# MOTIONS AND LETTERS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FULL BOARD MEETING JUNE 13, 2017

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Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee

Letter of Support for legislation for Design Build.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Letter to DOT –approve ferry ramp bike lanes.

# COMMUNITY BOARD #1 TREASURER'S REPORT - FY 2017

# June 2017

CODE	ALLOCATED TO 6/30/17	USED TO DATE	BALANCE
100 - Supplies	\$ 1,595.00	1,313.78	281.22
101 - Printing Expense	200.00	0	200.00
110 - Food & Forage	1,150.00	1,150.00	0
117 - Postage	200.00	200.00	0
199 - Data Processing Supplie	s 450.00	450.00	0
314 - Office Furniture	10,140.00	10,139.72	.28
315 - Office Equipment	850.00	830.80	19.20
332 - Data Processing Equipment	294.00	0	294.00
337 - Books/Subscriptions	100.00	89.95	10.05
400 - Contractual Services	2,000.00	1,800.00	200.00
40B - Communication	3,013.00*	3,013.00*	0*
403 - Office Services	150.00	113.12	36.88
412 - Equipment Rental	3,470.00*	3,174.89	295.11
451 - Carfare	1,800.00	1,577.80	222.20
700 - Chase Imprest Fund A/C	700.00	500.00	200.00
622 - Contractor	5,000.00	4,640.00	360.00
TOTAL:	\$31,112.00	\$28,993.06	\$ 2,118.94

Please Note: Each Code is transferable to other codes as long as the total allocation is the same.

Larry Beslow, CB1 Treasurer

<sup>\*</sup>Encumbered for FY 2017 Contracts

# COMMUNITY BOARD #1 AGENDA TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2017–7:30 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

Presentations will be given by:

A certificate of Recognition will be given to Mothers Against Senseless Killings Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority regarding cashless tolls on the Verrazano Bridge.

Representatives from the 120<sup>th</sup> Pct. regarding "Shots Fired"

The New York City Transit Authority on bus revisions.

Department of Transportation regarding go smart and ferry ramp;

Office of Emergency Management regarding hurricane awareness, and;

Department of Environmental Conservation on resiliency.

# **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- ---First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- ---Second Vice-Chairman, Christopher Rooney
- --- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewele
- ---Treasurer, Larry Beslow
- ---Secretary, Anjail Ameen Rice
- ---Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- --- District Manager, Joseph Carroll

# **FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- --- Land Use, Vincent Accornero
- ---Transportation, Nicholas Zvegintzov
- ---Health/Human Services, Catherine Paradiso
- ---Waterfront, Loretta Cauldwell
- ---Public Services, Sunny Jain
- ---Youth Services, Kelly Vilar
- ---Rules & Legislative Affairs, Christopher Rooney
- ---Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino

# AD HOC COMMITTEE

- ---Labor, Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- ---Parks & Recreation, Megan Delmar
- ---Civic Victoria Gillen
- ---Cultural Affairs, Pearl Minsky

# **AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ---West Brighton/St. George, Vickie Fossella/Jeffrey Mohlenbrok
- ---Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Camille Zarrelli/Timothy Forsyth
- ---Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth, John Guzzo
- ---Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond, John McBeth
- ---Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Larry Beslow

Secretary Anjail Ameen-Rice will cast a vote for each of the current Executive

Committee members. Each position ran unopposed.

Old Business

**New Business** 

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting please call or e-mail Anjail Ameen-Rice or the Board Office **prior** to the meeting 1-718-981-6900 <u>lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov</u>.

# LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING, MAY 7, 2017 - 7:00 P.M., BOARD OFFICE

**MEMBERS** 

Vincent Accornero, Chairman Chris Rooney, Co-Chairman

Larry Beslow, Excused

Anthony Cosentino, Board Business

George Doyle

John Guzzo, Med. Excused

Friday Ogbewele George Turner

Camille Zarrelli

Philip Farnucci, Non Bd. Member

**GUESTS** 

Bianca Rajpersaut, Rep. MOA Cusick

Len Garcia-Duran, Director SI City Planning

Roselle Leader, SI City Planning

Phil Rampulla, Rampulla Associates.

Andrew Rsh, TREECO

Alex Lieber, AKRF

Linh Do, AKRF

Pat Smith, BJ's Wholesale

Albert kruu, Forest and South

David Daney, Architect

M. Korbey, Herrick Feinstein, LLC

Anne McCaughey, Herrick Feinstein, LLC

Bill Farrell, Pitta Bishop

27 Area residents on file at the Board Office

**OFFICE STAFF** 

Joseph Carroll, District Manager

Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Department of City Planning Application Nos. 160174 ZSR and 150359 MMR for the South Avenue Retail Development located at 534 South Avenue, SI (the "ULURP Applications")

A number of representatives were in attendance to present the plans and answer questions for a new development containing a total of 218,377 zoning square feet and five retail uses in excess of 10,000 square feet, an as-of-right automobile service station, an as-of-right automated bank teller, and 838 accessory parking spaces located in an open parking lot. The project will comply with the bulk and parking regulations of the M1-1 district.

In addition, the applicant is requesting a change to the City Map, which is being filed as a separate application in conjunction with the other application.

A portion of the Development site contains New York State Department of Environmental Conservation mapped wetlands, which were originally designated on DEC's final freshwater wetlands map. In 2008, the applicant proposed a site plan for the development of the site that included a protected wetland area and buffer planting area. Following DEC's review of the proposed delineation and required revisions to the site plan, the agency provided a conditional sign-off in 2012 for the site. There are approximately 6.32 acres of mapped U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulated freshwater wetlands in the development site (4.36 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, 1.96 acres of non-jurisdictional isolated wetlands) as well as approximately 8.82 acres of DEC-regulated freshwater wetlands and freshwater wetlands adjacent area. (5.06 acres FW, 3.76 acres of FWAA) and approximately 3.17 acres of DEC –regulated tidal wetland and tidal wetland adjacent area (0.50 acres tidal wetland, 2.67 acres). The totals do not account or overlap between the DEC freshwater wetland, freshwater wetland adjacent area, and

tidal wetland adjacent area. The total regulated wetland area within the development site is 6.94 acres, accounting for overlap between USACA and NYDEC regulated areas.

