

**CB#1 FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA –
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

In Person – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church – 347 Davis Avenue

SESSION OPENING Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call Attendance, Acceptance of Minutes, Public Session

PUBLIC SESSION: Agnes McBeth, Jermaine Williams, Cathleen Kenny, Mario Buonviaggio, Neil Anastasio, Sergey Thuprik

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell
- Treasurer, Sunny Jain
- Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, George Turner – **1. Signal Hill Road 2. Martling Avenue Bridge Fence**
- Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation – Joseph Bird
- Small Business & Non-Profit Committee, Jaclyn Tacoronte

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Labor, Robert Holst
- Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino –
- Cultural Affairs, Anthony Sgarlato -
<https://sites.google.com/view/cb-1-cultural-site/home>
- Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff
- West Brighton, Anthony Cosentino
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Timothy Forsyth
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo
- Mariner’s Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner
- Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi

Old Business / New Business / Adjournment

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call or e-mail Loretta Cauldwell or the Board Office prior to the meeting at 1-718-981-6900 – Linda Maffeo, lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov.

CB1 Land Use Public Hearing Committee Meeting – Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30PM – Virtual on Zoom.

Board Members

George Turner, Chair, AIA
Nicholas Siclari, Ex. Officio
Michelle Akyempong, ab
Tatiana Arguello, ab
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut, ab
Anthony Cosentino
John Guzzo, ex
Robert Holst
Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi, ab
Nicole Meyers, ab
Friday Ogbewe
Fran Reali, ab
Anthony Sgarlato, ab
Katheleen Coen

Non-Board Members

Phil Farinacci
Charles Olson
Lisa I. Barbieri
Lindy Peter Crescitelli

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests: Michael Sanna, R.A., Neil Anastasio, FRRCA, Patrick Timoney, Haakon Christensen,

Presentation:

1. Signal Hill Road - A private application by Westside Guy Realty Corp. seeking Hillside authorization pursuant to ZR 119-311 to facilitate construction of a driveway to an existing house at 64 Signal Hill Road (Tentative Lot 110) in Grymes Hill neighborhood, Community District #1, Staten Island.

Motion to approve as presented.

11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention

2. Discussion to send a letter regarding the Martling Avenue Bridge Fence. CB#1 does not approve of the barrier wanting a barrier-free access. City should have lower fences.

Motion to restore to its original design.

11 Yes, passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM.

MOTIONS

Land Use Public Hearing Agenda (Virtual on Zoom) December 3, 2024

Meeting ID: 275 566 6837

Passcode: E3sv3p

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Signal Hill Road – A private application (N250001ZAR) by Westside Guy Realty Corp. seeking Hillside authorization pursuant to ZR 119-311 to facilitate construction of a driveway to an existing house at 64 Signal Hill Road (Tentative Lot 110) in Grymes Hill neighborhood, Community District #1, Staten Island. Presentation given by Michael Sanna R.A.

Motion to approve as presented.

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention

Martling Avenue Bridge Fence

Motion to send a letter to restore to its original design. CB#1 does not approve of the barrier. City should have lower fences.

11 yes – Passed unanimously.

**Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
In Person, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue.**

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman – Excused
Anthony Cosentino, 1st Vice Chair – Called the meeting to order.

Members

Joe Ahlstrom
Michelle Akyempong
Arguello, Tatiana
Berksteiner, Dora
Berksteiner, Doreen
Joseph Bird ex
Allison Brown ex
Telee Brown ab
Christopher Campbell
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut
Kathleen Coen
Christopher Corbo ab
Anthony Cosentino
Claudette Duff
Samir Farag
Timothy Forsyth ex
Selina Grey ab
John Guzzo ab
Robert Holst ex
Linda Huff ab
Sunny Jain
Linda Juarbe ex

Lillian Lagazzo
Peter Lisi
Ali Lula
David McGoy ab
Nicole Meyers ab
Mohan Radhakrishna
Alina Nevradakis ab
Friday Ogbewe
Ernest Paige ab
Francine Reali ex
Joshua Renta ex
Cindy Salzillo ab
Catherine Schiavone ex
Anthony Scutari
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil ex
Nicholas Siclari ex
Jaclyn Tacoronte ab
George Turner
Steven Williams ex

