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Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Economic Development Committee Meeting: Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet, Laura James (Virtual), Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Economic Development Committee discussed the following:

- **Update from NIDC on Tremont Merchant Organizing Initiatives**

NIDC is helping to establish a merchant association on the East Tremont corridor. Recent successes include addressing concerns regarding abandoned vehicles and double parking with assistance from local traffic enforcement officers, resulting in cleaner streets. A dog fashion show is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday at Walter Gladwin Park, which will also be an opportunity to educate the community on pet waste management. The committee discussed teaming up with NIDC to solidify sponsorships for youth events, including a talent show and a winter wonderland toy giveaway.

NIDC presented its efforts to attract new businesses, including discussions with a bank to address the area's "underbanked" status. A motion to issue a letter of support to NIDC for their request to bring an additional bank to the East Tremont corridor was made by Reggie Powell and seconded by Margarita Espinosa, and adopted unanimously.

- **Presentation on Relational Organizing Training by NIDC**

The People's Monday Project is a participatory budgeting process allowing residents 11 years and older to decide how city funds are allocated. Voting concludes on June 21st. Attendees and committee members were encouraged to vote and use relational organizing by sharing the provided link with 5–10 friends or family members to help reach voting goals.

- **Discussion of Funding Proposal for the Renee & Friends Block Party**

Renee and Friends will be hosting its 2nd Annual Block Party on July 18, along East Tremont and 176th Street, from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The street event is open to all members of the public and will be sponsored by Zeta Charter School, a health Clinic, and hopefully Bronx Community Board 6. Renee and Friends is requesting \$450.00 in funding, which includes a \$250.00 fee for the DJ and \$200.00 for miscellaneous items, like charcoal, plates, and napkins. A motion to fund Renee and

Friend's 2nd Annual Block Party in the amount of \$450.00 was made by Carol Robinson, seconded by Angelina Zervo and adopted unanimously.

- **Discussion of the Vice Chair Role and Responsibilities**

The role of Vice Chair was not discussed.

- **Other business**

- **Update on DDC Project**

The District Manager informed the committee of the status of the parking study for the DDC project on West Farms. The DDC Community Liaison has been in communication with the Post Master, and does not anticipate any parking problems will be posed by USPS. Committee Members expressed concern over the USPS trucks parking on Wyatt, which is the location of the USPS loading dock and a two-way street. If USPS trucks are not able to park on Wyatt, then the trucks will take up parking spots on nearby residential streets. The District Manager shared the phone number for the DDC Liaison for committee members that want to relay their concerns and receive project updates.