The project would result in development on a portion of the NYSDEC FWAA and isolated USACE wetland areas, but would preserve 6.94 acres of mapped wetland area as well as provide landscaped buffer between the proposed retail center and the regulated wetland areas to be preserved, and a storm water management area to the south of the development. In total, preserved DEC and USACE jurisdictional wetland, storm water management and landscaping areas total 10.84 acres.

The change in the City Map included the following: the widening of and elimination, discontinuance and closing of Morrow Street between Amador Street and forest Avenue; the elimination of Albany Avenue between Goethals Road North and Amador Street; the elimination of Amador Street between Morrow Street and South Avenue; and, the elimination of Garrick Street between Goethals Road North and Wemple Street and the adjustment of grades.

The project will have one access point off of South Avenue, one access point off of Forest Avenue and one access point off of North Morrow Street.

1,715 trees will be removed and 2,207 tees will be planted and 9,267 shrubs. This project will create approximately 800 to 1,000 construction jobs and approximately 440 permanent jobs.

There have been numerous traffic studies and will be a traffic study done after the opening to insure vehicles are moving.

After the completion of the ULURP process, the applicant will finalize the DEC permits.

Residents living in City West and Regal Walk, and other residents were in attendance and were opposed to the development especially due to the existing congestion of traffic in the area and had concerns of flooding and needing flood insurance.

The Environmental Impact Statement was submitted and on file at the Board Office for review. It is also on line at: <a href="http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/env-review/south-avenue-retail-development.page">http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/env-review/south-avenue-retail-development.page</a>

http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/applicants/env-review/south-avenue-retail/noc\_deis.pdf

Mr. Todd Dale from Rothkrug and Rothkrug and Spector, LLP presented the following two applications:

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It is proposed to construct a cellar and four-story residential building with thirteen dwelling units that would be compliant with the bulk requirements for the underlying C4-2. Relief is sough as the proposed building would not provide non-residential use on the ground floor.

The Stapleton Area Committee denied the application.

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The Rosebank Area Committee was opposed to the application due to the number of variances requested.

# LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

The following motions were made, seconded and voted on as follows:

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Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

# **Cultural Arts**

May 17, 2017 Pearl Minsky

A meeting was attended, to represent CB1, on Wednesday evening, May 17, at the St. George Library. The meeting was sponsored by The Design Trust for Public Space which, along with Staten Island Arts, is overseeing the project "Future Culture: Connecting Staten Island's Waterfront to ensure the Cultural Communities of the North Shore have a significant say in the developing and future of the North Shore Waterfront."

A Q and A session took place after the panel of members of the Future Cultural Team, Lisa Dahl, Future Cultural Participatory Art Fellow; Munro Johnson, NYC Development Corporation Vice President of Development, Rashida Ladner-Seward, Future Culture Community Working Group Member and Universal Temple of the Arts Director and Monica Valenzsuela, Staten Island Arts Deputy Director under the moderation of Executive Director of Design Trust, Susan Chin, described their roles in developing the project, which appears to be to sum up the providing guidelines and incentives to help the North Shore move ahead along with the already moved in Projects, such as the NY Wheel, The Empire Outlets, Lighthouse Point, Urby, without destroying the community that already exists.

The Future Culture working group has already come up with nine potential improvements for the planning, among which are making bike/pedestrian's friendliness, preserving views, reusing historic buildings and developing cohesive green space. Seventeen proffered projects have already been selected for consideration to be developed.

Most of the questions raised had to do with the crowding of the area with tourists, the closing down of current small businesses, the rising rents and prices for houses, and other discomforts for those who currently live in the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed areas where there will be changes.

In my opinion, the use of the word culture is being used to describe the arts as well as the morays and cultures of those who now live in the areas that are being slated for developing. The cultures of the people in the area should take precedent over the artist whose major motif in art is painting pictures of houses. Other areas of Staten Island (many of which have waterfronts) should be considered for some of the cultural (arts) to be developed in those as well.

I also wonder how much money is being spent on all this planning, who is being paid? Is it too much for too little? Could some of the NYS Funding be used for something better for the Community in which all of this will take place?

Is it too complex to be completed in its time plan? I think it will take much longer than it is projected. At this time, the builders and others who will gain income from their projects they're willing to cooperate in every way. Aha, what happens with their promises in the future?

And, by the way, it is now publishing a newspaper named Future Culture. It will tell you a good deal more about this project. Try to get your hands on a copy.

I love to see the improvement of neighborhoods and all this activity in improving Staten Island is exciting. I love the arts, as well, and I think people should be able to participate and enjoy them. Maybe, I've not interpreted this project correctly, but I think "feedback and ideas from sessions to develop a set of initial recommendations for arts and cultural interventions along the waterfront is the best way to go about the development planning.

Waterfront Committee
May 22, 2017
Community Board 1 Office
1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217
Staten Island, NY 10305

## **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance
On file at Board office

There was no quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10

A presentation was made by Chris Lee from Port Authority on the Bayonne Bridge progress. The new bridge opened in February. The demolition of the old bridge began in April. They are expecting the navigational clearance to be done by June 30, 2017. This will then allow the larger ships to start coming through. The completion of the entire project is scheduled for 2019.

The Goethals Bridge is moving along very quickly. The first roadway is near completion. When it is opened the demolition of the old bridge will begin immediately. At the same time work on the second roadway will continue and is expected to be complete by the end of 2018.

Residents from Bay Street Landing commented that Parks Department are parking vehicles around Lyons Pool making navigation the area difficult. They do not appear to be utilizing the Parks parking lot.

Fleet Week was mentioned and ships would be available to tour from Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 5pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Cauldwell

ROSEBANK AREA COMMITTEE 16 May 2017 Friday Ogbewele', 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman

#### ATTENDANCE:

Joe Trimarchi Gloria Tepper Alex Keating, NYCDOT Victoria Giordano, NYCDOT Florence Levine Theresa DeSanctis Sam Irciuoli Peggy Gundacker Barbara Sanchez Francesco Portelos **George Ladeas** Carmine Raimondi, NYCDPR Paul Sorocco Gianmarco Panini John Marlo Danny Feldman Mike DiCataldo

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

DOT gave a presentation regarding the new GoSmart initiative. Generally, it will encourage local shopping and transportation alternatives and will include public and merchant outreach, a shoppers reward program, a kit including maps and mass transit schedules, mailers, a web site and pedometers.

