Committee Members Present
Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board
Harold Kozak, Chair Quality of Life Committee
John Cassese
Patricia Conway
Jerome Goldman, Chair “SLA” Committee
Verna Lauria
Dennis McKeon
Michael Valentino

Committee Members Absent
Michael DiPilato
David A. Pascarella
Diane Peruggia, Chair Human Resources Committee

Staff:
Charlene Wagner, District Manager
Stacey Wertheim, Community Coordinator

Guests:
Janella Guardia, representing Assemblyman Castorina
Mayank Parikh, Pharmacist at Superhealth Pharmacy
8 area residents

Harold Kozak commenced the Quality of Life Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Contact Session:
- Michael Greco, a resident of Brooklyn spoke about his observations regarding problems with litter on Staten Island. He requested signage be displayed stating “Do Not Litter Fines Strictly Enforced.” The committee referred Mr. Greco to Councilman Borelli’s office as there is a NYC Code prohibiting littering, but reforms to that law were recently passed. Mr. Greco was also advised to call 311 whenever there is litter to officially document the complaint, especially if a location has a chronic littering issue. With that documentation people can also contact their elected officials for action.
  Dennis McKeon offered to have the Where-To-Turn organization clean up specific sites. He advised that Mr. Greco give the locations to Councilman Borelli’s staff.
  Mr. Greco also requested street cleaning regularly by the Department of Sanitation on Staten Island and suggested organizing residents i.e. Tottenville Clean, to keep their communities clean as well as educate residents more about littering.
- Goodwin Halvorsen, a longtime resident of Joline Lane spoke against the re-establishment of an access path and fence in the bounds of Conference House Park along Page Avenue to Sprague Avenue. He stated that permitting this public access will increase crime in the neighborhood, especially at night, and that the path will invade his right to privacy. Mr. Halvorsen also requested sidewalks on Page Avenue (along the newly installed fence) at Hylan Boulevard making it safer for school children walking to P.S. 6.
The Committee advised him that PARKS as a rule does not install sidewalks or curbs along their properties abutting the city streets. The Committee suggested that Mr. Halvorsen contact the NYPD 123rd Precinct Council for the crime concerns, and Councilman Borelli’s office to discuss sidewalks. His concerns regarding the Tottenville Shoreline Protection Project should be directed to our NYS elected officials, as this is part of the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Project by Governor Cuomo’s Office of Storm Recovery.

Additionally, he was advised to report of neighborhood complaints to 311 in order to document unsafe conditions or complaints in his neighborhood.

- Kerry Halvorsen, also a resident of Joline Lane, requested information about the restoration of the Conference House Pavilion. She also suggested moving the Breakwaters Hub to the Pavilion area. (A conceptual water hub is proposed for the end of Page Avenue that will serve as an essential portion of the project by promoting stewardship and education on the environment) Ms. Halvoarsen was also referred to our state elected officials; Senator Andrew Lanza and Assemblyman Ronald Castorina.

- Super Health Pharmacy representative, Mayank Parikh, Pharmacist advised the committee that Naloxone “Narcan” is a safe medication that can prevent death when administered during an opioid overdose is available at participating pharmacies, without a prescription under a the standing order issued by the City Health Commissioner. Narcan medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. It cannot be used to get a person high. If given to a person who has not taken opioids it will not have any effect on them, since there is no opioid overdose to reverse. Pharmacist Parikh also demonstrated how Narcan is administered to the committee members and was invited to attend the General Board Meeting to educate the rest of the Community Board members and the general public on this product and how it is administered in an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Kozak
Harold Kozak,  
Chair Quality of Life Committee

Jerome Goldman
Jerome Goldman
Chair “SLA” Committee