

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joe Ahlstrom
Ali Mir Masum, Excused
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow, Excused
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown, Absent
Sandy Carles, Absent
Loretta Cauldwell
Anastasia Ciluffo
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas, Excused
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radhakrishna
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Absent
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer
Fran Reali, Absent
Chris Rooney
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
James Samuels, Absent
Anthony Scutari
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona, Excused
Haken Tale, Absent
George Turner, Excused
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Bob Zion
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Anthony Catalano, Public Administrator
Patrick Lewis, CAU Rep. Mayor DeBlasio
Donald DeRosa, Rep. NYC Comptroller Stringer
Robert Binthead, Rep. Congressman Donovan
Roland Steward, Rep. Borough President Oddo
Troy McGhie, Rep. Councilwoman Rose
Mark Zink, Rep. Assemblyman Titone
Cara Buoninconti, Rep. Assemblywoman Malliotakis
Laureen Primerano, Director Ocean Breeze Track
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation
Michael Schnall, VP Community Relations NYRR
Joan Cusack, Director Human Resources Administration
Jermaine Williams, NYC Health Dept.
Jenny Fischman, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Timothy Pezzolli, ADA Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Stacy Gardener, NYC DOITT LINK NYC
Alize Garcia, NYC DOITT LINK NYC
Jorge Ventura, Dept. of City Planning
Daniel Viera, Dept. of City Planning
Michael Morrell, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Kelly Vilar, St. George Resident
Theresa Torres, Waterview Court
Phillip Coard, Port Richmond Strong
Andre Mozeak, NYC Citizen Committee Grants
Ruth Bonden, Auburn Avenue
Bernard Bowden, Auburn Avenue
Diana Caughell, Non. Board Member WB/St. George LU
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing
Marjorie Gumbs, Pierce Street
Ralph Porzio, WB Resident
Ashley Zanatta, Tobacco Free Staten Island

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator

A Land Use Public Hearing was called to order by Land Use Chairman Vincent Accornero at 6:45 P.M. prior to the Board Meeting.

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Ms. Anagnostou, AIA, informed that this is a Push Fitness Club operating on the first and second floors and was previously Planet Fitness that closed in 2017. The premise has existing approved and operating fire alarm system and is connected to the Fire Department. This is more of an upscale gym, prices with personal trainers available and fitness classes. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from noon until 10:00 P.M. Saturday and Sunday 7:00 A.M. -9:00 P.M.

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Ms. Kalilah Stewart, Michael Molinaro, Victoria Giordano and Nick Carlson from NYC DOT were in attendance regarding the maintenance facility.

Ms. Stewart explained that the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) is a co-applicant on the application and would like to acquire privately-owned property. The property has been least since 1990. The facility employees 20 employees who maintain the DOT fleet and equipment. There are 38 parking spaces at the site, 17 interior and 21 exterior. Employees park on-site.

LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

The following motions were made, seconded and approved as follows:

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Motion made, seconded and approved by the Land Use Committee 7-0-0.

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LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOUNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made, seconded to accept September 2018 Full Board Minutes.

Mr. Anthony Catalano, Public Administrator. Mr. Catalano explained his office is responsible for the handling property and money of Staten Island residents that do not have wills or the means for burial. As Public Administrator of Staten Island if an unknown person is found or if a Staten Island resident does not have the funds for a burial he insures that they are not shipped off to Potters Field in the Bronx, he works with the local cemeteries on the Island and burial is done here, this is the only Borough that does this.

Mr. Catalano further mentioned the importance of having a Will and informing a couple of people where the Will is kept.

Chairman Nicolas Siclari presented Sal Fabozzi of "Because We Can Sports" a Certificate of Recognition. The organization runs sports programs for kids with disabilities.

Mr. Fabozzi is currently a College Basketball Coach in Brooklyn. Because we Can sports runs out of Holy Family. They are in the process of opening a second branch in Fresh Kills.

Chairman Siclari reminded anyone can recommend somebody to be honored. As Chairman, he would like to honor an organization or individual that deserves to be recognized.

