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Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson

The Economic Development Committee met on February 15, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Magdamary Marcano, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Reggie Powell, Samoondeen Rahem, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Carol Robinson, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, and Monique Williams.

The Economic Development Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation by the Fordham Workforce 1 Center on their services**

The Economic Development Committee was informed about the Fordham Workforce 1 Center. They are designed to prepare and connect individuals 18 and older with employment across the five boroughs. They assist in candidate development which include resume building, career advice, and training opportunities. Additionally, they host recruitment events and meetings to connect individuals in need of jobs. The Fordham Workforce 1 Center is located 400 East Fordham Road with the entrance being on Webster Avenue. Their West Farms Workforce 1 Center is located at 901 East Tremont Avenue and is typically reserved for individuals aged 18 through 24 years old.

- **Discussion on follow up from East Tremont Avenue Merchant meeting**

The Economic Development Committee was informed about the East Tremont Avenue Merchant meeting that was held in January. The business owners expressed safety concerns. As a result, District Manager Moure-Punnett delivered a letter outlining the concerns of the East Tremont Avenue businesses to the 48th Police Precinct's Commanding Officer, but has failed to receive confirmation that a representative will attend the next East Tremont Avenue Merchant meeting on February 24, 2023. The committee recognizes the need of increase of police presence throughout East Tremont Avenue in light of the recent double homicide on East Tremont Avenue and Hughes Avenue.