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BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 25, 2011

The next monthly General Board Meeting of Staten Island Community Board #3 will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the CYO/MIV COMMUNITY CENTER AT MOUNT LORETTO, 6451 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10309 at 7:30 p.m. The full calendar of meetings and agendas can be viewed at www.nyc.gov/sicb3.

The Agenda for the General Board Meeting will be as follows:

1. Attendance
2. Community Contact Session
3. Minutes
4. Officer's Reports

Chairman of the Board
1st Vice Chairman
2nd Vice Chairwoman
3rd Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary

Frank Morano
John Donohue
Phyllis Catania
Thomas Barlotta
Maribel Sansone
Frank Contrera

5. District Manager's Report
6. Committee Reports

Charlene Wagner

Budget
Environmental
Ethics, Rules, Bylaws & Regulations
Human Resources
Land Use, Planning and Zoning
Parks and Recreation
Public Service
Traffic and Transportation
Youth Services Planning/Education

Albert Esposito
Frank Santarpia
Thomas Uttaro
John Cassese
Thomas Barlotta
John Donohue
Patricia Conway
Frank Contrera
Harold Kozak

7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Please note: All Committee Chairmen MUST submit written reports at least one week prior to the regular Board Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify the District Manager or Chairman at (718) 356-7900.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Ajello, Daniel
Amerosi, Gerald
Bodnar, Marie
Canlon, Edward
Capucci, Charles
Cassese, John
Catania, Phyllis
Centineo, Philip
Coghlan, Robert
Contrera, Frank
Conway, Patricia
DeRosa, Frank
Donahue, Patrick
Donahue, John
Farag, Sherif
Felicetti, John
Gallagher, James
Killips, William
Kozak, Harold
Maresca, Patricia
McKeon, Dennis
Morano, Frank
Napoli, Helen
Peruggia, Diane
Raner, Dawn
Rapaglia, Mario
Ruch, Alice
Santarpia, Frank
Venuto, Danny
Zablocki, Thomas

Members Absent:

Barlotta, Thomas (Excused)
Calamia, Vincent (Excused)
DiPilato, Michael
Esposito, Albert
Fehling, George
Gaeta, Kasey
Goodstein, Judy
Lauria, Verna
Mahaney, James (Excused)
Romagnolo, Joseph
Sansone, Maribel (Excused)
Tabacco, Todd
Tanzi, John
Uttaro, Thomas

Community Board Staff Present:

Charlene Wagner, District Manager
Stacey Wertheim, Community Associate

Guests:

William J. Smith, District Director
Congressman Michael Grimm
Gregory Liss, representing Assemblyman Cusick
Paul Marrone, representing Assemblywoman Malliotakis
Rob Avaltroni, representing Councilman Vincent Ignizio
Anthony Basile, representing Councilman James Oddo
Jason Razefsky, representing Borough President James Molinaro
Ann Parascandola, Wilson Avenue Civic Association
Janine Materna, Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, Richmond Valley Civic Association
Eric Stern, student at Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University
Liberty Izevbuwa, JCC Caregiver Services Program
Andy Daquesian, AKA Construction Consulting, LLC
Jimmy Zampeeti, Sustainable Engery Technologies (SET)
Anna Kayman, New York Grant Company
Maria Law, area resident
Maryann Carter, area resident

PUBLIC CONTACT SESSION

William J. Smith, District Director for Congressman Michael Grimm

William J. Smith introduced himself to the Board. In his role as District Director he will function as Congressman Grimm's liaison to New York government and local media in Staten Island and Brooklyn. Previously, Mr. Smith served as the Communication Director for District Attorney Daniel Donovan. Although Mr. Smith is a current resident of Willowbrook, as a native of Great Kills he is well acquainted with the issues and concerns in Community Board #3.

Eric Stern, student at Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University

Eric Stern is currently writing his senior thesis on New York City Land Use Review policies. He will be traveling throughout the five boroughs distributing surveys and interviewing board members. The purpose of this survey is to gather data from NYC Community Boards to resolve if there is a potential for altering the land use review process to empower communities. This survey is anonymous and all responses will be kept strictly confidential.

Maria Law, resident of the Woodrow Road Area

Maria Law expressed her concerns regarding the planned new primary school on Woodrow Road, Crabtree Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. She explained that the lack of sidewalks for students is a significant safety concern. She also inquired about the size and character of the structure.