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Councilwoman, Kamillah Hanks, Marie LaFrancesca, Borough President Vito Fossella's office, Mike Arvenitis of Councilmember Kamillah Hanks, Deputy Inspector of the 120 Precinct, Eric Waldhelm, Agnes McBeth, DA McMahon's office, Carlos Gonzalez, ADA McMahon's office, Prince Cobbina, Beth Stern, Kelly Yim, Mario Buonviaggio, Makeda Campbell, Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office, Jermaine Williams, Cathleen Kenny, Asssemblyman Sam Pirozzolo's office, Mark Albin, Bruce Lauria, Andrew Dorman, Anthony Navarino, Brenton Mitchell, F. Marra, Diane & Marshall Dubio, Catherine Anastasio, Neil Anastasio, Maryann Dipilli, Nadia Fabozzi.

6:31 PM Meeting called to order by Acting Chair, Anthony Cosentino, 1st Vice Chair with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker:

Eric Waldhelm, New Commanding Officer. 120th Precinct – There for 5 months. Prior to that, 2022 – 2024, I was Commanding Officer at the 121 Precinct. 2019-2022, 2nd in Command in the 120 Precinct. Lifelong Staten Islander. Attended Curtis High School and happy to help them out in any way I can. Crime is down 10% compared to last year. Some tips in the cold weather. Don't warm up your car and leave the keys or valuables in the car. There are people flipping door handles, we call it car hopping. Detective Connor will be here if you have any questions.

Councilmember Kamillah Hanks: A round of applause for our Commanding Officer of the 120. We are against Congestion Pricing and Governor Hochul should not lift the pause. This is borough discrimination. This gives an undue burden of tax on Staten Islanders. The pride center will be able to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. I'm here to discuss the Martling Avenue Bridge regarding the "ugly" fence that has been constructed. Please give a round of applause to our DOT Borough Commissioner Roseann Caruana. This bridge was done by the Central office of DOT Bridges and Tunnels in NYC. They sent a letter to all the elected officials & Community Boards. The letter said they would be doing some remediation, cleanup and some fencing. It is our fault if we missed that but when you say fencing, that does not explain what was put up there. We are all upset, myself and the Borough President, etc. I want to thank the Borough Commissioner Roseann Caruana who got in touch with the necessary agency and they explained what happened with the bridge and why it was put up. They said safety reasons but there is a gap in the fence so that doesn't make sense. Thursday, 11/14, 2:30PM, there will be a press conference with the borough president on the bridge. We are calling for the removal of the fence. We were not in office when this was designed but it doesn't excuse us but it wasn't specific enough to send out an alert. I am introducing a bill that requires bridges and DOT to submit design plans instead of the "innocuous" letters.

Public Session - Friday Ogbewe

Agnes McBeth, Education Liaison in DA McMahon's office with ADA Carlos Gonzalez – Carlos said he started in June 2024 originally from California, living in Staten Island since September and with the Criminal Court Bureau. Agnes said on Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00AM, Mount Sinai Christian Church, another Gun Buy-Back in partnership with the NYPD.

At a recent Land Use meeting, there was a conversation about fencing at Silver Lake which was the discussion. During and following the meeting, the District Attorney's office received a flood of phone calls due to the comments that were made in reference to his participation in that project. He has written a letter which has been submitted to the community board. I will read that letter for the record. (Please see attached letter from the DA's office). First Vice-Chair, Anthony Cosentino said on behalf of Community Board 1, our District Attorney is always looking out for our best interest. Want to apologize on behalf of this board for that mishap, however, let it be known that it was not a sworn member of this board that made those comments.

Prince Cobbina of CCRB – Thursday, November 14th at 5:30 PM, Hybrid Meeting, 100 131st Street, NYC Teen meeting for young New Yorkers to share their experiences within their community.

Beth Stern, Community Agency for Senior Citizens (CASC) – We offer many services for seniors. Case assist if you want to apply for housing. Transportation, medical and food shopping. Case management where all Meals on Wheels go through. If you need help with housekeeping. If you have a homebound senior, they will match you with a volunteer with a same type of interest. Justice for Elder Abuse. 1 out of 23 of these crimes are reported. Financial, physical, emotional, and neglect. If you know someone being abused, it will be kept confidential. CASC works hand in hand with the NYPD. Crime victim's assistance. I was director of that program for 7 years. We can get a victim compensated if lost money. If you had your catalytic converter stolen, the insurance only charged you the deductible, we can reimburse you the deductible. You need the crime report. We have NY Connects. If we can't help with a service, we will find someone who can. I am director of the Cassidy Coles Adult Center. Open Monday-Friday, 8AM – 4PM. Breakfast and lunch are offered daily. There is a suggested donation but not mandatory. Arts & Crafts, Nutrition Education. There is a gym onsite.

