHOLAS SICLARI – No report.

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

CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO – Chairwoman Remauro announced she is being recognized by the YMCA on Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Hilton for her work with Hurricane Sandy. She is accepting the recognition on behalf everyone on this Board that have worked to help the victims recover from Hurricane Sandy. If anyone is interested in attending, please speak Chairwoman Remauro.

Chairwoman Remauro introduced 2 new Board Members, Victoria Gillen from Port Richmond and, Joe Keiser from West Brighton. Mr. Michael Bryantsev representing Borough President Molinaro swore in both members.

DISTRICT MANAGER – Mr. Carroll announced that Fran Reali is celebrating Reali Real Estate 25th Anniversary; congratulations were given to Reali Real Estate.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – The Land Use Committee held a meeting prior to the Board Meeting this evening.

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The Land Use Committee decided to waive the recommendation.

Community Board #1 waives, the recommendation, in the Board's opinion this is an issue that is best reviewed by experts in their respective fields. The recommendation was unanimously supported.

LABOR, NICHOLAS SICLARI – We have been speaking with representatives from New York Wheel and BFC Partners regarding Harbor Commons Outlets/Hotel. Progress is being made regarding using Union Employees for the construction work on both projects.

PUBLIC SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES SUNNY JAIN, LISA LATTANZIO – The Department of Probation spoke this evening at the Public Services/Human Services committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting, a report will be in the packet next month.

Chairwoman Remauro reported that: Mr. Jain, who is a member of The JAINA Organization, presented \$28,000 to I.S. 2 Egbert Intermediate School, Midland Beach which was impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The money will go to replace laptop computers for its innovative computer math lab.

YOUTH SERVICES, MARILYN BROWN – Next month the committee will discuss the PUSH citations. Letters will go to all public schools on the north shore asking for the submission of names of 2 students of each school who may have had trouble and have greatly improved throughout the school year.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PRISCILLA MARCO – There have been no meetings. If anyone has any items for the committee, please let Ms. Marco know.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The Steering/Budget Committee will meet next month.

WATERFRONT, CURT WARD – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

TRANSPORTATION, JEANNINE BORKOWSKI – No meeting was held. Ms Borkowski and Ms. Gillen both complained of tractor trailers using residential streets in Port Richmond. Ms. Borkowski mentioned that when deliveries are being made to CVS on Forest Avenue in Port Richmond they are blocking traffic. Mr. Carroll reminded everyone that the authorization for the new Stop and Shop will be discussed next month. Mr. Guzzo notes that trailers can e on local streets as long as the street is within permissible distance from a Highway.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – 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.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO – There was no quorum. An information meeting was held and there is a report in the packet.

ROSBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO – Minutes will be in the packet next month

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.