

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA –OCTOBER 9, 2012 - 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

SESSION OPENING

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order
- Roll Call Attendance
- Acceptance of Minutes
- Public Session

The Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority will make a presentation of work on the Verrazano Bridge.

The Environmental Protection Agency will make a presentation on clean up of the former Sedutto site on Richmond Terrace.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Treasurer, Larry Beslow
- Secretary, Nicholas Siclari
- Chairwoman, Leticia Remauro

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, Vincent Accornero
- Labor, Nicholas Siclari
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Human Services, Lisa Lattanzio
- Youth Services, Marilyn Maria Brown
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Priscilla Marco
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Waterfront, Curt Ward
- Transportation, Jeannine Borkowski

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- West Brighton/St. George, Loretta Cauldwell
- Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, Anjail Ameen-Rice
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Ken Tirado
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow

Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting please call or e-mail Nicholas Siclari, Secretary, or the Board Office **prior** to the meeting 1-718-981-6900 lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 STEERING/ BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 4, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.

BOARD OFFICE

MEMBERS

Anthony Cosentino, Budget Chairman
Leticia Remauro, CB#1 Chairwoman
Vincent Accornero, Excused
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow, Excused
Jeannine Borkowski
Marilyn Brown
Loretta Cauldwell
Ajmal Chaudhry, Excused
Linda Eskenas
John Guzzo, Excused
Sunny Jain, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio, Excused
Priscilla Marco, Excused
Friday Ogbewele
Chris Rooney, Excused
Nicholas Siclari, Excused
George Sona
Ken Tirado
Curt Ward, Excused

GUESTS

Michael Bryantsev, Rep. BP Molinaro
Brandon Patterson, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improv. Assn.
Chim Li Chin, SI Creative Community
Norman Light
Fred Davis

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Anthony Cosentino called the Public Hearing to order at 7:39 P.M.

STEERING

Mr. Ken Tirado mentioned at the Silver Lake/Sunnyside Area Committee Meeting there were residents in attendance regarding the traffic pattern on Brookside Avenue. Petitions were sent to the Department of Transportation Commissioner Tom Cocola requesting Brookside Avenue be converted to a two-way street and, another petition was sent requesting it remain a one-way street. The Community Board will leave it up to the expertise of the Department of Transportation to make the decision. There was also a couple of senior citizens that attend the area meeting on a regular basis that were upset that their polling place had been changed due to the redistricting. The women both live very close to the Silver Lake Tennis House and have always voted at that location, they now have to vote at I.S. 61 on Castleton Avenue. Mr. Tirado was going to try to contact the women and give them absentee ballots.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2014

Mr. Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improvement Association spoke and asked for playground equipment at both Faber and Levy Parks, including a basketball court. In addition, a Pedestrian Rise Corridor be placed at the intersection of Port Richmond Avenue and Anderson Avenue where there are community health center facilities. Hundreds of people have to cross the street to get from each facility on a daily basis since the lab and other facilities are done at different locations on the opposite side of the street.

The North Shore Waterfront Conservancy requested that we include funding for the North Shore Waterfront Conservancy Environmental Justice Boat Tours. The conservancy provides boat tours around Staten Island. Many schools participated last year, and the conservancy is looking to accommodate more schools. The full history and program description is available at the Board Office.

Ms. Chin, Staten Island Creative Community submitted a letter requesting \$36,000 to help pay rent and renovation costs at 70 Bay Street. The Staten Island creative community hosts "Art by the Ferry", a free event, each year. Shows are also produced and shown to the public free of charge at 70 Bay Street.

Mr. George Sona requested sanitary sewers on Port Richmond Avenue between Orange Avenue and Homestead Avenue.

Chairwoman Remauro requested increased lighting in all commercial corridors, Jersey Street, Stapleton on Wright Street and Canal Street.

Ms. Remauro disclosed that she sits on the Board of the Staten Island Creative Community and her firm has been retained by Cassandra Properties to do Public Relations. Cassandra Properties works with BFC who will be building the outlets by the Ferry. Chairwoman Remauro will be ineligible to vote on all matters relating to those entities.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO SUBMITT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE FY 2014 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET.

CAPITAL

SANITATION

- Demolish the District 1 Garage at Jersey Street and build a combined District 1 and District 3 Garage at Fresh Kills and Expand the Repair Depot currently in District 3. - \$100 Million

DEP

- New Sanitary sewer on Port Richmond Avenue between Orange and Homestead Avenues.

