

Chairman of Board 1 says he'll not seek 3rd term in office

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Emphasizing a need for more involvement between civic groups and the area committees of Community Board 1, Thomas LaManna, chairman of the board for two consecutive years, announced last night that he will not seek a third term in office.

Although officer nominations for 1980 are still being accepted by the board, preliminary indications suggest that Joseph Sciandra, a vice chairman and the selection of the nominating committee for chairman, will be elected the new chairman in January.

LaManna, who will maintain membership on the board, said that the board is not doing everything that it can in community service, "unless we have communication between the area committees and the leaders of every civic group, tenants association and precinct community council."

"We have to get the civic leaders involved in the area committees more than we have," LaManna added.

He noted that his tenure in office was particularly rewarding, both for himself and the board, citing the board's initia-

to improve conditions at the development.

Malinkas was reportedly hired as a provisional manager of the apartments and may be replaced by someone who scored higher on a civil service examination.

The board passed a motion opposing proposed changes in the state's Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities regulations governing the neighborhood advisory committees that oversee the operations of the agency's community residences.

The state has proposed that the committees discontinue after two years rather than have a permanent status. The board noted that the present advisory function of the committees "is essential to the welfare of the residents" of the residences.

During the meeting, a letter from Charles Hynes, the state's special prosecutor, was read. It stated that his office found "no basis...to take action against the (Anna Erika Home for Adults, New Brighton) with respect to the particular allegation made by Dr. Andrew Conti."

Dr. Conti, who had worked at the adult home on a part-time basis, had re-

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tive in such issues as the urban renewal project for Jersey St., New Brighton, the proposed Curtis High School and McKee High School merger and helping to block the construction of a low-income apartment building in Stapleton, which would have depended on federal subsidies.

That the North Shore has received a substantial amount of favorable attention "is part and parcel of this board's activities," LaManna said.

Other matters discussed at the meeting on the St. George campus of the College of Staten Island included sending a vote to send a letter to the city's Housing Authority in support of Stuart Malinkas, manager of the Stapleton Houses, for his "excellent work" in attempting

ported to the state Department of Social Services that conditions at the home were "deplorable."

A motion was passed requesting that the agency responsible for receiving street and sidewalk disrepair notices under a bill recently passed by the City Council send copies of complaints in the board 1 area to the board. The motion also called for cooperation between the board and community groups in reporting locations of disrepair.

Philip Kaplan, chairman of the public services committee, announced that there will be a public hearing tomorrow at 1 and 7 p.m. in Two World Trade Center by the Public Service Commission on a gas rate hike sought by the Brooklyn Union Gas Co.