Kelly Yim, Stapleton Library – Programs happening. Creative Aging Workshop with Nikita Shah for seniors 50 and over. Classes on media, painting acting, knitting and drawing Mondays at 12PM – 1:30PM from October 28 – December 9, 2024. Also, for anyone who has lived, worked or loved Stapleton, and want your voice to be heard for Civic Engagement on this Saturday, November 16th from 11AM to 1PM with a gift card raffle.

Mario Buonviaggio, Port Richmond North Shore Alliance – We just transported a 48 foot Spruce tree for our annual tree lighting on December 13th, 7PM at 415 Port Richmond Avenue. Thank you to all four precincts that helped with the transport.

Nughub, 1350 Forest Avenue, operating inappropriately. They are not allowed to smoke their product in front of the location. Veltman Avenue residents are sending videos and photos. Party in the parking lot giving out gummies occupying residential spaces. This is OCM, we have SLA, and the failing NYS Parol Board. They are “rubber-stamping” paroles. These are all state agencies. I am putting this on Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton’s shoulders. She’s the only one representing the North Shore appropriately. Asking her to get the State Electeds including the State Assembly to get in the game and work together and get these agencies in order. You are putting public safety in jeopardy. Nobody is answering at the Office of Cannabis Management. The cops wouldn’t know how to approach this problem. Four marijuana dispensaries operating inappropriately right out of the gate. Two on the North Shore, one on Clove Road and one on the South Shore. To the Governor, clean your own back yard.

Makeda Campbell, Community Liaison for Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton’s office – Happy to say we will be here another two years. We will be working with the community and Mario Buonviaggio with the Cannabis Dispensaries. Turkey giveaway on November 21st, 2PM at Mount Sinai Church, 16 Pike Street, 10301. Partnering with the NYC District Council of Carpenters.

Cathleen Kenny from Assemblyman, Sam Pirozzolo’s office – We are grateful to serve for another two years. I have never introduced myself. I grew up by the Broadway YMCA for 30 years. Now live by the Armory. I have been volunteering for Sam for several years. I have been an International Flight Attendant for the last 29 years for a major carrier. I can live anywhere in the world. This is where I’m from and this is where I’m staying, where I grew up. I am committed to serving our community. Sam is outraged by the fence in Clove Lakes Park. He walks his dog there every morning. I have walked many dogs there too. He is working on it. He is also opposed to the Battery Storage Units. Anything you need, please do not hesitate to call.

Jermaine Williams, NYPD Ambassador for SI – It’s the holiday season. If your going shopping and putting bags in your car and going back in, go to a different location. There are people watching you. Have a Great Holiday of Thanks and a safe one.

Mark Albin – Born in Manhattan, grew up in Bay Ridge. 30 years ago, came to Staten Island for a better life. Last 40 years I have been working in Broadcasting for all three networks. I have seen the quality of life in Rosebank on Hylan Blvd diminish the last five years with graffiti, trash, etc.. I am squeezed between the Hotel and Colton Street. Next to my house is the Colton Street Staircase that runs from Hylan Blvd. to Clifton Avenue owned by the State. DOT is responsible for it. Every year my neighbors and I have to call 311, the Borough President, this has to be on a regular rotation. We are in the worst drought that we have seen in decades. All that brush and dead trees that are sitting next to our homes, not only is an eyesore but a hazard for property and life. People will die and property will be lost. DOT has failed us. If they are not going to do anything with it, then remove all the vegetation and put cobblestones down this street. All it takes is for someone to throw a cigarette butt into the area.

End of Public Session

Roll Call Attendance by Loretta Cauldwell, Secretary. We do not have a quorum.

Anthony Cosentino, 1st Vice Chair said he will go through all the committees. The minutes are in the packet.

Officers' Reports in the packet.

