

+COMMUNITY BOARD #1 VIRTUAL FULL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero, Absent
Joseph Ahlstrom
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird
Telee Brown
Sandy Carles, Absent
Loretta Cauldwell
Anastasia Ciluffo, Excused
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle, Excused
Claudette Duff
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
John Guzzo, Absent
Celeste Holmes, Absent
Robert Holst
Sunny Jain
Lisa Lattanzio, Absent
Norman Light
Ali Mir-Masum
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky, Excused
Friday Ogbewele
Ole Olsen
Ernest Paige
Catherine Paradiso, Excused
Amy Poirer, Excused
Fran Reali
Christopher Rooney
Mohan Radharkrishn
James Samuels
Anthony Scutari
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona, Excused
George Turner, Absent
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Steven Williams
Camille Zarrelli
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Edward Jackson, Mayor's Office, CAU
Setonji Agosa, Rep. MOA Fall
Lisa Thompson, Rep. District Attorney Michael McMahon
Elena Brady, Rep. Councilman Steven Matteo
Dbagut Hanan
Frank Fontana, Department of Buildings
Nicole Brooks, Parks Department
Joan Cusack, Executive Director HRA
Jermaine Williams, Borough Coordinator HRA
Joseph Helferty, Department of City Planning
Brian Cachedi
Mark Anderson, Westerleigh Improvement Society
Mary Bullock, Port Richmond Strong
Mario Buonviaggio, Port Richmond Strong
Marsha Russell, Bay Street Landing
Sarah Gowell, Bay Street Landing
Lillian Lagazzo, Bay Street Landing
Ernie Stiletto
Julianna Bartels,
Dawn Marie Lupo
Jennifer Sanchez, Circle of Care
Jennifer Jennings, Executive Director Rebecca Little Survivors Day Camp
Desiree Scott, Rebecca Little Survivors Mini Day Camp
Julianna Bartles, Circle of Care

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Coordinator
Linda Maffeo, Community Associate

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the virtual meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
Chairman Siclari's son, Nicky, lead the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Loretta Cauldwell took roll call attendance.
Quorum present.

Motion made seconded and approved to accept June 2020 Board Minutes.

A moment of silence was given for Charlotte Mentzer-Sharma, she was a wonderful woman that fought on important issues on the north shore.

John McBeth presented Jennifer Jennings and Desiree Scott with a certificate of recognition for their wonderful work in assisting children who have experienced trauma, a loss of a family member.

Jennifer Jennings and Desiree Scott thanked the Board for the recognition. This is the fourth year the camp has been running helping kids that really need the help. Ms. Jennings and Ms. Scott also thanked the Borough President for all his support with the program.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Jennifer Sanchez and Julianna Bartles, Circle of Care mentioned they have been working in Staten Island for four and a half years. They provide in home care for people with Dementia, Parkinson's etc. The services are free, and we encourage anyone that knows or needs help to contact them. There will be two events at the end of the month, September 23rd and 24th for healthy aging for older adults. There will be speakers from Northwell Hospital and Maimonides Hospital at 3:00 P.M.

Ms. Lisa Thompson, Community Liaison with District Attorney Michael McMahon's Office spoke of the following:

The Protecting our Pets Contest for the 2021 calendar to spread the awareness on animal abuse is on – if you would like your pet in the calendar photos must be submitted by September 21, 2020.

Saturday September 19, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the Central Family Life Center there is a gun buy-back event gift cards ranging from \$25-\$200 will be distributed depending on the type of weapons, no questions will be asked.

Lastly, the Youth Counsel Assembly for ages 14-19 is being run by Marcy Bishop, if any young folks are interested, please register.

Mario Buonviaggio with Port Richmond strong mentioned they cleaned 3 lots and properties. We are delivering the garbage to the owner's residence. We have also been cleaning up parks.

There was a 7 -day event to support the NCOs in Port Richmond.

Mr. Buonviaggio has been trying to help people in the area get jobs and, lastly a thank you to Congressman Rose and Senator Savino who have shown they do the work.