Ms. Lauren Primerano, Director of Ocean Breeze Track and Field and Michael Schnall, Vice President Community Relations, New York Road Runners spoke of two important track meets coming up in 2019 which will draw a lot of visitors to Staten Island that will utilize our hotels, restaurants and businesses. On February 22 through the 24th 2019 the United States America Track and Field will hold the National Indoor Championship at the Ocean Breeze Facility on Fr. Capodanno. Winners will move on to compete in China.

Ms. Primerano mentioned the facility opened in 2015. Programs they offer are community programming – a youth Track and Field team which, the Secretary of the Board, Anjail Ameen-Rice is a member of, fitness programs, community events etc. There are currently 3,000 senior members at the facility. Children under 18 receive free membership, young adults and seniors are \$25 a year and all others are \$100.

Mr. Schnall and Ms. Primerano encouraged everyone to come out and check out the facility.

Ms. Alize Garcia; Community Affairs Manager LINK NYC stated about 7 months ago they joined with a company to replace pay phone and providing free Wi Fi to New Yorkers. This enables users to free phone calls, information searches, emergency service access, info about your neighborhood, weather etc. - there are currently 5 million subscribers. LINK NYC is in the process of bringing 6 links to the CB#1 area, 150, 155 Bay Street, 26 Central Avenue, and 35 Richmond Terrace. LINK NYC works with DOITT to pick locations. DOITT.

Ms. Ashley Zanatta, Tobacco Free Staten Island stated has been a stated there 4 main initiatives are Tobacco Marketing , Tobacco free outdoors, tobacco programs to become an advocate and JCC Program, second hand smoke. For more information go to: www.tobaccofreestatenisland.com

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Kelly Vilar spoke of creating an Educational Waterfront Pier to include ecology of the river, educational programming and possibly soccer fields. There will be a caucus on October 30, 2018 to talk about the waterfront.

Jorge Ventura, Department of City Planning spoke of the 2 tours of the Bay Street Corridor that that Community Board #1 had requested. Flyers were in the back of the Room for Saturday October 20, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. and Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Ms. Theresa Torres, Skyline Point Homeowners Association spoke of the problems they have been having since Sandy regarding the retaining wall. The Association has been sued by the City of New York.

The association is going back to court October 19, 2018. The wall protects 27 2-family homes. Part of the wall has been repaired, not all of it. The Association needs help to move the permit process along.

Mr. Phillip Coard, Port Richmond Strong spoke opposing the 2 hotels planned in Port Richmond. 2,000 signatures were collected against the hotels, residents afraid going to turn into homeless shelter.

Andre Mozeak, Citizens Committee NYC spoke of grants available to civic associations and block associations for murals, after school programs, hobby nights, volunteer firefighters, community gardens etc. Flyers were left; you can reach Ms. Mozeak at Amozeak@citizens.nyc.org or apply at www.citizens.nyc.org

Ms. Jenny Fischman from District Attorney Michael McMahon introduced Timothy Pezzolli an ADA for District Attorney Michael McMahon.

On October 27, 2018 – There will be a Pet Parade at Clove Lakes Park – flyers were left.

Mr. Jermaine Williams gave an update on Department of Health issues; starting October 15 they will be implementing a system to get birth certificates on-line. You can go to NYC.GOV/Vital records

Troy McGhie representing Councilwoman Debi Rose spoke of a Fun Far and Weekend Walk on October 13, 2018 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. starting in Tappen Park, everyone is welcome to attend. There will be live performances, dj, free bike helmets, zoo animals and much more. Flyers were left in the back of the room.

Donald DeRosa representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer announced the Italian Breakfast on October 17, 2018 in lower Manhattan, next year they are going to see if they can have it on Staten Island - if anyone is interested please see him. Mr. DeRosa also spoke of property taxes.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

MEGAN DELMAR – The Capital and Expense items will be presented under Budget.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – It is very important that members attend their respective area and functional committee meetings and the full Board Meetings.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

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

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI - Chairman, Siclari reminded the members the importance of attending their respective committee meetings.

JOSEPH CARROLL, DISTRICT MANAGER – Mr. Carroll announced the marathon will be on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – Mr. Accornero stated the Land Use Committee was held prior the Board Meeting this evening. The following applications were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

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Motion made, seconded and approved 29-0-0 (1 ineligible)

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Motion made seconded and approved 29-0-1.