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino:

Second Vice-Chairman, Timothy Forsyth:

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell –

Treasurer, Sunny Jain –

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari -

Functional Committee Reports:

Land Use, George Turner

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom – Waterfront requested a letter. Joe Ahlstrom said the North Shore Action Plan had a very good presentation at the last Waterfront Meeting. They will have affordable housing near Urby (not Sect. 8). They will put a Junior High School there. We would like them to put a Maritime Junior High School, similar to what we have on Governor's Island. There are plenty of jobs on the Waterfront and we are short people. This is an opportunity for young people to get their license. Motion: As discussed at EDC North Shore Action Plan, CB1 supports the construction of a Maritime Junior High School located in the area being developed on the Waterfront. Also, concession will be back on the SI Ferry (it was just announced in December it will be Dunkin Donuts). Please check your emails for the Power Point by EDC.

Anthony Cosentino said since we can't vote, we will stand on the Waterfront Committees recommendation which is a unanimous yes for the Maritime Junior High School and send the letter.

Public Services, Sunny Jain –

Youth Services, Katheleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna. –

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Timothy Forsyth –

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – The city has all new forms. Joan and Linda had to be retrained. We had a great Budget Meeting where the board voted on it for the FY2025 Budget. We are ready to send the Budget in, and we have preprinted forms which say FY2026. The Mayor's budget goes from July 1st through June 30th where our budget is aligned with his. I am told this 2026 is a projection. How does that coincide with our FY25 budget? DCP came to us with the City of Yes and now this budget thing. I see "BEWARE". It really should be FY25.

Transportation, Joseph Bird –

Small Business & Non-Profit,

Labor, Robert Holst –

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino –

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato –

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali –

West Brighton, Anthony Cosentino –

New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff – Anthony Cosentino said Claudette was instrumental in getting the NYPD for relining the streets for the Bike-A-Thon. Claudette Duff said they had the police department, Road Runners Club and other agencies related to the marathon and bike tour. Urby to Bay Street Landing is cut off the entire day. The marathon is not a problem but the Bike Tour is. We are advocating for them to pause it certain times of the day so cars can move. We were told these routes were created 30 years ago. It was completely different back then. We didn't have Urby, Bay Street Landing was two buildings, etc., It's a whole different place. Now we are talking about a school and affordable housing. It's time for them to come up with new ideas so that thousands of people are not cut-off for the entire day.

Anthony Cosentino said Councilmember Kamillah Hanks requests support from CB1 for Street Co-Namings for Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way (Lois Place and Prospect Avenue), Firefighter Deo Lall Jr. Way (Broad Street and Wright Street), Ralph Lucci Way (Bay Street and Cross Street), Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way (Van Riper Street and Port Richmond Avenue), Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way (Jersey Street and Scribner Avenue), George Doyle Way (Vanderbilt Avenue and Tompkins Avenue), Icema "June" Williams Way (Bowen Street and Sobel Court), Geraldine Parker Way (Broad Street and Warren Street). We will support this.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh, Timothy Forsyth –

Rosebank/Shore Acres, John Guzzo -

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner –

Clifton/Concord/Stapleton, Peter Lisi-

Old Business – New Business –

Motion to Adjourn – 7:22 PM



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RICHMOND COUNTY
MICHAEL E. MCMAHON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

November 12, 2024

Staten Island Community Board 1
1 Edgewater Plaza Suite 217
Staten Island, New York 10305

RE: Correcting Misrepresentations at Community Board 1 Land Use Public Hearing on November 7, 2024

Dear Community Board 1 Members:

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. It was brought to the attention of our office that at a recent Community Board 1 Land Use Public Hearing there were several misrepresentations made about myself, our office, and advocacy we have undertaken on behalf of public safety interests at Silver Lake Park. Please allow this letter to serve as a correction of those misrepresentations and to clarify any position our office may have regarding plans for the park.

First, prior to last week's meeting, our office was not aware of a planned project by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to change or implement higher fencing at Silver Lake Park. We have never requested a change to fencing at Silver Lake Park, we have never received information about a proposed change, nor do we have a position about the proposed project now. Any representation stating that this project was a result of advocacy by our office is misinformed and false.

What is true and accurate is that in 2021 there was a tragic death of a 9-year-old girl who drowned in the Silver Lake Reservoir. The circumstances surrounding her death were such that an investigation was undertaken by our office to determine what if any criminal charges might be applicable. During that investigation – three years ago – members of our office met with the Parks Department and DEP to better understand the schematic of the park, signage in the area, and the nature of the water current in the reservoir, among other things. We were compiling information to inform our decision-making process regarding the criminal investigation.