Jermaine Williams, Borough Coordinator Human Resources Administration mentioned business as usual HRA is there if you need a one-shot deal to pay you rent, need SNAP benefits etc. Just give a call.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Mr. Siclari thanked everyone for attending the virtual meeting. This is not the ideal way to meet and hopefully soon meetings can be held in person.

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – There will be a Budget Public Hearing on October 5, 2020. Details to be sent.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, TIMOTHY FORSYTH – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – The report will be sent to all Board Members for the October Board Meeting.

SECRETARY, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – The budget does not look good for the coming fiscal year. The Economic Development Corporation budget has been put on a long-term hold. The Community Board Office has been lucky thus far.

Nicholas Zvegintzov worked with an intern this summer on a good project which he will speak about.

FUNCTIONAL COMIMITEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – No meeting. There will be an in-person Land Use Public Hearing on October 7th with a rain date on the 8th. We will be meeting at Mt. Carmel, 276 Virginia Avenue for an application to permit construction of a residential building, which does not front on a legally mapped street contrary to General City Law 36. – 10 Jasmine Way – 1534 Victory Blvd.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMY POIRIER – No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – Sanitation is gearing up for snow season, garbage pick up will soon be resuming to night schedule.

YOUTH SERVICES, ERNEST PAIGE – A virtual meeting was held, minutes were forwarded.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO – The Budget Public Hearing for FY 2022 will be a virtual meeting held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – Mr. Zvegintzov showed slides with data that they received through Teralytics Inc. regarding traffic on Staten Island where do people travel to work, school, off Island etc. It was an entire summer project that he worked with an intern. We have the five boroughs, Long Island, Westchester, Englewood, Clifton, Elizabeth, Newark and the Jersey Shore. We

collected data from December 2019 before the lock down, for more information please contact Mr. Zvegintzov. A link is also available for anyone interested.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR, ROBERT HOLST – Mr. Holt spoke about the school bus drivers. The City has not given them any idea when they will go back to work. There has been some overlap between laboring issues and the city not being forthcoming with parents of kids coming back to school. Mr. Holst son will be virtual learning on September 21, 2020. They are making it very hard for parents to plan for the coming school year. In addition, school bus drivers delivered food to persons in need through this pandemic. Perhaps we can write to the City and find out what the plan is for the start of the school year. Lastly have a happy Labor Day.

Mr. Carroll responded to Mr. Holst that we tried to get to the bottom of the bus issue. We received nothing from the Mayor's Office of the Commissioner's office. We were contacted by the union people as well.

We also had an issue with city bus drivers who were being assaulted on Bay Street and Mr. Holst was able to resolve that situation.

Mr. Holst mentioned the Mr. Danny Cassella helped with Councilwoman Rose

Chairman Nicholas Siclari noted that DOE has no plan, it is a work in progress. Some schools had a plan, and some schools are just winging it. We do not know what days kids will be in school and what days they will be remote.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – No report.

PARKS & RECREATION, NORMAN LIGHT – A virtual meeting will be held with the Mariners Harbor and Stapleton Area Committee on September 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. regarding a comfort station at Luis Lopez park and construction at Faber Park. Details will be forwarded.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE, LORETTA CAULDWELL – No meeting scheduled

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH/WILLOWBROOK, TIMOHTY FORSYTH/CAMILLE ZARRELLI – No meeting has been scheduled.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – There will be an in-person meeting on September 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M at 276 Virginia Avenue.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – Mr. McBeth has been gracious enough to host his Mariners Harbor/Port Richmond Meeting with the Parks Committee and Stapleton. There will be two presentations for Faber Park and the comfort station at Luis Lopez Park. The meeting will be held virtual on September 15, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. – details of the meeting will be sent.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Claudette Duff questioned using zoom for the meetings. Mr. Carroll explained that the City has provided Webex.

Mr. Sunny Jain mentioned that he had a bad experience with zoom and preferred webex.

It was noted that everyone must mute themselves when on virtual meetings, if they do not there will be issues on whatever program is used. This is not an ideal situation and at this time we can not hold Board Meetings and large meetings in person.

NEW BUSINESS

The Census is winding down, 68% of the north shore have filled out the census. Ms. Jennifer Grey-Brumskine was supposed to address the Board this evening, she was not present.

Meeting adjourned.