- Design and implement a West New Brighton/Westerleigh Drainage Plan including Victory Boulevard, Jewett Avenue, Morrison Avenue and North Burgher Avenues; Sharon Avenue, Tompkins Court; Karen Court; and Ravenhurst Avenue. - \$7 Million
- Design drainage plan for Mosel and Osgood Avenues, including the SIRTOA Right of Way - \$7 Million
- Install Catch Basins at Wilcox and Van Name Avenues; Madison and Willow Road West, Madison and Farraday; Tompkins Court and Richmond Terrace; Van Name Avenue and Walker Streets, Northfield Avenue between Arlington Place and Richmond Terrace; and, Netherlands and South Avenues. - \$645,000

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Develop the Rosebank Library, to be known as the Charles Langere, in a reused portion of Sun Chemical. - \$6 Million
- Renovate and upgrade the interiors and exteriors of Westerleigh, Port Richmond, St. George and West New Brighton Libraries, and meet all ADA requirements - \$25 Million

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Place an Eagle Academy for middle and high school students in an existing middle and high school buildings.
- Provide, in separate phases, converting classrooms at Mckee Tech for Electrical Engineering Program.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

- New playground equipment at Faber Park – \$1.5 Million
- New playground equipment and basketball courts and Levy Park \$850,000
- Build a recreation park across from Mariners Marsh - \$3 Million
- Build Florence Semple Park - \$1.3 Million
- Renovate Eib's Pond - \$900,000
- Replace Cromwell Center - \$20 Million
- Improve the Graniteville Quarry, exposing the quarry rock provide pathways, lighting and perimeter fencing - \$1.5 Million
- Construct bathrooms at Louis Lopez Park - \$1 million and allocate \$800,000 for bathroom restoration at Tompkinsville Park.
- Secure the remaining funding to complete Goodhue Park - \$23 Million
- Design the infrastructure for the North Shore Greenway Trail. Install sidewalks, signage, lighting and bollards at Dangerous Curves especially Alaska Street - \$45 Million.

DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Repair the Bay Street Landing and Shore Acres Esplanades and take title through a property donation - \$13 Million.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Pedestrian Rise Corridor at Anderson and Port Richmond Avenues - \$10,000
- Increase lighting in commercial corridors, Jersey Street; Van Duzer Street and Victory Blvd; Wright Street and Canal Streets; Targee Street to the SIE; along Vanderbilt Street between Richmond Road and Bay Street; Alaska and Richmond Terrace. \$1 Million
- Install Smart Lights and Left-Turn, Sequential signals and turning bays at significant choke points along Victory Boulevard, Forest and Castleton Avenues, Clove Road and Richmond Terrace - \$150,000
- Repave all truck routes with concrete sub-surfaces - \$1.5 Million,
- Using unique sidewalks and lighting, beautify the streetscapes of Victory Boulevard from Todt Hill Road to Mann Avenue; Tompkins Avenue from Lynhurst Avenue to Hylan Boulevard, Bay Street from Hannah Street to Board Street; and Broad Street from Van Duzer to Bay Street - \$375,000
- Mill pave and replace all curbs on Colonial Court from Broadway to the Dead-End - \$250,000 Lake Avenue between Dixon and Walker and Dixon between Lake Avenue and Pulaski Street - \$460,000
- Place bollards on Targee Street between Osgood and Laurel Avenues; bollards at Richmond Terrace and Alaska Street - \$75,000
- Add and upgrade the Street Lighting at the Alice Austin Parking Lot Hylan Blvd. and Edgewater Street - \$50,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- Swap the North Shore Railroad Right-of-Way with the upland property of Atlantic Salt - \$500,000.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

- Create a Richmond Terrace Special District from the St. George Ferry to Snug Harbor that would allow for low-rise residential buildings with ground-floor retail; extra-wide sidewalks to accommodate cafes' and distinctive facades on the buildings - \$100,000

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Purchase the old hospital campus at 101 Castleton Avenue for mixed-use development - \$2 Million.

EXPENSE

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Increase Youth Services Funding including a Youth Coordinator for SICB1 - \$175,000;
- The North Shore Waterfront Conservancy of Staten Island Environmental Boat tour - \$134,850
- Fund the Fisherman's Conservation Program - \$20,000

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

- Provide a planner for SI CB #1 - \$60,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Increase the resurfacing unit - \$250,000

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Establish grants to allow homeowners to use sustainable and energy-saving materials - \$1 Million.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Hire permanent Firefighters to crew the "Firefighter 2" - \$250,000

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- Fund the cultural with Budgets under \$249K and who have existed for at least 5 years, \$25,000 each; and, fund a grant for the Staten Island Creative Community for \$36,000 for rent and renovations for the art gallery at 70 Bay Street.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Enhance the catch basin cleaning program and add more staff to it (Island-wide) \$ 1 Million.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

- Expand the Forestry unit to keep pace with the "Million Tree" project - \$110,000.