This is a federal program to help improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. A hopeful benefit will be an increase in local business usage. DOT will work an outreach program during May and June. There will be a continuous community engagement process and information dissemination during these months.

DOT will explore a suggestion that was made to use social media to market the GoSmart program and complement the available scheduling applications.

DPR reviewed the neighborhood projects that are underway and asked people to reach out if there are issues and also to reach out if anyone wants to be a park volunteer.

Rosebank Area 16 May '17 p.2

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

- Abandoned house and drug activities on Tompkins Ave. near Virginia Ave.
- Motorcycle club parking bikes on sidewalk at 4488 Tompkins Ave.
- Question were raised regarding school performance at P.S> 78 and I. S. 49
- Question regarding status of a Stop Work Order at 172 Fingerboard Rd.
- Landmarking St. Mary's Church discussed
- Salt trucks causing disruptions to homes and the roadway along Bay Street
- Dumping next to the Maritime Museum on Bay Street
- A request to make Wadsworth Avenue a two-way street
- · Abandoned and graffiti covered building on Bay near Hylan Boulevard
- Issues that the bikeathon creates

#### LAND USE ITEMS

- 1. Voted unanimously NOT to approve the BSA application for 129 Anderson Street citing the multiple variance asked for and the out of context building configuration.
- 2. Reviewed the Rosebank Rezoning and the upcoming meeting with the City Planning Chair.

# Staten Island Community Board 1

Transportation Committee Chair: Nicholas Zvegintzov Report of June 13, 2017

## Future meetings - None scheduled.

## 2. DOT street changes

## St. George Ferry Terminal approaches

New laning on Richmond Terrace, Bay St, and the terminal ramps to separate streams of traffic and reduce conflicts.

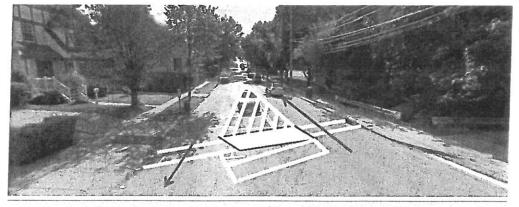
To be presented tonight for Board approval. Previously presented at the West New Brighton / St. George Area Committee on April 23, with a Walk-Through on May 23.

## Bike rack applications

How to suggest locations for CityRacks (free sidewalk bicycle parking racks), e.g., wide sidewalks in front of businesses or other locations:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/cityrack-suggest.shtml

## Replacement of culvert under Forest Avenue between University Place and Randall Avenue



Culvert Reconstruction Stage 2, Day Shift Work 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday June 2017 - September 2017

One lane in each direction will be maintained during reconstruction .

## 3. MTA NYC Transit actions

## Express bus changes planned

Staten Island Bus Study: Reimagining Express Buses. To be presented this evening.

http://www.silive.com/news/2017/06/see it staten island express b. html.

Plan to speed Staten Island express buses by eliminating slow routings in Staten Island and Manhattan.

## Modest local bus improvements for July 2017

S40 and S44 buses will have added Sunday service.

No improvements to S78 and S74, still skipping North Shore stops.

# \$4 million in MTA amended capital plan for 2015-2019 to study West Shore light rail

This was promised but never before funded. <a href="http://www.silive.com/news/2017/05/mta">http://www.silive.com/news/2017/05/mta</a> amended budget includes 4m. <a href="http://www.silive.com/news/2017/05/mta">http://www.silive.com/news/2017/05/mta</a> amended budget includes 4m.

## Buttons available from MTA to encourage courtesy

http://www.mta.info/news/2017/05/14/mta-launches-new-awarenesscampaign-encourage-customers-offer-pregnant-disabled-and Request one by email.





# Four lanes of new Goethals Bridge open!

Nicholas Zvegintzov, Chair

# Minutes of the CB #1 Youth Committee meeting

held Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Brighton Heights Reformed Church 320 St. Marks Place at 7pm

In attendance: Kelly Vilar, Ernest Paige, Rosalind Diaz, Candace Charles, Meggin Juraska, Laura Cavalleri, Anthony Richardson, Joanne Vitale, Carole Reiss, Kathy Vidal, Neil Berry, Lori Dunorant, Anthony Cosentino, Jenny Fischman, Norman Light, Daniel Williams, Neil Berry, Sean Charles, Donna Mazzella, Stephanie Barbarino, Troy McGhie

- Ms. Kelly Vilar reviewed the evening's agenda, followed by introductions by the attendees.
- Next, Mr. Louis Bruschi and Ms. Rosalyn Diaz spoke about the efforts of the Staten Island North Shore Alliance for Children and Families. Mr. Bruschi, principal of Public School 78, focused on stabilizing communities to stabilize retention at his and other North Shore schools. He encouraged the support of all North Shore residents. Ms. Diaz focused on its literary programs in schools, to deal with problems including language barriers and combating the school to prison pipeline. She mentioned that working groups are already in progress. The content-focused groups are "Parent Empowerment and Action", Community-based Services and Support" and Early Learning Environments". The infrastructure-focus groups are "Data and Knowledge Sharing" and "Policy and Financing Solutions". They meet once monthly. The hub of the effort is located at the Seamen Society's 50 Bay Street location.
- Kelly provided a Cromwell update and discussed the city budget. Kelly shared that Cromwell was recommended by the city council to be included in the NYC budget. It remains unfunded by the mayor. Concerned citizens including Ms. Vilar plan to send the mayor a letter highlighting this missed opportunity.
- Kelly also briefed attendees on the Staten Island North Shore Indoor Pool Committee's
  efforts. The committee does not want their opposition to locating an indoor pool on the
  Michael J. Petrides campus to be misconstrued as opposition to the school. The
  committee is awaiting a meeting with the mayor.
- Dr. Carole Reiss updated attendees on the Staten Island Green Charter School for Research and Technology's progress. She distributed a survey requesting feedback from attendees. There is an open house scheduled for Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6pm at The Institute for Basic Research, 1050 Forest Hill Road. It will be an opportunity to meet the board director, and learn more about the school's opening.
- No old or new business raised or discussed.
- Announcement were made, including a Barnes & Noble book fair to support the Staten Island Green Charter School. The book fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2245 Richmond Avenue.
- Meeting was adjourned.

# Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh Area Committee Meeting May 17, 2017

Attendance: Timothy Forysth Camille Zarrelli Norman Light Frank Marra

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm

- 1. Notification of demolition for 319 Maine Avenue garage demolition Block 400 Lot  $10\,$
- 2. Renewal for Liquor License for The Golf Center of Staten Island Inc. 915 Victory Blvd. approved unanimously
- 3. 1847 Victory Blvd. application for variance to reduce number of accessory off street parking. (reduce 20 parking spaces to 10 parking spaces)

Approved by committee and Westerleigh Improvement Society. This was postponed by the applicant until September.

#### SECRETARY'S YEAR END REPORT

#### MOTIONS SEPTEMBER 2016-JUNE 2017

#### September 2016

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 60-90-BZ – 525 Forest Avenue for the reestablishment and extension of a variance for an existing gasoline and service station and repair facility which has been in continuous operation since 1937. The variance expired February 2016.

Motion made and seconded to approve the application for a term of 15 years. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 22-1-1.

## October 2016

Fiscal Year 2017 was held on October 4, 2016 – the following capital and expense items were discussed and reviewed and voted on unanimously to submit by the Budget Committee-Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library – NYPL

- Build a Rosebank Library at the former Walgreens site at 570 Tompkins Avenue
- Renovate with ADA compliance the Port Richmond, St. George, West New Brighton and Westerleigh libraries.

## Provide a new or expand an existing high school - DOE

- Build a new High School at Homeport.
- High Schools are beyond capacity Availability at Old SI Hospital at 101 Castleton Ave.
- High School in Concord, between Bay St. and the SIE and between Broad St. and Jones's Woods Park.

#### Renovate or upgrade an elementary school - DOE

- Build a gym in PS21.
- Purchase Immaculate Conception School for use as a UPK-12.
- The District is under lacking in capacity. Availability at Old SI Hospital at 101 Castleton Ave.

#### Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school – DOE

- Schools overcapacity, need relief. Availability at Old Staten Island Hospital at 101 Castleton Avenue.
- Build a middle school in the Arlington, Mariners Harbor Area.

# Increase resources for other crime prevention programs - NYPD

- Purchase Argus Cameras for 120 & 121 Precincts.

# Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new Precinct House or Sub-Precinct - NYPD

 With the proposed Bay Street Corridor Affordable Housing rezoning, coupled with the new North Shore residential and commercial redevelopment, the current 120<sup>th</sup> is no longer adequate for the personnel, equipment & vehicles needed to keep the public safe.

## Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station - FD

 The population has burgeoned and response times have risen making this new facility in the area between Hannah St. & Vanderbilt Ave, a matter of extreme public safety importance.

## Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility - DCA

- Renovate Snug Harbor Veterans' Memorial Hall
- Repair the Snug Harbor Dock

## Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the Waterfront - EDC

 The New York Container Port infrastructure is in need of better truck access and new pier and expansion of the site.

## Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces - EDC

 This has proven successful in Stapleton and should be expanded to St. George & Rosebank.

# Make Infrastructure investments that will support growth in local Business Districts - EDC

- Purchase and repair the esplanade from Triangle Equities to Hannah St. (Get update)
- The infrastructure from the NY Wheel to the Navy Pier must be upgraded to allow for better traffic control, better drainage control and better downtown connectivity.

# Improve streetscapes in Business Districts to attract/encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements – EDC

 Study the required infrastructure needed to develop the North Shore Greenway Trail & Bikeway.

### Provide more housing for medium income households - DCP

- The corridor from Snug Harbor to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned C4-2 to permit affordable housing, including sites affordable for seniors.

## Other sewer maintenance requests – DEP

- Install catch basins on Walker Street between Port Richmond Ave. to Van Pelt Ave. (updated)
- Install catch basins on Park Ave. between Richmond Terrace and Castleton Ave.
- Install catch basins on Heberton Ave. between Castleton Ave. and Richmond Terrace.

## Build new, expand or repair storm sewers - DEP

- Flooding control along Victory Blvd. from Manor Rd. to the SIE; controls along Forest Ave. from Metropolitan Ave. to Clove Rd; along the streets between the Snug Harbor outfall and Forest Ave.
- Build a storm sewer on North Ave. between Livermore Ave. and dead end.
- Build a storm sewer system from Forest Ave. to Richmond Terrace including Dekay St.,
   Kissel Ave., Bement, Delafield and Sharon Avenues. Hart Blvd, Clove Road and the Snug Harbor Bluebelt.
- Build a storm sewer along the streets connecting Homeport to Bay Street.
- Catch basins on Vanderbilt from Bay to Narrows Road North.- New

# Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers - DEP

- Build a sewer on Port Richmond Ave. between Orange and Homestead Avenues

# Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure - DOS

- The current District 1 site is in a sensitive residential and developing community and needs to be moved to Fresh Kills built at the same time as a new District 3 garage thus leaving the old District 3 garage to be used as a borough maintenance facility.

#### Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming- DOT

- On Targee St. between Osgood and Laurel Avenues.
- Rebuild and widen sidewalks along Richmond Terrace between Bank St. and Pelton Ave.

### Repair or provide new street lights - DOT

- Upgrade lighting on Van Duzer St. between Broad St. & Hannah St.
- Install street lights at Edgewater St. and Hylan Blvd.
- Increase street lighting on Vanderbilt Ave.
- Upgrade lighting on Targee Street between Vanderbilt Ave. and Broad St.
- Upgrade lighting on Jersey Street. Benziger to Jersey and on corner of Brighton and Jersey with Argus Cameras – Updated

- Upgrade lighting on Canal Street.

