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**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Economic Development Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (virtual), Sofia Delgado, Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet (virtual), Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham (virtual), Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Economic Development Committee discussed the following:

- **Update on the East Tremont Avenue/East 180th Street Merchant Organizing from Brandon Kime, NIDC**

The Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC) presented on their merchant organizing efforts for businesses on Tremont and East 180th. The NIDC's focus is on three areas: cleanliness and beautification, business support and retention, and merchant organizing.

In partnership with the Department of Sanitation (DSNY), NIDC is able to schedule graffiti removal services and over 165 businesses have participated thus far. NIDC also hosts events that help bring more foot traffic along the corridor, and potentially into stores. NIDC partners with the Mary Mitchell Center to host cleanup events, doing landscaping, cleaning, mulching, and planting. Last year, NIDC hosted two clean-up events and plans to host four more in 2026. This past summer NIDC hosted the "Paws, Pose, and Slay the Runway" dog fashion show, which emphasized responsible pet ownership. NIDC is also implementing an educational campaign to promote cleaner streets. This campaign is being led by students from Junior High School 118 who are creating a flyer encouraging pet owners to pick-up dog waste.

The NIDC offers workshops to connect merchants with city services and assists with complaints for various issues. They help business owners contact 311 about street lights, potholes, illegal dumping, parking, tickets, and vendor concerns. The organization also coordinates towing operations, as demonstrated in a successful event on 180th Street and Park Avenue that removed 71 vehicles. Furthermore, the NIDC provides assistance with funding inquiries, government contracts, and the certification of Minority-Owned Businesses and Enterprises (MWBE). Workshops in partnership with Banco Popular, a neighborhood bank, are scheduled for approximately April or May. Plans for hosting a "Made in East Tremont" event is in the works.

NIDC also clarified that their goal is to connect East Tremont businesses with assistance and help them lay the foundation for a merchant association, if they so choose.

- **Review of Committee Meetings Quorum Records**

The committee reviewed and discussed committee meeting quorum records, quorum requirements, and the inconsistencies in their application during committee meetings. It was clarified that, pursuant to the New York State Open Meeting Law, meetings and votes require a majority of committee members to be physically present. Virtual participation is permitted only under limited circumstances. Quorum has frequently not been met, which limits the Board's ability to conduct official business. To address this, starting in February, the Board will begin enforcing stricter quorum requirements.

These measures include more rigorous standards for virtual attendance and earlier quorum deadlines. Additionally, the Executive Committee will meet to review attendance and overall committee structure. The committee also discussed potential strategies to improve in-person participation, such as consolidating committees, improving communication, and adjusting member assignments.



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**Economic Development, Environment and Parks, Sanitation,  
and Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**Environment and Parks Committee**

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Sanitation Committee**

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado	<i>Sofia Delgado</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>ME</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Economic Development Committee**

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margrita Espinosa	<i>ME</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shantavia Inabinet		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed	<i>Renee Reed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Angelina Zervos	<input type="checkbox"/>
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JESSIE PAKHAM - VIRTUAL (SB)

REGGIE POWELL - PRESENT (SB)

MARGOMARY MARCANO - PRESENT (SB)