The above items will be presented to the Full Board on October 9, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1
TREASURER'S REPORT – FY'13

OCTOBER 2012

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ALLOCATED TO 07/01/13</u>	<u>USED TO DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
100 - Supplies	\$ 2,488.008 *	\$ 2,488.00 *	\$ - 0 -
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	- 0 -	200.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	120.00	1,030.00
117 Postage	200.00	13.60	186.40
199 - Data Processing Supplies	450.00	- 0 -	450.00
314 - Office Furniture	140.00	- 0 -	140.00
315 - Office Equipment	250.00	- 0 -	250.00
332 Data Processing Equipment	294.00	- 0 -	294.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	100.00	64.95	35.05
400 - Contractual Services	1,500.00*	1,500.00*	- 0 -
40B – Communication	3,013.00*	3,013.00*	- 0 -
403 – Office Services	150.00	- 0 -	150.00
412 - Equipment Rental	2577.00*	2577.00*	- 0 -
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
 TOTAL:	 \$13,012.00	 \$ 10,276.55	 \$ 2,735.45

Please Note: Each Code is transferable to other codes as long as the total allocation is \$13,012.00.

Larry Beslow, CB1 Treasurer

*Encumbered for FY'13 Contracts

Youth Services Planning Committee - September 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
All Saints Episcopal Church, 2329 Victory Blvd.

Members of Committee

Tim Kuhn, Vice-Chair-

Marilyn M. Brown, Chair-recused (presenting on behalf of Eagle Academy)

Elise Walker Tirado-member

Visitors

Vincent J. Maligno PhD

Elaine A. Friedland, PhD

Carole Reiss, PhD

Alfred V Saulo, Architect

Chester Crowl

Jessica Giallanz

Edith Reaves

Staten Island Green Charter School for Environmental Discovery presented their charter school which emphasizes the environment. It will start with K/1 to start to K to 3 after three years, eventually leading to K to 5. Hoping to add middle school in the future. Concerns were raised concerning the certification of teachers and services for special student needs, ESL, preparation for testing (ELA & Math), variety of lunch & breakfast variety i.e. meat for Hispanic & special meals for Jewish & Muslim students, and physical education. All concerns were answered satisfactorily for the committee and it supports the efforts to start this school. The school is proposed to be located on 150 Granite Ave (current Eaden II) in Sept 2013.

The Eagle Academy, an all boy, NYC DOE public school, made a presentation for the Staten Island school site. This school, under the leadership of founder and CEO David Banks, and Rev. Dr. Demetrius S. Carolina, for the SI location will start with grades 6-12. The Eagle Academy has a 100% graduation rate in conjunction with 97% of their graduates moving on and graduating from college. The Eagle Academy targets all at risk youth by mandating parental and community partnerships. It will give the young men of our great borough an education that enforces strict standards and expectations, thereby increasing grades and passing rates. These expectations have historically resulted in grades of 85% or better on NYS exams. Those zoned for the school would have first acceptance then open to others to fill the school. The Eagle Academy, Staten Island location, will provide young men with accountability, hope, and knowledge to earn their way out of poverty, enter into higher education, entrepreneurs, and a chance to become tax-paying citizen and reinvest in the Staten Island community. Every borough in the City of New York has an Eagle Academy School with the current exception of Staten Island. The most recent Eagle Academy was opened this year September 6, 2012 in Newark, New Jersey. The Staten Island location WOULD NOT require the building of a new school. The Eagle Academy, Staten Island location has been approved by Chancellor, Dennis Walcott, Mayor Bloomberg the Staten Island Borough President Molinaro, the Staten Island

Minister's Alliance, and now Community Board #1 Youth Services.

Let it be known that Community Board # 1 Youth Services recommends that a letter of support (individualized) be sent in favor of support and excitement for both the Eagle Academy, Staten Island and the Staten Island Green Charter School for Environmental Discovery to Chancellor Walcott, Mayor Bloomberg, the NYS Education Department, and the United Federation of Teachers (both NYC as well as SI branch). In regards to the Eagle Academy, Staten Island, we would also like the letter to reflect that C.B.#1 recommends the location formally known as St. Peter's Girls High School as a prime venue for it's location.