## Other transportation infrastructure requests - DOT

 Purchase Augustinian property from Howard Ave. to the service road to build a dedicated turn lane.

# Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads - DOT

- Repair curbs on Colonial Court between Broadway and dead end.
- Repair or install as needed, acquiring title where required, all curbs on Lake Ave. between Dixon Ave. & Walker St.

## Upgrade or create new plazas - DOT

 Upgrade and improve the "kiss and ride" plaza at the St. George Ferry improving pedestrian and bicycle access to the Lighthouse Museum site, including signage and lighting upgrades in the improvements.

#### Reconstruct Streets - DOT

- Reconstruct Dixon & Lake Avenues
- Reconstruct Richmond Terrace with a concrete subsurface between Nicholas Ave. & Broadway.

#### Address Traffic Congestion - DOT

Install smart lights, sequential signals and turning lanes at major traffic choke points.

### Upgrade or provide new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Lanes

 Routes isolated from traffic congestion are needed to get folks to work in a timely manner.

#### Other park facilities and access requests - DPR

Provide a baseline \$100 million budget for Parks

#### Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground – DPR

- Provide electrical service in Heritage Park
- Update Mariners Harbor Park and buy adjacent property
- Build a Soccer field block 487 lot 100 by Lyons Pool. New

## Provide new or expanded parks facility, e.g. recreation center - DPR

 Cromwell Center needs to be rebuilt above Lyons Pool thus remaining central to the district and including a year round aquatic facility.

- Purchase land along Richmond Terrace to become part of Faber Park
- Provide \$16 Million to finalize Goodhue acquisition
- Place the office for Fresh Kills Park in Village Hall DPR Expense

# Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure - SIRTOA

 The Stapleton station needs to be made safe to accommodate the development of the Navy Pier Project.

# Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs - DCP

The area from Snug Harbor to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned from M to C4-2 to allow for affordable housing and the area from Fort Wadsworth to Vanderbilt Ave. needs to be zoned to reflect the actual land uses in various districts contained within. Moreover, DCP should provide each CB with a dedicated planner and the personnel allocation for planners on SI be substantially increased.

## Assign more teaching staff - Expense - DOE - Expense

- Provide art teachers in every school
- Add music teachers in every school

# Create or promote programs for Education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.

Create competitive sports' opportunities for middle and high school youth.

# Provide more community board staff – DCP – Expense

- The Board needs a land use planner to keep up with zoning actions and to create zoning actions based on district needs.

# Other housing support requests – HPD – Expense

Provide energy-saving grants to homeowners.

# Support nonprofit cultural organizations- DCA - Expense

- Fund cultural organizations with budgets under \$25,000 and cultural business for at least five years with a minimum of \$25,000 each.

# Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service – TA – Expense

SBS is required to modernize mass transit in the district.

# Expand Homelessness Prevention Programs – DOA – Expense

 Staten Island has one service provider and funding does not allow enough resource allocation to preventing homelessness only servicing the currently homeless.

# Provide Additional senior center staffing - DOA - Expense

Provide an additional 20% staffing at all senior centers.

## Other education programs requests – DPE – Expense

- Fund visual arts and performance programming.
- Fund youth leadership programs.
- Provide environmental educational programming offered by the Northshore Waterfront Conservancy for disadvantaged young people.

# Provide more firefighters or EMS workers – FD – Expense

Provide higher staffing ratios to the houses that cover the NY Wheel, Empire Outlets,
 Lighthouse Pointe and Homeport.

## Support Merchant Organizing – SBS – Expense

- Fund the Victory Boulevard Merchants' Association
- Fund the North Shore Merchants' Association
- Jersey Street Merchants' Association

# Provide or expand district marketing, branding & promotion - SBS - Expense

- Expand service and funding for the West New Brighton LDC/BID/Business Outreach Center.
- Expand the funding and scope of services for the Northfield LDC.
- Jersey Street Merchants Association

# Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment – DOMH – Expense

- Create programs to provide community education regarding the mental and physical health issues of transgendered youth.

## Provide, Expand, or Enhance preventive services – ACS – Expense

 Provide sufficient funding for youth development and delinquency prevention programs.

# Expand Programs for housing inspections to correct code violations - HPD - Expense

- Add enforcement and plan examination staff specific to Staten Island.

## Conduct traffic or parking studies - DOT

- Study the possibility of making Bay Street one-way from Hylan Blvd. to St. George.

## Other traffic improvements requests – DOT

 Create a turning lane on Martlings Avenue onto Manor Road acquiring land where needed.

In addition it was decided that the Steering Committee would set up 2 meetings one with the Commissioner of DOT and the other with the Commissioner of the Parks Department to discuss the budget requests after the area committee reviews each request in their area at the next area committee meeting.

The Board will write a letter to DCAS Commissioner requesting that all City buildings be equipped with Argus Cameras.

Motion made seconded and approved unanimously as submitted.

#### November 2016

two letters of no objection for the renovation of the fountains at Buono Beach and Tappen Park. Hand vote taken – no objections to sending the letters.

#### **DECEMBER 2016**

A motion was made to send a letter of support for the rehabilitation of Stapleton Playground. Hand vote taken, vote passed 35-2-3.

A motion was made to send a letter of support for the proposed new school at 357 Targee Street. Reverse roll call vote taken, vote passed unanimously.

# NO MOTIONS JANUARY 2017 MOTIONS FEBRUARY 2017

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2016-4331-A and 2017-30 –A - 16 and 19 Tuttle Street – Application is to waive General City Law 36 to permit a two-family homes that do not have frontage on a legally mapped street in an R3X zoning district. – included with 16 Tuttle Street is an accessory garage. Roll call vote taken, vote passed 25-6-2.

Motion made, seconded to approve as submitted Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2017-4-A-339 Victory Boulevard - Application to permit the development of a two-story mixed use building (commercial and residential) on a lot that is located partially within the bed

of a mapped but unbuilt portion of Victory Blvd. in a C1-3 commercial overlay in an R4 Special Hillsides Preservation District. Roll call vote taken, vote passed 33-1-0.