Maryann Carter, resident of Claypit Road

Maryann Carter expressed her concerns about the overpopulation of deer on the South Shore of Staten Island. She said in addition to endangering drivers, deer are host to ticks that carry Lyme disease. They eat homeowner's shrubbery and plants destroying within their reach. Chairman Frank Morano said he would contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and suggested she do the same. Many years ago after the first deer sightings Community Board #3 requested deer crossing signs, but the request was denied. Chairman Frank Morano said no further action is needed. He recommended that Maryann Carter attend the next Environmental and Parks Committee Meeting on February 8, 2011.

Presentation by AKA Construction Consulting, LLC; SET Environmental; New York Grant Co.

AKA's president Andrew Daquesian is a licensed architect in the State of New York. His company offers general client representation, program management, construction management, preconstruction services and bid review. SET Environmental partners with building owners, operators, designers and contractors to reduce carbon emissions save energy and improve the health, productivity and profitability of the indoor environment. New York Grant Company is a team of experts in economic incentives who know how to expedite the process, maximize clients' benefits and bundle benefits whenever possible to help clients grow and succeed.

Liberty Izevbuwa, JCC Caregiver Services Program

Funded by the New York City Department for the Aging, caregiver services consist of:

- ✓ Outreach/Community Education
- ✓ Information and assistance: financial and legal, physicians, Medicaid and food stamps, housing, advocacy in all areas of benefits/entitlements, etc.
- ✓ Support counseling
- ✓ Caregiver training
- ✓ Respite services individual/group
- ✓ Supplemental pharmaceutical supplies

MINUTES

MOTION: by Frank Morano to accept the General Board Minutes of December 15th, 2010
SECOND: James Gallagher
VOTE: 30-0-0
MOTION: PASSED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Frank Morano

January 5th, 2011 - Staten Island Borough Board Meeting

The New York City Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation on the Stapleton Waterfront Development. Plans call for two apartment buildings, ground floor retail space, waterfront esplanade with public access, infrastructure investment including road reconstruction and improved connections to transit.

January 18th, 2011 – City Council Public Hearing, Blizzard December 2010 for the purpose of evaluating the City's Response.

In attendance were Chairman Frank Morano, District Manager Charlene Wagner, Board Members Dennis McKeon, Frank Santarpia, Danny Venuto and staff member Stacey Wertheim. Chairman Frank Morano submitted a report representing all incidences reported to the CB#3 offices that occurred during the December 2010 blizzard of 2010. He also recommended that the city make the following changes:

- ✓ 311 should not be permitted to refuse calls under any circumstances, it invalidates its purpose.
- ✓ Pick a lead agency to take control and hold that agency accountable.
- ✓ Give community boards recourse to ask for high priority services for emergency personnel who need to get to work, constituents who require medical treatments, etc.

January 19th, 2011 - Chairman Frank Morano and District Manager Charlene Wagner met with William J. Smith, representing Congressman Michael Grimm at the Community Board #3 Office to discuss the needs and concerns in our District. The highlights of CB#3 needs are:

- ✓ Traffic improvements including major road reconstruction.
- ✓ Light Rail system both north and south shore is needed to reduce the number of vehicles on Staten Island and reduce commuter travel times.
- ✓ Opening the service roads for the West Shore Expressway (NY 440).
- ✓ Remediation of radium contamination in Great Kills Parks that has caused a large portion of the park to remain closed.
- ✓ Coastal erosion

Announcement - Chairman Frank Morano spoke about the snow shoveling for seniors program sponsored by Where to Turn. Forms are available tonight for anyone interested in volunteering or in need of assistance. Completed forms should be mailed to the Where to Turn Office.

1st Vice Chairperson – John Donohue

No Report

- John Donohue will go into further detail regarding the overpopulation of deer on Staten Island at the Environmental and Parks Committee Meeting on February 8th, 2011.

2nd Vice Chairperson – Phyllis Catania

No Report

3rd Vice Chairperson – Thomas Barlotta

No Report

Secretary – Frank Contrera

No Report

Treasurer – Maribel Sansone

No Report

District Manager – Charlene Wagner

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENTAL – Frank Santarpia

No Report

HUMAN RESOURCES – John Cassese

Self-Explanatory

- John Cassese welcomed Dennis McKeon to the Human Resources Committee

LAND USE – Frank Morano

Self-Explanatory, Chairman Frank Morano summarized the results from the January 19th Land Use Committee Meeting:

- ✓ The majority of people living in the community were opposed to the school project.
- ✓ The New York City School Construction Authority's presentation did not provide proposed design facts, and representatives could not address or answer the community residents' concerns.