At that conclusion of our investigation, our office did circle back to advocate that signage in Silver Lake should be updated to reflect that swimming is prohibited in the reservoir. In conjunction with Borough President Oddo, and with the support of other elected officials, we

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submitted that request to City Hall and the Parks Department. The request for updated signage was honored shortly afterwards, for which we remain extremely grateful. That concluded our advocacy related to public safety changes at Silver Lake Park.

Again, our office has never taken a position nor advocated for changes to fencing at Silver Lake and we have no position regarding the current proposal made by DEP.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify and correct the record regarding this project. We look forward to continuing to work with the members of the Community Board to strengthen and protect Staten Island's North Shore.

Sincerely,



Michael E. McMahon
District Attorney

MEM/aem

cc:

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman, Community Board 1

Joan Cusack, District Manager, Community Board 1

George Turner, Chairman, Land Use Committee, Community Board 1

Rosebank Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30PM – CB1 Board Office, 1 Edgewater Plaza, Room 217

Attendance

Members

John Guzzo, Chair
Christopher Corbo ab
Alina Nevradakis ab
Cindy Salzillo
Anthony Sgarlato

Non-Board Voting Members

Mike Cataldo, ab
Charlie Olson

Guests

Sandra Hung, Juan Cruz, C. Verde, Bob Veill, George Graniero, Frank Graniero, Marek Blagzczyk, Mike Tartillo, Gary O'Rourke Vitaliy Kovalenko, Ludmila Kovalenko, Myrna Espina, Kevin Espina.

Open 6:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

Liquor License:

Canelo's Deli & Restaurant Corp., 511 Tompkins Avenue, 10305. New Application and Temporary Retail Permit. Beer only.

Our recommendation is weekdays close at 10:00 PM, Friday and Saturday, close at 11:00 PM.

Vote 4-0 Approve.

Construction of Driveway against Special Hillside District area of 105-943, Special Natural Area District. (See attached writeup and photos.

Redesign Tompkins Avenue and Hylan Blvd. red light causing traffic on side streets and cars racing.

NYPD District Attorney office for harassment of resident on Tillson.

Sanitation not picking up garbage if it is the new cans "claim" sanitation workers.

Meeting Adjourned.

Shore Acres Pond is a unique protected wetland area of Staten Island. It goes by various names : Lake Alexandre, Clifton Lake and Shore Acres Pond. It is technically a kettle pond fed from underground springs and storm water.

There are no storm sewers along Wadsworth Road and Seagate Road. The natural drainage of this entire area including part of Von Briesen Park and the hills of Shore Acres culminates into the pond.

It is considered Special Natural Area District 3 which is controlled and protected by the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation). It is the home of blue herons , egrets, geese, mallards, opossums, raccoons, and other wildlife. As a result heavy fines can be levied by the DEC when infractions occur such as destroying vegetation, and harming wildlife. Any construction within a 100 ft radius of the DEC boundary needs specific DEC permission and permits . They are the lead agency to deal with before other agencies can get involved with any building project.