Marilyn M. Brown M.S. SBL/SDL

September 10, 2012 Human Services Committee meeting. 7.00 PM.

Attendees:

Sunny Jain
Anjail Ameen Rice
Vincent Pompa
Kathleen Bielse
Lorette Cauldwell

Ms Kathleen Bielse from Northfield LDC presented her groups plans and proposals and explained the Main Street & Urban Initiatives. Her group is involved in renovating and upgrading board up properties in Port Richmond areas. They provide matching grants to approved property owners for renovating properties and then renting the units to low income tenants and rentals are at below market value rent amounts.

They are currently in process of submitting grant proposals to NYS for such programs and the group supported her efforts for such grants.

Meeting adjourned at 7.30 PM.

St. George/West Brighton Area Committee Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012

Walker Park Tennis House

50 Bard Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10310

Community Board Members Present

Loretta Cauldwell- Chair

Chris Rooney

Jeff Mohlenbrok

Anthony Cosentino

George Turner

Excused: Linda Eskenas

Attendance on file at Board office

1. Liquor Licenses

New:

- Not Guilty Inc., 19 Hyatt Street – Deli/Luncheonette
Passed unanimously

Renewals:

- Tavern Wine 4 St. Paul's Avenue
Passed unanimously
- San Rasa Restaurant, 226 Bay Street
Passed unanimously

2. Old Business: None

3. New Business:

- New liquor store at 387 Forest Avenue has neon lights flashing in the front windows 24 hours a day which is very disturbing to the neighbors. City ordinance needs to be checked for legality.
- New traffic light at Forest and Pelton Avenues – Crosswalk and stop lines need to be painted. Pedestrians trying to cross are almost getting hit when crossing behind cars trying to back up when light turns red. Need to notify DOT.
- Concern about a lot on Bard Avenue between 51 & 71 Bard Avenue. Request for a letter of inquiry to the Buildings Department to see if any paperwork has been filed.

4. Adjournment

Community Board 1 Area Meeting
Port Richmond, Mariner's Harbor, Arlington, Elm Park, Graniteville, etc.

Date: 9/18/12

Location: 250 Park Ave

Attendance:

Community Board Members

Guests:

Anjail Ameen-Rice, Area Chair-present
Jeannine Borkowski, Area Co-chair-present
George Sona, CB 1-present
Pearl Minsky- present

William Morris(non-board voting member)
Wilmer Zinba
Charles Kitts, Port Richmond Improvement
Maria Tochimani
Greta Johnsen
Nancy Miranda
Gloria Romero
Luis Humala, La Taqueria Roqueta
Rarmow Arub, La Taqueria Roqueta
Sergio Reyna

A quorum was present, meeting began at 7:10 pm.

Agenda

I. Liquor License Renewal

1. IHOP 501 Morningstar Road – No concerns

II. New Liquor License Application

1. Zumba 330 Corp 330 Herberton Ave
It was recommended that they close by 2:00 am.
2. La Taqueria Roqueta 185 Port Richmond Ave

A letter of support was recommended if closing time remains 12 am.

III. Reviewed CEQR application #12DCP125R for the expansion of Forest Ave Shoppers Town and request for a reduction in required parking spaces.

A motion was made to approve the application.

The motion passed 5 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstentions.

A recommendation from the community was that the refrigerator trucks don't idle while keeping their food cold. They should be able to plug in the refrigeration portion of the truck to a grid.

New Business

1. Residents reported an increase in prostitution near Albion Pl and Port Richmond Ave. There has also been an observation of drug sales. It also seems as though a local car service may be providing transportation for the prostitutes.
2. The following addresses are believed to be SRO's on Albion Place: 107, 95, 91, 81, 74, and 70. It was requested that a complaint be filed with the department of buildings because these houses are overcrowded and may be renting attic and basement space illegally.
3. A resident spoke at length about problems with Sterling Equipment located at 2877 Richmond Terrace (near Van Pelt Ave). It was explained that 18 wheeler trucks entering and exiting the business often use her sidewalk and it is broken. It was also reported that cranes and marine construction equipment are being sandblasted and the debris is not contained. A complaint was made to the EPA and the site was deemed a health hazard.
4. It was reported that oversized 53' trucks continue to travel down Lake Ave and traffic enforcement needs to take place.

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Anjail Ameen-Rice