Chairman Frank Morano read the following statement from Fred Maley, SCA Director of External Affairs from The New York City School Construction Authority dated January 25th, 2011 in regards to the new School, PS 62R:

The New York City School Construction Authority Act's Section 1790 exempts the School Construction Authority from the Uniform Land Use Review Procedures, known as ULURP. This means the SCA comes to community Boards for approval of a school site before we have even designed the building. This was made law by the New York State Legislature when they created the SCA to expedite school construction in New York City. As a result, we are requesting your approval for a site to be used for a new school, before it is even designed. Therefore, some items are yet to be determined. This is because we are establishing the need and have yet to design the school. This is truly the beginning of this project.

The SCA provides the followings answers to questions raised concerning the proposed PS 62-R school site.

UPDATE ON PS 62-R proposed site: Bloomingdale Road and Woodrow Road

With Community Board and City Council approval of PS 62-R proposed site on Bloomingdale Road and Woodrow Road, MS. Catania's house on corner of Bloomingdale and Woodrow can be purchased. The house is being purchased to provide designers with an access and/or an exit for buses from the future school campus.

There will be bus drop-off of students on the school site.
Designers are proposing a parent drop-off site, yet to be determined.
There will be parking spaces built on the site, yet to be determined.
Sidewalks will be constructed around the perimeter of the school site.
More details will follow as the school is designed.
A traffic consultant has been hired to examine all of these issues.

Utilization of neighboring schools:

PS 56	103% of capacity
PS 6	129% of capacity
PS 3 main building	111 % of capacity
PS 3 annex	135% of capacity
PS3 combined	117% of capacity

Chairman Frank Morano's comments were as follows:

- ✓ The Board of Education has "banked" two locations within our Community Board #3 area for new school construction. One, at the site of Bloomingdale Road and Woodrow Road and the second at Bricktown in Charleston.
- ✓ The site in Charleston is slated for a high school and a K-8 in the distant future.
- ✓ The site at Woodrow Road is a smaller school, K-5, and will relieve the overcrowding of the existing schools in the immediate area.
- ✓ There was a proposal for a Library back in the 1990's, but the Board Of Education was not willing to give up the property for that project. A library will not be built at this site and it is a closed issue.

MOTION by Frank Morano "to *accept* with the following recommendations by Community Board #3 the development of a new primary school facility 62-R Crabtree Avenue – proposed site section of Block 7092, Lots 39 and 75, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the proposed project, located in the Borough of Staten Island, for the development of a new, approximately 444-seat primary school facility in Community School District No. 31. The site is bounded by Crabtree Avenue, Woodrow Road, Trina Lane and Bloomingdale Road.

1. SCA purchase the Catania home located at 640 Bloomingdale Road, which will enable Woodrow Road to be opened, and built to its full mapped width from Bloomingdale Road to Veteran's Road East.
2. Design to include "ONSITE" bus and motor vehicle drop off and pick up of students.
3. Teacher and staff "ONSITE" parking.
4. Sidewalks the entire perimeter of the school.
5. Architectural design features must be in character of the surrounding community.
6. Individual gymnasium and auditorium, not a "gymnasium."

SECOND: Charles Capucci
VOTE: 29-0-1 (Phyllis Catania)
MOTION: Passed

PARKS & RECREATION – John Donohue

No Report

PUBLIC SERVICE – Patricia Conway

No Report

MOTION: by Patricia Conway “to oppose a New York City proposal that will provide special parking placards to pregnant women experiencing physical challenges. The permits will allow the doctor-designated mothers-to-be with free parking in no-parking or no-standing zones until 30 days after their expected due dates.”

SECOND: Phyllis Catania

VOTE: 30-0-0

MOTION: Passed

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – Frank Contrera

No Report

MOTION by Frank Contrera “to send a letter of support for The Port Authority’s plans to raise the Bayonne Bridge and incorporate light rail into the new design.”

SECOND: Danny Venuto

VOTE: 30-0-0

MOTION: Passed

YOUTH & EDUCATION – Harold Kozak

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

- The MTA New York City Transit Authority has extended the S74/84 and S78 bus service to the Bricktown Shopping Center in Charleston.
- Marie Bodner would like to thank Assemblyman Lou Tobacco and Councilman Vincent Ignizio who had an intricate part in pushing the MTA to provide transit service to the Bricktown Shopping Center since the fall of 2007

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Frank Morano

SECOND: Frank Derosa

VOTE: 30-0-0

MOTION: PASSED

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Contrera
Frank Contrera
Secretary