

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.**

**Anthony Marra, Chairman**

**MEMBERS**

Vincent Accornero, Exc. In 8:55  
Anjail Ameen-Rice  
Marilyn Averett, Excused  
Lloyd Bacchus  
Larry Beslow  
Loretta Cauldwell  
Ajmal Chaudhry  
Anthony Cosentino  
Megan Delmar  
George Doyle  
Linda Eskenas  
Timothy Forsyth  
Grace Ferranti  
Rajiv Gowda, Absent  
John Guzzo  
Jeanne Hogan  
Sunny Jain  
Wilma Jones  
Dominick Lambert, Medical Leave  
Lisa Lattanzio  
Adena Long  
Anthony Marra  
Jacob Massaquoi, III, Excused  
Sheila McGinn  
Mary Mitchell, Excused  
Friday Ogbewe  
John Pabone, Absent  
Joseph Pancila, Exc. In 8:55  
Joanne Pentangelo  
Terry Player, Absent  
Leticia Remauro  
Chris Rooney  
Debi Rose  
Nicholas Siclari  
Sean Sweeney  
Ken Tirado  
John Vitucci, Absent  
Harold Wagner  
Mark Washington, Excused  
Curt Ward  
George Wonica, Jr.  
Camille Zarrelli  
Richard Zichettello, Absent

**GUESTS**

Victoria Larsen, Rep. CAU Mayor Bloomberg  
Jason Razefsky, Rep. B.P. James P. Molinaro  
Julie Firestone-Levine, Rep. Sen. Lanza  
Priscilla Marco, Rep. Sen. Savino  
Annette Hernandez, Rep., Comptroller's Office  
Mark E. Zink, Rep. MOA Titone  
Stanley Groz, Rep. MOA Janelle-Hyer Spencer  
Jeannette Beck, Rep. Councilman James Oddo  
John Tidona, Port Richmond CERT  
Eric Palatnik, Rep. 1101 Victory Blvd.  
Michael Morrell, Rep. Westerleigh Improvement Soc.  
Winifred Maitre, J.C.C. Act for Youth  
Kevin Branciforte, Clinton Avenue  
Chris Beatty, Gordon Place  
Kiawana Rich, SI Advance

**OFFICE STAFF**

Joseph Carroll, District Manager  
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Anthony Marra called the meeting to order at 8:06 P.M.

Secretary Debi Rose took roll call attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Motion made and seconded to accept July's Special Board Meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO** – Mr. Cosentino reported on the Fresh Kills Landfills Public Hearing which was held on September 4, 2008. Mr. Cosentino was glad many of the Community Board Members attended and gave testimony.

**SECOND VICE-CHAIRWOMAN, LETICIA REMAURO** – Ms. Remauro is looking forward to a productive year.

**THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELLE** – Mr. Ogbewele welcomed everyone back from the summer hiatus.

**SECRETARY, DEBI ROSE** – Ms. Rose said it was good to see the Board Members at the Special Board Meeting that was held in July and thanked the members who attended tonight. It is important that the members attend the Board meeting and the committees that they are a member. Quorums are needed to conduct business.

**TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW** – Mr. Beslow welcomed everyone back. The Treasurer's report is in the packet.

**CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY MARRA** – Chairman Marra gave an update on the new 120<sup>th</sup> Station House to be located at 60 Hill Street. The station house has been delayed once again, until 2014 due to budget constrains. Community Board #1 has been lobbying for the relocation of the 120<sup>th</sup> station house for 20 years. Each time the City delays the construction, the price goes up every year. I have spoken with Councilman Ignizio who is on the Council Committee, which handles this item, and he agreed to work with Community Board #1 to try to advance the relocation.

The new 121<sup>st</sup> Pct. is proceeding on Richmond Avenue near the intersection of Forest Avenue adjacent to Baron Hirsch Cemetery.

Mr. Doyle reiterated to Chairman Marra that it has been over 20 years for the relocation of the Station House and asked if a letter can be sent opposing the delay again.

Chairman Marra said a letter would be sent on behalf of the board opposing the delay.