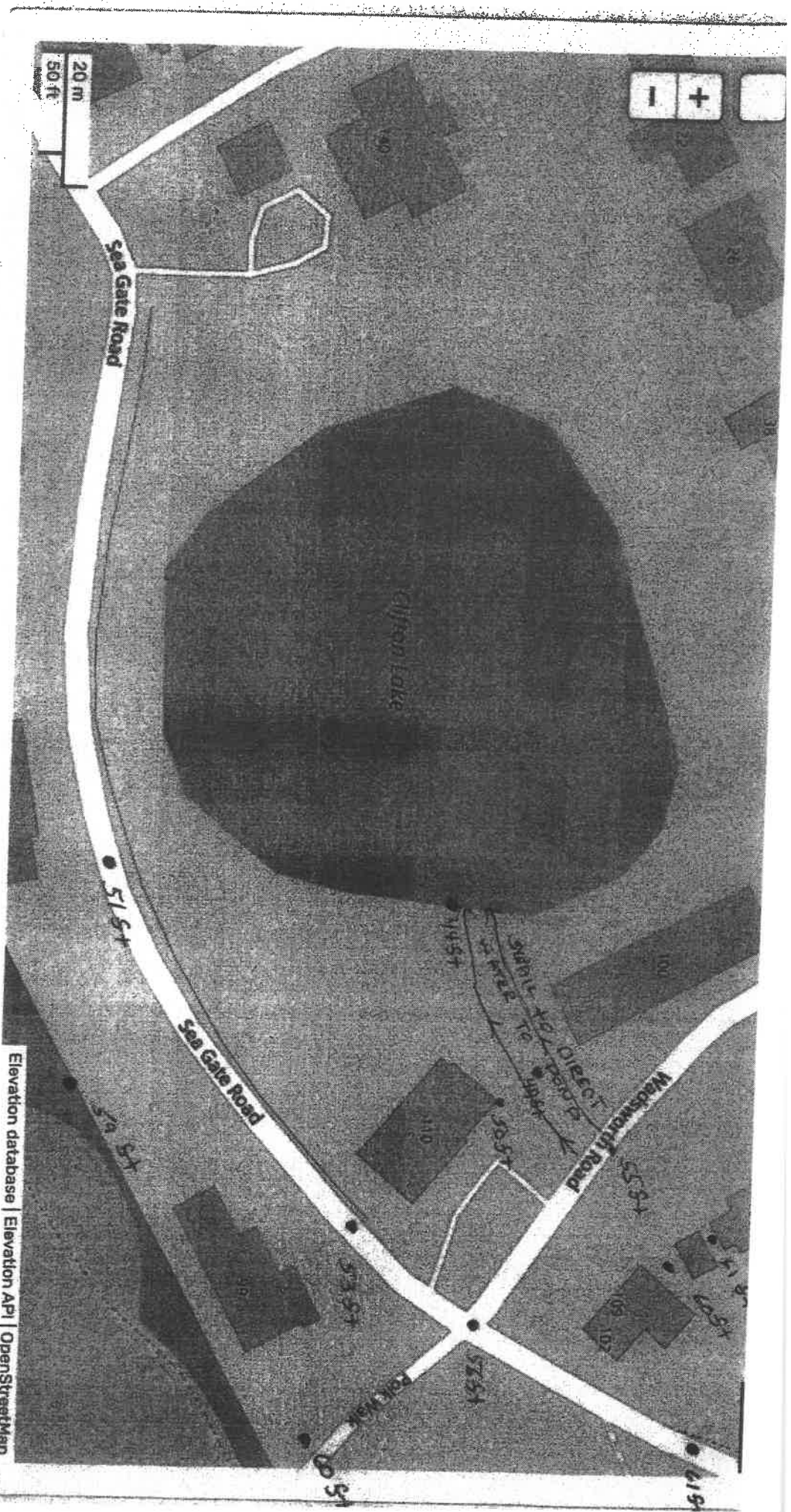
Recently , since August 2024, the new owners of 100 Wadsworth Road on Shore Acres Pond ,who also own a Brooklyn based Construction Company, brought in over a dozen workers who took over the entire area. They have blocked the road to certain residents with their construction vehicles cut down vegetation along the pond, constructed a huge dock on the pond to create a giant party area and altered the topography to block the natural drainage of storm water from the road to the pond (FIG 1)

In one weekend they excavated a site between 100 Wadsworth Road and 110 Wadsworth Road (FIG 2) to create a cement and stone parking pad. The problem with their parking pad is the slope. They destroyed the natural swail needed for storm water to enter the pond from the roads and in doing so have created a flooding situation for the nearby homes. They actually raised the elevation of the swail by almost 2 feet.

When confronted ,the owners were condescending and declared that they had all proper permits when ,in fact, they had none. They speak English when they want to but most of the time, play dumb.

Complaints were made by Shore Acres residents by calling 311 (Complaint numbers 5185606, 5185603, 5185602 and 5185521). Complaints were also made to the Department of Enviornmental Conservation (DEC).

Most recently they have modified their parking pad by substituting the cement with patio blocks . They still failed to address the slope to allow proper storm water drainage from the street to the pond and the condition persists.



PLEASE NOTE THE TOPOGRAPHICAL ELEVATIONS

- 55ft..... Wadsworth Road
- 49ft..... furthest end of the parking pad (before topography was altered)
- 44ft..... pond edge

Sea Gate Road and Wadsworth Road have no storm sewers. Clifton Lake (Shore Acres Pond) is the storm basin. All storm water needs to be directed to Clifton Lake. The lake has a drainage pipe installed which travels underground across Shore Acres Road and Harbor View Road to Cliff Street to dump into the ocean. This pipe is maintained and periodically cleaned by the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection)