A Public Hearing was held March 6, 2017 – no recommendation was made at that time. It was briefly spoken about at the Land Use Public Hearing prior to tonight's Board Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Pier 21 Development, LLC pursuant to Section 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 21d:

changing from an M2-1 District to an R6 District property bounded by Edgewater Street, a line 1,040 feet southeasterly of the South Street line prolongation, a line 2 10 feet northeasterly of the northeasterly street line of Edgewater Street, a line 515 feet south easterly of the South Street line prolongation, the U.S. Pierhead Line and a line 1.240 feet southeasterly of the South Street line prolongation;

establishing within a proposed R6 District a C2-2 District bounded by Edgewater Street, a line 1,040 feet southeasterly of the South Street line prolongation, a line 210 feet northeasterly of the northeasterly street line of Edgewater Street, and a line 1,240 feet southeasterly of the South Street line prolongation; and

establishing a Special Stapleton Waterfront District (SW) within an M2-I District and within a proposed R6 District bounded by Edgewater Street, the South Street line prolongation, the U.S. Pier head Line, and a line 1,240 feet southeasterly of the South Street line prolongation.

The property is located at 125 Edgewater Street.

#### March 2017

Whereas, these conditions were imposed upon the adjacent Stapleton Waterfront District including URBY development, and;

Whereas, any higher development would be above the stack of the New York Power Authority power plant and could have potential adverse impacts from emissions, and:

Whereas this area is underserved by mass transit

Be it hereby resolved that Community Board #1 approves this application with the following conditions:

- 1. The building heights be restricted to 8 stories
- 1 parking space be required for each residential unit developed
- Every effort to use union workers for all construction aspects and the maintenance of the buildings once they are completed.

4. The entire esplanade be completed with the construction of phase 1. Roll call vote taken. Vote passed 23-1-0.

response letter to the Mayor for his response to our FY' 2018 budget was e-mailed to all members for their review and, is included in the packet.

Motion made and seconded to send the following letter:

16 February 2017

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor City of New York City Hall New York, New York 10007

Re: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Response

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Community Board 1 would first like to thank you for providing capital funding to improve our neighborhood parks and for providing asphalt to pave our streets and for working with Deputy Majority Leader Rose and Commissioner Garcia to provide the wherewithal to move the District 1 garage from a residential community into a location better suited to that kind of facility.

Community Board #1 represents Staten Island's North Shore and has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life of our residents, increasing affordable housing, improving senior services,

expanding youth services, adding needed school seats, improving the transportation system and mass transit system, and developing our waterfront.

More than 15 years ago, we asked that the New York City Economic Development Corporation locate the National Lighthouse Museum at the former Coast Guard Base adjacent to the Ferry Terminal. Years later, we supported the additional development of the site by Triangle Equities.

We requested and supported the release of the RFP for the former Homeport which is now being developed by Iron State Development Corporation.

We supported the release of the Stapleton Municipal Parking Lot to be developed as The Rail, a multi-story, residential building with a retail base.

We supported the St. George rezoning to allow both the construction of our newly completed courthouses along with new mixed use development that will bring new life to St. George.

We supported the release of the NYC EDC's request for expressions of interest that led to the development of the New York Wheel. We urged that the request include both a retail component and a nexus with Bay Street. Both were heeded, and as a result the Empire Outlets are now emerging alongside the New York Wheel. These two projects will inject tens of millions of tourist dollars into the North Shore of Staten Island. Mindful of the potential impact of these large scale developments on our local, already overburdened infrastructure, CB1 then helped negotiate U.L.U.R.P provisions that will provided for traffic amelioration, job development and water's edge improvements.

As you can see, Community Board #1 takes its responsibility as a "planning" board very seriously and consistent with that focus, we have identified several budget priorities that we believe are necessary to both protect the essence of the North Shore and ensure that the oncoming development is adequately supported by a local infrastructure suited to the task.

Replace Cromwell Center over Lyons Pool. Since 1934, the Cromwell Recreation Center had been the focus of recreational activities for tens of thousands of young people and adults alike. Its facilities—which included basketball courts, a boxing ring, fitness areas, a theater with the second largest proscenium arch in the City, and space for afterschool activities—were ideally situated along the routes of countless bus lines and the SIRT. People from throughout the borough were able to run, play, box, or workout at Cromwell. But no more. Its absence from the community has robbed the North Shore of what our Senate delegation has described as a "vitally necessary" community resource.

Consequently, we ask that the NYC Parks Department add to its Capital Budget the rebuilding of the Cromwell Center over Lyons Pool as a fully funded project. It has been several years since its demolition and as the largest and most heavily used Parks' facility on Staten Island its absence has greatly diminished recreational resources not only the North Shore community but also the entire Borough.

Increase the Borough of Staten Island's Baseline Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Community Board No. 1 has consistently asked for a baseline budget of \$100 million be applied to the budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation on Staten Island. This request is driven by the need to obviate dealing with the constant response of seeking councilmanic or Borough Presidential funds for items that should be handled through the normal City Agency borough distribution, thus depriving the BP and the Council of funding other needed items.

Fund a Professional Study of the circulation of the public areas of the St. George Ferry Terminal to provide visitors easy access to Lighthouse Point and the waterfront beyond. Community Board #1 has been a strong proponent of correcting the circulation of the St. George Ferry Terminal and the Ferry Maintenance Facility. We are asking you to fund a professional study that will help to create a walkway to provide visitors with a safe and visually attractive path from the ferry to Lighthouse Point. Currently,

visitors must traverse a dingy, dark walkway that leads them through a dangerous parking lot and a series of fenced off, "regular

work" areas in order to connect with Lighthouse Point – a \$250 million privately funded project, the success of which will depend heavily on its retail component. The Staten Island Ferry is an icon known around the world. Similar to Grand Central Station, the Staten Island Ferry should provide visitors with a world class experience when they traverse the property – not only within the terminal but any space which is open to the public. For the projects adjacent to the terminal to be truly successful, visitors must be visually drawn to them, and feel safe enough to make the trip. This will require a reconfiguration of the Kiss and Ride and the Ferry Maintenance Facility Parking lot. Funding a professional circulation study is the first step in what will ultimately make the difference in the success of Lighthouse Point, Navy Pier and other waterfront projects south of the St. George Ferry Terminal.