Chairman Marra who is a retired Borough Commander of Staten Island explained to the Board some of the reasoning and the thinking of the decisions made by the heads of the Police Department for their information. A police station is where the officers' come to change their clothes and prepare to go to work. Up to a few years ago, the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. did not even have female restrooms and locker rooms. We were able to secure money for improvements to the building.

The top priority at 1 Police Plaza is manpower, not a new precinct. Staten Island is one of the safest cities of its size and, when a new class of rookies is graduating from the Police Academy, many times Staten Island does not receive nearly as many officers as the other boroughs. Other Boroughs have gotten new Precincts in the last few years, probably because they have more officers assigned to the Precinct.

**DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL** – Mr. Carroll welcomed everyone back and commented on two happy occasions that happened: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rooney celebrated their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Remauro celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Winifred Maitre from the J.C.C. Act for Youth, 1279 Arthur Kill Road is striving to provide social service for positive youth development for youth ages 10-19 on Staten Island. One of the groups we work with is Liberty Partnership: Debi Rose is the Director. We are trying to work in collaboration with local businesses and community based organizations on Staten Island. For more information please contact Ms. Maitre at 718-475-5277.

Mr. Eric Palatnik, P.C. explained a Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 89-08-BZ, has been submitted to permit the proposed conversion of the existing one story office building to allow for an ambulatory diagnostic/treatment care facility at 1101 Victory Blvd., corner of Victory Blvd. & Melrose Place

Board of Standards & Appeals approved the building use in 1962 for Real Estate Office and Lawyers Office. Currently the building is being utilized as a Real Estate Office.

The building will remain as is, and a medical office is proposed for the first level of the existing one story. There will be eight parking spaces.

Team Chief John Tidona of the Port Richmond Community Emergency Response Team gave an update on the team. The main goal of the Team is to be a support unit for first responders. For more information or to join the team the website is [www.sicert.org](http://www.sicert.org).

### **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LAND USE, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY-** The following applications were presented to the Land Use Committee and both were approved unanimously:

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 89-08-BZ, an application has been submitted to permit the proposed conversion of the existing one story office building to allow for an ambulatory diagnostic/treatment care facility at 1101 Victory Blvd

### **MOTION**

Community Board #1 approves Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 89-08-BZ, 1101 Victory Blvd. for use as medical facility.  
Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 30-0-1.

**MOTION**

Community Board #1 approves Board of Standards and Appeals Application No. 157-08-BZ, 365 Bay Street for the operation of a Physical Culture Establishment. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 29-0-2.

The applicant agreed to postpone the following application prior to the Land Use Public Hearing and the application will be heard at the St. George/West Brighton Area Committee Meeting on September 16, 2008, 7:30 at the Silver Lake Tennis House:

Department of City Planning Application Nos. N 050351ZAR and N 050352ZAR, applications have been submitted to certify future subdivision and to authorize development and site alterations on zoning lots having a steep slope in order to construct seven single-family houses and seven two-family houses within the Special Hillside Preservation District at East Buchanan and Fillmore Streets, Eadie Place and Highview Avenue.

The following application was tabled at the Land Use Committee Meeting to be heard at the September 16, 2008 St. George/West Brighton Area Committee Meeting with a request for the arborist's plan for the property and a written statement from the Department of Transportation for their requirements for sidewalks, curbs and street widening.

Department of City Planning Application Nos. N 060075ZCR, N060076ZAR and N060077ZCR, applications have been submitted to certify future subdivision and compliance of the zoning resolution to authorize modification of grading controls to construct fourteen two-family houses within the Special Hillside Preservation District at Hendricks and Westervelt Avenues.

An application for an extension of a variance has been submitted for Basille's Restaurant located at 1112 Forest Avenue will also be heard at the St. George/West Brighton Area Committee Meeting.

Lastly, the following application was tabled to the Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting on September 17, 2008, 7:00 P. M at 250 Park Avenue.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application Nos. 70-08-A, 71-08-A, 72-08-A, 73-08-A, 74-08-A and 75-08-A, 215 a,b and c Van Name Avenue and 345 a,b and c Van Name Avenues. The owner wishes to seek a determination that the owner of the premises has acquired a common law vested right to continue development commenced under the prior R3A zoning designation.

George Doyle attended the Land Use Committee Meeting and was left off of the attendance list.

**HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA LATTANZIO** – The meeting was held tonight at 7:00 P.M. prior to the Board Meeting. Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

**WATERFRONT, CURT WARD** – No meeting, no report. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

**PUBLIC SERVICES, CURT WARD** – No meeting, no report. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office.

**YOUTH SERVICES, JOANNE PENTANGELO** - The meeting was held tonight at 7:00 P.M. prior to the Board Meeting. Minutes will be included in the packet next month.

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, LETICIA REMAURO** – No meeting was held. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office.

Chairman Marra responded to Mr. George Doyle's statement at the July Special Board Meeting concerning the unwritten rule of Executive Committee Members chairing committees. Mr. Accornero is looking into it and it will be brought to the Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee in September. When Chairman Marra receives their recommendation, he will bring it before the full board for a vote.

**TRANSPORTATION, SEAN SWEENEY** – No transportation meeting was held. The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Board Office. Mr. Sweeney asked Mr. George Wonica, Jr. to report on the meeting he attended about the widening of Manor Road in the vicinity of Victory Blvd.

Mr. Wonica explained last year several meetings were held in regards to the Key Food, which was proposed at the above referenced intersection, and the Manor Road Post Office. The Borough President has taken control, studies have been done and a plan has been devised. The Borough President is now seeking community input. The Westerleigh Improvement Society held a meeting on September 2, 2008; another meeting is scheduled with the Clove Lake Civic Association on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at Castleton Hill Moravian Church. The New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner is supposed to attend the meeting.

**BUDGET & FINANCE, TERRY PLAYER** – Mr. Player was not in attendance. Mr. Carroll reported there will be a Budget Public Hearing on October 2, 2008 at the Board Office. All members of the Steering Committee are members of the Budget Committee. Mr. Terry Player will be chairing the meeting. Anyone who has a capital or expense item they would like to be placed on the list, please attend the meeting or submit it in writing. Mr. Player will e-mail the FY09 list so members can see what was done, rejected etc.

### **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, KEN TIRADO** - No meeting was held. The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis House, Hart Blvd. & Revere Street.

**ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH, JOHN GUZZO** – No meeting, no report. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at Mr. Carmel Hall, 36 Amity Street.

Chairman Marra thanked John Guzzo for securing the use of Mt. Carmel Hall for the July Special Board Meeting. It was a nice change, especially since the feast was in progress.

**WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, MEGAN DELMAR** – No meeting, no report.

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2008, 7:30 P.M. at the Silver Lake Tennis. Ms. Delmar reminded everyone the time of the meeting is a half hour earlier than the previous year.

**MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, DEBI ROSE** – No meeting, no report.

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at 250 Park Avenue. As previously stated under the Land Use Committee report an application will be heard for homes that are almost completed on Van Name Avenue which were done under the old zoning laws.

**CLIFTON/CONCORD, LARRY BESLOW** – No meeting, no report. The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2008, 7:30 at the Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street.

A flooding condition was temporarily repaired on Mosel and Osgood Avenues within the last 6 months. The condition has reoccurred. DEP fixed the problem but SIRTOA make them remove the repairs. We are in the process again of having this problem corrected.

Chairman Marra asked Mr. Beslow to give an update at the next Board Meeting on the Gerald Carter Community Center in Stapleton.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ward asked for better paving in between the work on Clove Road. At its inception, the contractors were doing wonderful work. As the project progresses, it is horrible, you can barely drive on Clove Road. They are leaving huge holes, using poor asphalt or not using any asphalt, etc.

Mr. Carroll responded that improvements are forthcoming. He has been in contact with the Community Construction Liaison.

Chairman Marra asked Mr. Tirado to address the Clove Road Sewer Project at his area committee meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Debi Rose announced at Cromwell Center free Prep SAT Kaplan School Classes are being given. Anyone that has high school children, grandchildren, neighbors etc. this is a great opportunity; the class normally costs around \$1900.

Chairman Marra thanked Sean Sweeney, Sheila McGinn, George Wonica, Jr. John Vitucci, Camille Zarrelli and Daniel McOlvin for their prior two years of service as the Executive Committee. Chairman Marra looks forward to continue to work with them and all of the board members and the community.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.