FIG 1

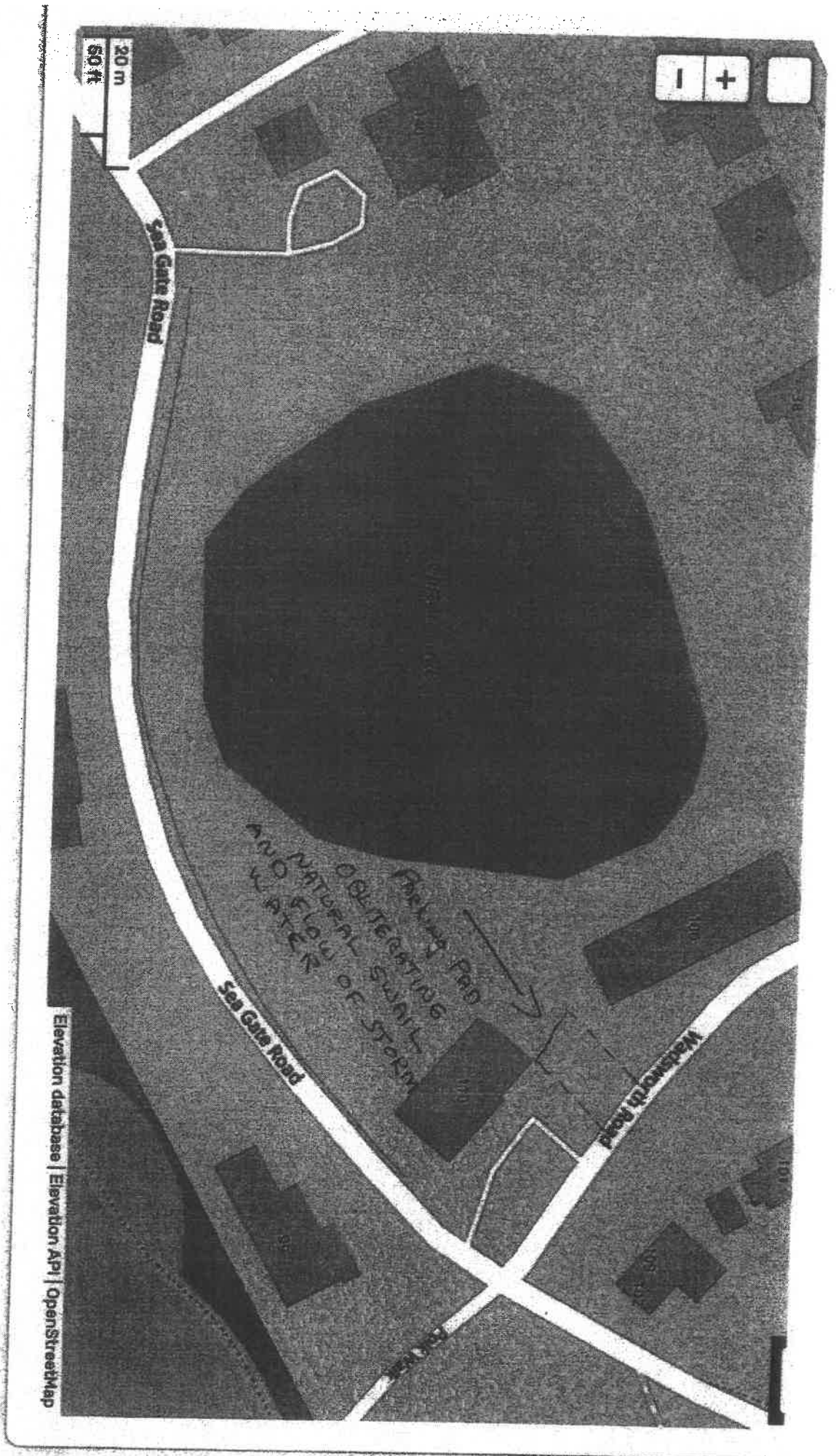


FIG2

105-943 - Special Natural Area District-3:

LAST AMENDED

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Shore Acres Area of Staten Island

The Shore Acres area of Staten Island owes its unique character to Shore Acres Pond, which is fed predominantly by springs percolating from an underground aquifer through Pleistocene strata of sand and gravel.

The Pond is a resting place for migratory and local fowl as well as a watering hole for opossums which are abundant along the wooded cliffs of the Narrows. The Pond has shaped its built environment, including the street layout, landscaping and orientation of neighboring homes. The surrounding area is distinguished by rolling topography with orientation of the northeastern edge toward Lower New York Bay and the Narrows.