Funding for the creation of a Greenway Trail to connect the pedestrians, cyclists and rapid transit to the projects along the waterfront. In order for the \$1 billion dollars in private investment projects along the waterfront to be successful, pedestrians, cyclists and rapid transit must be able to access them from the St. George Ferry, which will be a central point of arrival. Several years ago, Community Board #1 created and introduced a phased outline for such a trail from Ft. Wadsworth to the Bayonne Bridge which we titled the "The North Shore Waterfront Greenway Trail."

Three phases of the trail – Heritage Park and the plazas at Van Pelt and Van Name Avenues – have already been funded. We now ask you to support our request to fund a study to create a comprehensive plan for the rest of the trail so that visitors coming off the ferry can easily access the above mentioned projects either by foot, bicycle or bus. It is clear that these new waterfront projects have already brought more visitors to our shores – even before they have been completed. The city must be proactive in providing the infrastructure necessary to access these projects. Otherwise, the onslaught of new visitors will make more difficult any changes to the North Shore's transportation network – and may, through periods of long-delayed construction, render less appealing the very projects that draw the visitors in.

**Build a Gymnasium for P.S.21**. For too long, P.S. 21 has not had a gymnasium to allow children a place to exercise and to learn cooperation and sportsmanship. At a time when the City's avowed policy is to ensure that our children get proper nutrition and ample exercise, the lack of a gymnasium is a mark against the Department of Education which the city must correct. And to make matters worse, whatever outdoor recreational areas the children could use have been destroyed as an aftermath of the Bayonne Bridge raising project.

Construct a promenade to protect against storm surge and to provide waterfront access between Lighthouse Pointe and Fort Wadsworth. Community Board #1 believes funding a promenade to harden and protect the coastline and provide public waterfront access in front of Bay Street Landing, Shore Acres, Alice Austen House Beach, Buono Beach and other areas

susceptible to flooding (whether privately or publicly owned) is important to ensure that both commercial and residential properties can quickly recover following a major storm. Community Board #1 asks that you support our request to create a plan for the hardening of the shoreline in order to protect both established and future projects in the area.

Provide the last phase of funding for the Goodhue Park purchase. This \$17 million will add the crucial last phase of the North Shore Greenbelt and provide recreational opportunities for the North Shore communities.

**Provide sufficient capital funding to develop the infrastructure for the Mayor's signature "Bay Street Corridor" plan.** This will include a study to see if Bay Street can be made one-way; the construction of sewers along the corridor; the development of a new school on the Homeport; a new precinct and a new fire house reflective of the great population increase; relocation and other housing help for those who will be displaced; increased Argus cameras along the corridor; and, job training and apprenticeships for residents wanting work during the corridor's build-out.

Improve the infrastructure along major corridors in preparation of growing business and residential population. Community Board #1 is requesting infrastructure improvements to both the street and sewer grid along major corridors such as Forest Avenue, Port Richmond Avenue, Richmond Terrace and Victory Boulevard to be able to absorb the impact of increased use and we especially request capital improvements within the Bay Street corridor, including schools and expanded funding for our hospitals.

We respectfully request your support so that together we can guarantee the future success of the North Shore.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 24-17-BZ - Reinstate variance for the gasoline service station and accessory uses which was granted under cal. # 960-58-BZ at 1400 Bay Street.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate variance for a term of 20 years retroactive to 2005 with an option to renew for 10 years in 2025.

Roll call vote taken, vote passed 30-0-0 (1 ineligible)

Hand vote taken to send a letter to the Board of Standards & Appeals to ask that they notify the applicants that have variances that are going to expire.

A motion was made to send a letter of support for the Bridge Preparatory Charter School for Creative Thinkers

Hand vote taken. Vote passed 34-1-0.

#### **APRIL 2017**

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2017-43-BZ, 140 Hendricks Avenue – Application is submitted to construct a new single family detached home, contrary to side-yard and open area regulations.

The area committee had no objection. The Attorney was present at the Land Use Public Hearing; there was nobody in attendance from the public opposed to the application, and the Land Use Committee approved 5-1-1 (1 ineligible).

Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Roll call vote taken, vote passed 27-5-0.

Honorable Mayor DeBlasio City Hall New York City

Dear Mayor DeBlasio:

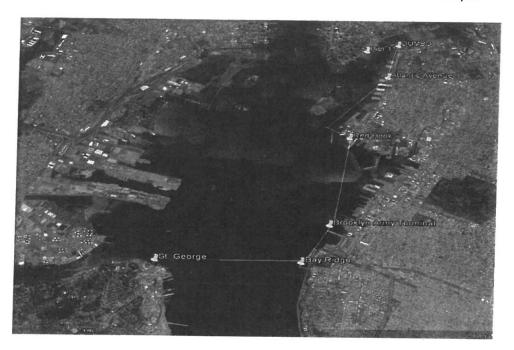
On April 11, 2017 Community Board #1 voted unanimously to request the City's consideration for expanded, truly comprehensive Citywide Ferry service. Our letter is in response to the notable omission of a Staten Island connection under the current program.

Given that the South Brooklyn Route (Wall Street - DUMBO - Atlantic Avenue - Brooklyn Army Terminal - Bay Ridge) will cost the same amount as a subway ride and take less than 10 minutes in transit time, we see it as a feasible and strategically sound request for the City to extend one, final leg of the route to connect Bay Ridge to St. George.

Creating this connector route would provide hundreds of thousands of residents with frequent, affordable service between the North Shore and the Brooklyn Waterfront, access to subways (N/R are a short walk from Bay Ridge), significantly reduce traffic from main commuter points and from the future developments, and provide free, easy transfers to the ferries to Midtown Manhattan.

The \$1+ billion investment by the New York Wheel, Empire Outlets and Lighthouse Point will attract millions of visitors to the North Shore of Staten Island. There will be substantial market demand for alternative forms of transportation to visit and work in the North Shore. This investment, along with the City's commitment to extend ferry service, offers a unique opportunity to reconnect the boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island with ferry service.

The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$15 toll and an hour commute, could be implemented with minimal cost and effort providing incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of Staten Island and Brooklyn.



