



Studying a drawing of the new JCC building are Assemblyman Eric Vitaliano, left, Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly, JCC Executive Director Lewis Stolzenberg and JCC Board President Arnold Beiles.

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nearly 500 children and adults, already uses the North Shore JCC every week.

When it becomes owner of the building, On Your Mark will keep the facility available to all of Staten Island, maintaining the tradition of the center.

"It's going to be very much an

inclusive center," Spatz said. "We're encouraging groups to come in and continue using the facilities."

While conceptual drawings of the Sea View center were hanging in a JCC conference room yesterday, Stolzenberg cautioned that those were just computer sketches of what the building might look like. An architect will be hired within the next month, he said.

In addition, the JCC is awaiting approval from City Planning to begin building in the Greenbelt. The JCC has already conferred with borough environmental groups, Stolzenberg said.

The new center will be 90,000 square feet in size. In comparison, the North Shore center is 33,000 square feet.

The JCC, which also has a center in Greenridge, serves more than 5,000 members on Staten Island.

Arnold Beiles, president of the JCC board of directors, said the

state funding will help the JCC in its goal of serving the borough. "We tend to think that we try and give back to the community more than we receive, and I'm confident we will continue to do that," Beiles said.

Sheila Lipton, associate executive director of the JCC, marveled at how Vitaliano, Mrs. Connelly and Marchi had all worked together to make this funding possible. Vitaliano said it was a matter of doing the right thing.

"You can do the political thing during the political season, or you can do the Staten Island thing," he said. "And we do the Staten Island thing."

In the state Assembly, \$300,000 was procured for the JCC, while \$500,000 was obtained for On Your Mark.

In the state Senate, \$700,000 was acquired for the JCC, while \$150,000 was obtained for On Your Mark.