The natural drainage area is in need of protection to ensure survival and maintenance of the Pond which in turn is essential to the preservation of this special area.



Aug 19th 2024

Staten Island Community Board 1 Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Grymes Hill/Westerleigh/Willowbrook
Area Committee Meeting

November 20, 2024 Wednesday 5:30 PM at Safari Realty, 1958 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY

Committee Attendance:

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| Timothy Forsyth | CB1 Area Co-Chair |
| Fran Reali | CB1 |
| Michael Morrell | Westerleigh Improvement Society (WIS) Past President |
| Andrew Dorman | Committee Member |

Public:

Joseph Territo The Local f/k/a Pepper Jack Grill Liquor License Renewal

Called to Order 5:35 pm

A quorum was not present.

Agenda Items;

1. The Local Liquor License Renewal represented by applicant owner Joseph Territo, no quorum and no vote, but no complaints, no objections, forwarded with recommendation to approve.

Westerleigh Parks Coalition represented by Directors Lorenz Neuwirth, Albert Barry, Stefanie Danza and Douglas Patterson, introduced themselves and their organization, which is volunteering to maintain and improve Westerleigh Park and Northerleigh Park. They related several concerns, including grading, erosion and drainage in Northerleigh Park, particularly the ballfields; presence of drug users and homeless persons in the Park; illegal dumping of landscaping debris and trash (requested a camera be installed by Parks to monitor); hoped for plans to convert one of NYC -owned houses at eastern end of Park on Burnside Avenue to be converted into a museum for Westerleigh and the old trolley line which ran on Jewett Avenue; City of Yes neighborhood concerns; the environmental issues regarding the BESS planned for vacant lot by 1963 Victory Blvd just east of Jewett Avenue; and their present inability to secure organizational grants from NYC Parks because of a \$50,000 capital funds threshold. We suggested that they continue efforts with the Borough Parks Office, Assemblyman and Councilman Offices, fundraising with local businesses, development of a marketing strategy and NFP business plan, and encouraged them to attend the CB1 Full Board Meetings to introduce their organization and raise their concerns.

Westerleigh Improvement Society: Mike Morrell stated that they were holding their regular Meeting that same evening. He expressed support and cooperation with the Westerleigh Parks Coalition.

In closing we again extended our appreciation and thanks to Fran Reali & Frank Reali for hosting the meeting space for this Area Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.

Cultural Affairs Quarterly Meeting Minutes 11/18/24

The meeting was called to order at 19:07 pm. In attendance CB1 members were Chris Campbell, Anthony Cosentino and Charlie Olsen. A discussion on why the meeting was changed to quarterly was presented and accepted by the committee.

The webpage set up by the Cultural Affairs Committee listing cultural sites in the CB1 Area was created and has been distributed, accepted and the link to it posted by CB1 on the CB1 website. The idea of expanding exposure to these organizations was brought up. It was decided that the next step should be to also add other pertinent sites like the NYC Cultural Affairs webpage and Culture pass.

Discussion also involved creating pages that connect to each other to further enhance the depth of access to these sites as follows:

- 1) A CB1 cultural affairs page with the CB1 mission statement which connects to cultural sites, NYC Cultural Affairs, Culture Pass and Cultural Site calendars (where available) of CB1 Cultural Sites be placed as the primary link site on the CB1 website.
- 2) The schedule of events page which displays each Cultural site and organization that has a schedule of events on their website or social media page be included with a link directly to their schedule of events page. This allows the viewer to be directly brought to that specific cultural sites schedule that the site creates and maintains.

Anthony Cosentino suggested that we contact those sites that we will include on our CB1 Cultural Affairs Schedule of events web page. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that a letter be sent to each of the cultural organization we include on the web page to notify them of the site and gain their approval to have their schedules be included. This will also notify them of the effort the community board is making to support and promote them. A letter will be drafted and distributed to the committee members for review and approval.

It was also suggested that the CB1 libraries be included as cultural sites since they promote culture through education in a multimedia format. The libraries are under the auspices of the NY Public Library so a feasibility study will be undertaken to see if a schedule of events is obtainable for posting.

The chair asked those in attendance if anyone else had anything to add. There being no further discussion the chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Chris Campbell and seconded by Charles Olsen. The meeting was adjourned on 11/18/24 at 19:29. Next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Sgarlato