South Brooklyn - North Shore Ferry Service

#### Benefits:

- Capital expenditure: Developers in St. George are in the process of negotiating an agreement with NYCEDC to install a ferry dock. Developers have agreed to assume responsibility for the capital expenditure and the maintenance of the facility.
- Traffic: There will be significant demand for Brooklyn and Queens residents to visit the New York Wheel and Empire Outlets. There are limited public transportation options from these boroughs to the North Shore. Many of these visitors will choose to drive, pay the \$15 toll, and add additional pressure to an already over-burdened Staten Island road system. There are currently underutilized parking facilities at both Brooklyn Army terminal and in Red Hook. A park and ride system to the North Shore will save those visitors time and money, while helping relieve traffic congestion.
- Jobs: The recent growth scene in Brooklyn and Manhattan has resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs. Currently, there is no affordable transportation opportunity connecting residents of downtown Staten Island to those job opportunities. Additionally, The New York Wheel, Empire Outlets and Lighthouse Point projects will create thousands of permanent jobs.

Under the current situation, these jobs would be physically difficult to access for communities, such as the Red Hook Houses, due to lack of transportation options. A low-cost transportation alternative will give both of these boroughs access to the new jobs.

- Ferry system efficiency: Most of the visitation to the North Shore will be a reverse commute, with travel to the North Shore on mornings and midday, and returning in the evening. This pattern fills seats on the ferry that would otherwise go empty, increasing efficiency and improving the viability of the system. Additionally, there will be significant weekend demand to visit the North Shore benefiting that portion of the service.
- Subsidy: Subsidy for adding St. George to the South Brooklyn route will be comparably limited due to the significant demand, ferry service efficiency, and developer contributions to infrastructure investment. The additional ridership would significantly reduce the subsidy per passenger on the South Brooklyn route.

As always, thank you for your concern and consideration.

Reverse roll call vote taken. Vote passed unanimously.

Pat Foye, Executive Director
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
4 World Trade Center
250 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Bayonne bridge discontinuance of Carpool plan

Dear Mr. Foye:

At the April 11, 2017 full Board Meeting Community Board 1, which represents approximately 175,000 of 476,015 residents on Staten Island's North Shore voted unanimously on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, it was announced that the new Bayonne Bridge roadway was opening and "Cashless Tolls" would be in effect. The implementation of cashless tolls would lead to the end of the carpool plan for the Bayonne Bridge. The community was never given any information that this change was coming during the previous NJ/NJ PA meetings held in 2013 at Snug Harbor and then again in May 2014 during the Town Hall meeting held at Port Richmond High School. However, on February 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, E-Z Pass sent an email to its customers stating "Please note that the E-Z Pass Carpool Plan will no longer be available at the Bayonne Bridge with the start of the Cashless Tolling beginning February 20".

The rationale behind making this decision without consulting with the community board is disappointing. In an article published in the Staten Island Advance on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, it

was reported that "According to the Port Authority, the carpool discount was the least used discount on the Bayonne Bridge last year".

In terms of Monthly Traffic and Percent of E-Z Pass usage posted on NY/NJ's website it was reported that vehicles utilizing EZ pass on the Bayonne Bridge were:

2011 3,536,426

2012 3,498,502

2013 3, 440,380

2014 2, 777,823

2015 2,057,674

2016 1,681,408

While these numbers are accurate, the drop in vehicles on the Bayonne Bridge is a direct result of the bridge being closed approximately 16 hours a day, 7 days per week for the past 3 years. Therefore, the conclusion that the carpool was the least utilized program is inaccurate, because, it does not factor in the reduction in vehicle usage based on the closures. However, when we review the statistics between 2011 and 2013, the NY/NJ PA would have come to a more accurate conclusion on the actual utilization

of the program. Additionally, it is our understanding that the new Goethals Bridge will continue to have access to the carpool program due to its current rates of utilization, however, it must be noted that the

CB1 – PA Car Pool Bayonne Bridge reason there has been an increase in vehicle usage on the Goethals Bridge is due in part to vehicles being detoured to the Goethals Bridge during the hours that the Bayonne Bridge has been closed.

Based on the 2011-2013 statistics it can also be concluded that there will be an increase in vehicle usage of the Bayonne Bridge as a result of the bridge now being closed less than 16 hours per day as it was prior to the new roadway being completed.

Studies have shown us that carpooling can reduce gas emissions in the air, by encouraging people to travel in one vehicle rather than utilizing multiple vehicles. It can also reduce the financial burden on residents on Staten Island, who are always forced to have to pay a toll to return home.

We are asking that the NY/NJ Port Authority reconsider re-instating the carpool plan on the Bayonne Bridge. This should include some form of an appeal process for existing and new carpool plan enrollees to request reimbursement. We look forward to receiving a response from your agency soon.

Reverse roll call vote taken, vote passed unanimously.

#### **MAY 2017**

letter to the Landmark Commission requesting Landmarking St. Mary's Church 1101 Bay Street. Reverse roll call taken, vote passed unanimously.

JUNE MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON TONIGHT.

#### LAND USE

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2016-4465-BZ, 129 Anderson Street – Application to permit construction of a two-story, two-family residence on a vacant lot within an R3A zoning district that does not meet lot coverage/open space, floor area ratio, lot area/width, front yard, side yard and accessory parking requirements.

Motion made to deny due to numerous and voluminous variance requests. Motion seconded.

Motion passed Land Use Committee - 8-0-0.

Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 2017-150-BZ, 77 Thompson Street, Application to permit construction of a cellar and four story non-residential use on the ground floor.

Motion made to approve as submitted. Motion seconded. Motion passed Land Use Committee - 7-1-0.

Department of City Planning Application Nos. 160174 ZSR and 150359 MMR for the South Avenue Retail Development located at 534 South Avenue, SI (the "ULURP Applications")

Motion made to approve with the condition that all tractor trailers use Forest Avenue as ingress and egress. Motion seconded.

Motion passed Land Use Committee - 8-0-0.

**Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee** 

Letter of Support for legislation for Design Build.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Letter to DOT –approve ferry ramp bike lanes.