Mr. Accornero mentioned the 2 walking tours of the Bay Street Corridor; flyers were left in the back of the room with the website to RSVP. You must RSVP to attend. All members are urged to attend, if you do not questions will not be answered at the Board Meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTOV – Mr. Zvegintzov has been attending meetings with the Borough Presidents Office for ferries – A motion was made to send a letter to NYC EDC as follows:

“CB1 recommends the following sites on the North Shore of Staten Island for future expansion of the NYC Ferry:

Old Place / Goethals
Port Richmond
Snug Harbor
St. George (to Brooklyn)
Stapleton
Fort Wadsworth”

Ms. Gillen was concerned about the parking at the Port Richmond site; she mentioned that there currently is no parking.

Mr. Zvegintzov stated that the City spent millions of dollars building both docks and will most likely not occur for years.

Mr. Carroll stated that there are buses as well that stop right there.

Hand vote taken to send letter, motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRER – Ms. Poirer spoke of the Gotham Health Center on Tompkins and Vanderbilt Avenues, they are hiring new employees, when hired, and the center will expand their hours.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – There will be a Waterfront Meeting on October 22, 2018 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – There was no meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – A meeting was held last week, minutes are in the packet. There will be a meeting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY, - Mr. Rooney is the Community Board #1 representative at Snug Harbor. At the Steering Committee, the members approved the following:

Community Board #1 has no objection to the two aspects of Snug Harbor's electrical upgrade project, which is needed to replace the old transformer that blew out during one of the recent storms. I have

attached the 6 pages from the 25-page report on the project that show the aspects of the project that we have been asked to comment on, which consist of (a) the replacement of two louvres on Building L with two new louvres of the same kind, and (b) replacement of two standard windows on Building G with two more louvres, to permit better air circulation for the safety of both the equipment and the employees who sometimes have to work in that building, as well as replacement of the door to that building with a newer door of the same kind, in order to bring it up to code requirements.

(A letter of no objection will go to the Public Design Commission)

Reverse roll call taken, vote passed unanimously.

STEERING COMMITTEE, MEGAN DELMAR – The Steering Committee met and approved unanimously the submission of FY'2019 Capital and Expense Budget items that are included in the packet.

Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously to submit the items as presented in the packet. If anyone would like a copy of the items submitted please contact lcrosby@cb.nyc.gov.

Mr. Accornero requested a procedure be put in place to lobby our State Elected Officials to have input into the State Budget.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – CTV has agreed to work with the Board to hold auditions for the talent show the committee has been working on for youth.

The Snug Harbor Theatre will be closing soon for expansion and renovations.

Mr. Guzzo has been working with the Bad Graduate Center driving around in a truck pointing out cultural sites around the 5 boroughs.

VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION - Veterans Day is November 11, 2018 – Mr. Zion will be inviting a representative from Veterans Affairs to speak at the November Board Meeting.

LABOR, PRISCILLA MARCO AND VICTORIA GILLEN – Ms. Gillen reminded any Veterans if they have an exemption on their property tax to make sure it is still in place, must be in by January. At the last meeting apprenticeship opportunities that are available.

CIVIC, VICTORIA GILLEN - There will be a meeting on October 29, 2018 – 7:00 P.M. at the Board Office to discuss Zombie properties.

PARKS, MEGAN DELMAR/NORMAN LIGHT – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. On October 11, 2018, Mr. McBeth will be giving a civics lesson – pizza and politics. Please see Mr. McBeth for more information.

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW - Minutes are included in the packet.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – Ms. Cauldwell asked that members check to see what committees they are members of, they have not had a quorum at their meeting. It is imperative that you attend your respective committee meetings that you are assigned to.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSYTH –

Minutes of the meeting are in the packet. Ms. Zarrelli reiterated Ms. Cauldwell that members must come out to the meeting.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – Minutes are included in the packet.

Mr. Guzzo asked if the Cultural Committee can look into the kiosk at the ferry terminals – possibly college students can direct visitors to cultural institutions and attractions. They can do this as a project and get credit.

Chairman Siclari reported that he thinks the Downtown Alliance is working on that.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED.

